

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Tom Garrett

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of October 7, 2019** - E. Chase moved to approve and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** - None
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Tom Garrett was there to list a number of concerns that he would like the Board to consider including the gravel area along Route 44 where the buildings were taken down, town maintenance along the Air Line Trail, silt fencing and work on the trail from the Sewer Project, proposed Environmental Depot, and town solicitation of State dollars.

II. New Business

- 1. Solar Array on Murdock Property** – M. Nicholson stated that she has received two proposals for this project. She plans to schedule a meeting with Paul Miso next week.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – North Road has been graded by Woodstock Highway Dept. as part of the recent mutual agreement with that town. Parts of Tyott Road are also scheduled.
- 2. General Discussion** – The Economic Planning & Development Commission has accepted the Branding Study with their initial focus to be on a Blight Ordinance and a review of the Land Use Regulations. Also, Pomfret can boast the largest pumpkin in Connecticut – grown by David Noel in Abington and the Distillery on Route 44 is now open. This is the first Farm Distillery permit issued in CT. The Agriculture Text amendment is intended to simplify ancillary uses. Revisions are necessary to accommodate all concerns so this application has been withdrawn from PZC and will be re-submitted in the future. The Registrars have had difficulty scheduling Constables for the upcoming election as they are all on the ballot. Other options are being considered.
The Board addressed some of the concerns voiced during Citizen's Comments. Guardrails along the gravel pull-off on Route 44 was being investigated by the former Director of Public Works. The resolution is not certain and M. Nicholson will speak with the Town Engineer. The Town has agreed to do some needed maintenance along the 3 miles of Air Line Trail into Putnam. The highway department did complete some mowing along the trail edge in readiness for Tackle the Trail held this weekend. The work was completed within a few hours. The Sewer Project has completed work as contracted on the Air Line Trail. Discussion regarding the Environmental Depot that was proposed through a grant obtained by NECCOG. M. Nicholson has recently learned that the grant has been

pulled by OPM so the project is on hold at this point. Need and cost efficiencies is what was considered regarding PCS and the library declining tie-in to the Sewer Project. PCS will have the option to connect in the future if needed. Many State grants have been pursued by the town and local efficiencies have been identified.

3. **Project Updates** – The pump station testing for the Sewer Project will be completed sometime in November. Bids have been received for the TAP Grant, Air Line Trail crossings. These are currently being reviewed. A second TAP Grant will be pursued for the final dressing and re-grade to Putnam. The EOC will be completed before month end. Work has been completed that improves the basement space at the Senior Center and the LED project is completed which will produce savings on electric bills for the town.
4. **Discussion/Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Agreement** - Tabled
5. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: Anne O’Sullivan, COC, \$29.95; Toyota Lease Trust, COC, \$166.26** – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
6. **Discussion and Possible Action - 4 Year Terms** – Draft Ordinance terminology has been reviewed. If brought forward this would impact the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer. Approval at a Town Meeting is necessary and the change would be effective with the 2021 elections. P. McCarthy moved to bring this Ordinance to a town vote at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen’s Comments** – Tom Garrett stated that he felt Putnam would be a better location for an Environmental Depot if the project comes up again. He also asked if a standard form for petitions could be drawn up and accessible to the public.

V. Adjournment – Motion duly made and seconded to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____