

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Young Marine Staff Sargent Shaw and Training Officer Mary Davis.

- I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM
- 1. Approve Minutes of September 16, 2019** - E. Chase moved to approve and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
 - 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – E. Chase stated that he would like to add an Eagle Scout project discussion to New Business, item 2. So moved by M. Nicholson, seconded by P. McCarthy. All in favor.
 - 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. Proclamation Approval: Red Ribbon Week – Natchaug River Young Marines** – Staff Sargent Shaw provided some information regarding the Young Marines and their mission regarding Red Ribbon Week. The week promotes a drug-free lifestyle and the marines reach out to schools and young people throughout area communities to educate and promote the same. She presented and read the Proclamation that declared October 23rd through 31st as Red Ribbon Week. M. Nicholson moved to approve the same. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Eagle Scout Project** – E. Chase stated that due to his involvement with the Scouts he is aware of a project proposed by Zachary Stoddard, who would like to build three picnic tables for the Senior Center. E. Chase wanted to confirm that these would be items needed at the Center. All agreed that this would be a worthwhile project.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – An MOU has been signed with Woodstock for use of their grader with a driver in exchange for some tree removal provided by Pomfret.
- 2. General Discussion** – Some discussion regarding the proposal of four-year terms for Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Treasurer. M. Nicholson has discussed with C. Grist, Town Clerk and Treasurer, who feels it is a good idea. It would not change until the November, 2021 election. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. A WebEOC training session has been scheduled on November 5th from 6 PM to 10 PM in Putnam. M. Nicholson will get back to Derek May regarding this. Attendance will be difficult since this is election day. NDDH has scheduled a training class regarding town code enforcement on November 18th at 8:30 AM. A letter from Derek May was reviewed regarding the town’s radio system. A mill rate comparison among towns in the Windham and Tolland counties was shared. BOE has mailed each Board member a letter regarding changes they would like made to the Non-Lapsing Fund. The Frankfurter property should close on Wednesday and some State reimbursement is expected.

3. **Project Updates** – The ERC Building will be finishing up this month. Construction bids for the TAP Grant will be opening on the 15th. The Sewer Project is winding down and will be completed by year end. M. Nicholson received a proposal for a solar array on the Murdock property today and will send out to the Board for review. The information meeting for the Environmental Depot was held. NECCOG is reaching out to the State for some advance money to further study and estimate operating costs for this project. The road crew has done some mowing on the Air Line Trail. A contractor has been doing some work at the Senior Center removing some bad drywall in the basement and finishing the drop ceiling in the Food Pantry. A recent eviction has resulted in a lawsuit against the town. The hearing has been continued for two months. NECCOG is looking into legislative reform for the current statutes that put the burden on towns for storage, collection of fees, and scheduling auctions when these evictions take place. It is a difficult position for many towns.
4. **Discussion/Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Agreement** - Tabled
5. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Enterprise FM Trust, COC, \$191.42; Molly E. Archambault, COC, \$25.69 – P. McCarthy moved to approve, M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
6. **Discussion – Agricultural Commission Text Amendment** – Revisions have just come in. M. Nicholson will send out to Board for review.
7. **Discussion – 4 Year Terms** – As discussed, General Discussion.

IV. Current Business

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

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____