

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR/COMMUNITYCENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also Present: Pam Lewerenz, John Lewerenz, Rita Conrad, Ken Kristal, Donna Grant.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes February 18, 2014-M.

Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM. P. Mann moved to approve minutes of February 18th. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda M. Nicholson moved to add a TEEG Presentation by Donna Grant to item 4 under regular meeting. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

3. Citizen Participation & Communications – None

4. TEEG Presentation – Donna Grant reviewed the various services that TEEG supplies to Pomfret citizens including fuel assistance, mentoring, emergency aid, case management, parenting programs, and many others. These services are completely separated from the presence they supply at the Pomfret Senior Center and a brief review of what they do there was also discussed including ‘Learn at Lunch’ and some social services assistance.

II. Current Business

1. Firefighter Abatement: Discussion – Feedback has not been received from the Town Attorney. The Tax Office and Fire Chief have both reviewed. This will be further discussed once a response is received from the attorney.

III. New Business

1. Nutmeg Network Resolution: Discussion/Possible Approval – M.

Nicholson explained that this is a fiber optic line that is promoted by the State that allows for secure cable. A line has been dropped at the school at no cost. This network will allow for information and program sharing amongst towns, video conferencing, emergency management, and high security. The State is approving grants to cover the cost of bringing lines to other municipal locations. The Resolution will allow the town to go forward in applying for this grant. However, at this time the monthly fees are significantly higher than the current cable bill. If these fees don't drop far enough to reduce our monthly bill the town would not accept the grant or move forward with these lines. M. Nicholson moved to approve this Resolution to provide for the Nutmeg Network at the Town Hall. B. Jessurun seconded. Some additional discussion as to the benefits or lack and our options on accepting a grant. M. Nicholson, B. Jessurun in favor. P. Mann opposed. Motion passes.

2. **Land Acquisition-Platt Property: Discussion and Possible Approval** – The property adjacent to the current Highway Department has been discussed in the past. It is comprised of approximately 24 acres and is land-locked with a right to pass and re-pass. It fits into the Town's plan of Open Space, would provide a better buffer for the highway department, and will allow for better options when building the EOC Center that has recently been approved. M. Nicholson proposed this acquisition - with approval from the Board of Finance, a favorable response from the PZC, and Town Meeting approval – in the amount of \$80,000 to be paid from the designated land fund that currently holds \$210,000. So moved by B. Jessurun. All in favor.
3. **Zoning Text Amendments: Discussion** – These proposed amendments regarding lighting and signs was distributed recently and will be further reviewed at a subsequent meeting.

IV. Other Business

1. **DOT Construction Easement: Route 169/Wappoquia Brook** – The DOT is seeking this easement in order to move a utility pole while doing the bridge work. They would pay the Town \$500. M. Nicholson moved to accept the temporary construction easement for bridge work over the Wappaquoi Brook and the \$500. B. Jessurun seconded. Brief discussion. All in favor.
2. **MIRMA: Report of Meeting** – M. Nicholson attended this meeting where 30 of the 60 participating towns were present and voted unanimously to accept the buy-out. This will equate to \$9925 to the Town budget and \$7187 to the BOE Budget. This will end these on-going assessments. Payments will be due in July and the amount is already accounted for in the proposed budget. All are in agreement to accept this buy-out.
3. **Road Issues** – P. Mann asked about a recent incident involving one of our trucks on Tyott Road. Eastford has agreed to write a letter to the State regarding Route 244.
4. **General Discussion** – P. Mann asked about forming a Cable Advisory Committee. He spoke with Hull Forest Products regarding trucks on Taft Pond Road. They are unaware of their trucks using that road. P. Mann has not yet met with Linda Jolie regarding Special Education in Killingly.
5. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Alexis Minard, 188 Kearney Road, 2/18/14; Kayla Belanger, 11 Killingly Road, 2/18/14 – Noted to record.
6. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
7. **FY 14/15 Budget Discussion and Possible Approval** – Some discussion regarding Capital monies budgeted for PCS Maintenance, First Selectman salary line and some adjustments M. Nicholson proposed for Senior Services which would not affect that item's bottom line. The bottom line of the General Government budget reflects an increase of 1.47% or about \$35,000. B. Jessurun moved to approve the budget as presented with the noted adjustments to Senior Services. M. Nicholson seconded. M. Nicholson and B. Jessurun approved. P. Mann opposed.

V. **Citizen's Comments** - None

VI. **Adjournment** – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____