

**TOWN OF POMFRET – MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 7, 2015  
7:00 PM – POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann.  
Also present – approximately 50 citizens, staff, and interested parties.

- Article 1:**      **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** – M. Nicholson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. She asked for nominations for Moderator and Tim McNally nominated Walter Hinchman. Motion duly seconded. There were no other nominations. T. McNally moved to close nominations and Richard Schad seconded. All in favor to close nominations. All in favor of Walter Hinchman as Moderator.
- 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, 2015 – Article 2 read into record. T. McNally moved to approve. R. Schad seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 passed by a majority of ayes although one nay was heard.
- Article 3:**      **To see if the Town will consider and adopt the Five Year Local Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2015–2016 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen** – Article 3 read into the record. T. McNally moved to approve. R. Schad 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, 2014** – Article 4 read into the record. T. McNally moved to approve. R. Schad seconded. There was no discussion and Article 4 passed unanimously.
- Article 5:**      **To see if the Town will accept the following cemetery funds for perpetual care: Abington Cemetery Association: Joyce M. Bigelow, Grave #440, deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00; John Williams, Jr., 3 Graves #169F, 169G & 169H, \$300.00; and Pomfret Cemetery Corporation: Peter B. Mann, Yard Three (3), Lot Thirty-Eight (38), \$100.00; Jane F. Dunn, Yard Three (3), Lot Seventy-Five (75), \$100.00; Richard J. Dunn, Yard Three (3), Lot Seventy-Six (76), \$100.00; Melissa S. Beeler, Yard Three (3), Lot Sixty-Two (62), \$100.00; Cheryl K. & Stephen M. Champ, Yard Three (3), Lot Seven (7) and Yard Three (3), Lot Seventy-Seven (77), \$200.00** – Article 5 read into record. T. McNally moved to approve. Motion was duly seconded. There was some discussion. M. Baum asked what the funds were used for. Funds do go toward perpetual care along with other donations and some Town money granted to the cemetery associations each year. Call to vote: Article 5 passed unanimously.
- Article 6:**      **To see if the Town will approve a special appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of \$39,000 to be used in the following manner: \$9,000 of which to be used for a kitchen convection oven, \$20,000 of which to be used for the replacement of cafeteria tables, and \$10,000 of which to soundproof the Music Room. Appropriation to be funded by monies available in the Board of Education Contingency Fund. Said appropriation approved by the Board of Finance on April 13, 2015** – Article 6 read into the record. T. McNally moved to approve. R. Schad seconded. There was no discussion and Article 6 passed with a majority of ayes although a number of nays were heard.

**Article 7:**        **To see if the Town will adopt a total appropriation in the amount of \$12,493,764 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget with \$2,562,088 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$9,931,676 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** – Article 7 read into record. T. McNally moved to approve. R. Schad seconded. There was one question about the effect on the mill rate. There would likely be a mill increase of .11    Vote: Article 7 passes with a majority of ayes although a few nays were heard.

**Article 8 :**        **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting** – M. Nicholson thanked all of those in attendance for coming out to this meeting. She also thanked the Boards of Selectmen, Education, and Finance for all of the work and time they put in while putting these budgets together. She announced that the Memorial Day Parade is coming up on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Abington, a new Business Directory has been put together by the Economic Planning and Development Commission and is now available, the Agriculture Commission is planning a trial one-day Farmer's Market on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation Park. T. McNally moved to adjourn. R. Schad seconded. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Duly recorded: Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Attest: Cheryl A. Grist, Town Clerk