

TOWN OF POMFRET - MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – JUNE 7, 2017
7:00 PM POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith and approximately 120 citizens and interested parties.

- Article 1:** **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 7:09 PM. He called for nominations for a Moderator and Peter Mann moved to nominate Walter Hinchman. Motion duly seconded. There were no other nominations and it was approved to close nominations. Walter Hinchman voted Moderator by unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 2:** **To see if the Town will consider and act upon the following resolution: “Resolved” that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation and the Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut, for the expenditure of all Highway funds under the provisions of Chapter 240 and the expenditure of all Local Capital Improvement Funds under the provisions of Chapter 7-536, CT General Statutes, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017** – W. Hinchman read Article 2 into the record. Brett Sheldon moved to approve and John Dinsdale seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 passed unanimously.
- Article 3:** **To see if the Town will consider and adopt the Five Year Local Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2017–2018 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen** – W. Hinchman read Article 3 into the record. J. Dinsdale moved to approve and Charlie Wheedon seconded. There was no discussion and Article 3 passed unanimously.
- Article 4:** **To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Local School Fund, and Board of Education, as published by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016** – W. Hinchman read Article 4 into the record. C. Wheedon moved to approve and P. Mann seconded. There was no discussion and Article 4 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 5:** **To see if the Town will accept the following cemetery funds for perpetual care: Abington Cemetery Association: Gordon Mayo, Sr. & Sherry A. Mayo, 2 Graves #447 & #448, deTallyrand Annex, \$200.00; Kevin & Jane Anderson, 3 Graves #449, #450 & #451, deTallyrand Annex, \$300.00; and Pomfret Cemetery Corporation: Cynthia W. Cole, Yard Three (3), Lot 80, \$100.00; Lindsey C. & Charles R. Miesmer, Yard Three (3), Lots 81 and 82, \$200.00** – W. Hinchman read Article 5 into the record. Moved to approve and duly seconded. There was no discussion and Article 5 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 6:** **To see if the Town will approve an Ordinance Establishing A Pomfret Commission on Aging to replace an Ordinance Establishing a Senior Advocate Commission as adopted at a Special Town Meeting dated March 22, 2012. Proposed Ordinance approved by the Board of Selectmen and is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT** – W. Hinchman read Article 6 into the record. P. Mann moved to approve and motion was duly seconded. There was no discussion and Article 6 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 7:** **To see if the Town will approve an Ordinance Prohibiting the Storage, Disposal or Use of Waste From Oil and Gas Exploration or Extraction Activities or any Derivative Thereof in the Town of Pomfret, Connecticut. Proposed Ordinance approved by the Board of Selectmen and is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT** – W. Hinchman read Article 7 into the record. JoAnn Baldwin moved to approve and motion was duly seconded. There was some discussion regarding biodiesel, motor vehicle waste oil, and similar substances and the possibility of broad interpretations banning these items as well. C. Wheedon clarified that the Ordinance indicates fracking waste and the definitions help to clarify that. State legislation concerning the same is pending and not as inclusive as this proposed Ordinance. There was no further discussion and Article 7 passed by a majority of ayes although some nays were heard.
- Article 8:** **To see if the Town will approve a Property Tax Payment Agreement between the Town of Pomfret and Woods Hill Solar, LLC. Said Agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen and is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT** – W. Hinchman read Article 8 into the record. P. Mann moved to approve and motion was duly seconded. A man asked about inspection of records and the Town’s

ability to inspect the grounds and equipment being brought onto the property. The Assessor completes site visits in order to assess the property. Specifications have also been provided to the appropriate Town Boards and the State Siting Council. A man asked if schedule A represents the results of the formulas referenced and the resultant tax monies that will be paid to the Town. Maureen Nicholson asked if the first installment is due in July, 2017. Payments become due in the 2018/2019 fiscal year. There was no further discussion and Article 8 passed unanimously.

Article 9: **To see if the Town will adopt a total appropriation in the amount of \$13,109,871 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget with \$2,514,082 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$10,595,789 of said amount to be the Board of Education Appropriation, the same to be funded by estimated revenues as recommended by the Board of Finance –** W. Hinchman read Article 9 into the record. Leah Schad moved to approve and C. Wheedon seconded. Craig Baldwin stated that the State budget is still an uncertainty. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Education have put together well-developed budgets that would result in a zero tax increase if funding from the State remained level. What is presented tonight is balanced with the Governor’s proposed, revised budget. It is not believed that the legislature will make further cuts. B. Sheldon asked if Article 9 then represented the worst case scenario. It does. There was no further discussion and Article 9 passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 10: **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting –** It was moved duly seconded to adjourn. Approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Duly Recorded:_____
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Attest: _____
Cheryl A. Grist, Town Clerk