

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 2015 AT 9:30 AM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also present – Approximately 8 citizens and members of the Fire District Board.

I. Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 9:35 AM. She also stated that this meeting was scheduled for today as the Board of Selectmen were available and the April 6th meeting was canceled. She wanted to hear some of Fire Chief Derek May's concerns before their next meeting in late April.

II. Current Business

1. Discussion – Fire Department – Derek May introduced himself. He joined the Department 15 years ago and has served as Chief for the past two. He reviewed the minimum time the Department asks of a volunteer and some of the time requirements for training. He also provided some information regarding the number of calls per year, the success to date in using KB Ambulance, and the cooperation between towns in answering calls and sharing equipment. The volunteer status of the Department at this time continues to save the town hundreds of thousands in dollars. Three areas he would like to see improved upon between the Department and the Fire District are: clarify the division of duties, collaborate on a capital improvement plan, improve the meetings toward a well-moderated, open discussion. P. Mann had a few questions regarding training required for EMT's and firefighters with some discussion regarding the same.

III. Citizen Comments – B. Beeler wanted to ensure that the three areas named for improvement would be for a District Board meeting and not decided by the Board of Selectmen. J. Dinsdale felt Derek did well in his presentation of the Department. J. Rivers stated that Derek also took on the responsibility of Emergency Manager in the town and has volunteered countless hours as such. He felt that Derek's voice was one to be listened to as his comments were typically well thought-out and he had much and varied experience. He also stressed the importance and dedication of the volunteers and provided a summary of the consequences when the ambulance withdrew from town a number of years ago. As First Selectman at the time he received a call from the State and was informed that the Town was responsible to provide the service and if it did not the State would and charge the town. A withdrawal of the volunteers at the Fire Department would bring the same result to the Selectmen.

The next District meeting is April 15th and the Chicken BBQ is May 16th with tickets still available.

IV. Adjournment – P. Mann moved to adjourn. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____