

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Larry Southam.

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM.

- 1. Approve Minutes of March 4, 2019** - M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes of March 4th. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – E. Chase moved to add a discussion regarding recognizing citizens that have given much to the town. This will be brought up in General Discussion.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. Possible Approval: Land Acquisition** – The Board of Finance has approved the expenditure of \$585,000 for parcel at 456 Mashamoquet Road. A grant application to fund this acquisition has gone into the State. However, grant funding may not be available until year-end or early next year. Extenuating circumstances make it prudent to purchase the land now and replenish with grant funding. M. Nicholson moved to approve the expenditure of \$585,000 of town funds from the remaining bond and land acquisition funds, to be replenished if and when grant money is awarded. Ten acres of parcel to be designated for future town municipal use. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – Potholes are bad this year due to unusual weather. Road shoulders are also undercut in many areas. DPW is working on this. The dirt roads are also in difficult shape.
- 2. General Discussion** – The Annual Town Meeting has typically been a time to recognize citizen contributions to the town. Brief discussion and M. Nicholson will speak to a few groups in town to identify those that should be recognized. Information was sent out to various groups to encourage hosting Walktober events this year. Some feedback has been received. The third Branding Study meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 PM.
- 3. Project Updates** – The EOC is moving along. They are currently looking into a vendor for solar. The Sewer pump stations are being readied to drop in. The lateral work under Wappaquoi Brook has been completed. M. Nicholson has been speaking with engineer regarding the sidewalk extension and salt shed drawings. She is looking into re-shingling the town hall roof. There is nothing to report on the TAP Grant. They are currently waiting for some information from DOT with a goal of August to go to bid.
- 4. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Cecile Baccanale, COC, \$22.86 – M. Nicholson moved to approve. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

- 1. Citizen's Comments** - None
- 2. Budget Discussion** – The Board of Finance meets tonight for a Budget Workshop. There should be more information regarding insurance costs by next week.

V. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____