

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance – First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Patrick McCarthy. Also present – Constables Terry Jackson, Jessica Ireland, William Ireland, William Wolfe and a few citizens.

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:04 PM.

- 1. Approve Minutes of December 16, 2019** - P. McCarthy moved to approve minutes of December 16th. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add to New Business: Amendment to Holiday Schedule, Appointment to the Eastern Tourism District, Approve of MOU Resolution for the Homeland Security Grant Program. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. Discussion with Pomfret Constables** – Discussion took place regarding the extent of authority allowed the Constables while on duty. Information received from the recently attended Flagging Class was discussed. Supplies needed were noted such as additional cones and caution signs to slow traffic while working at roadways. M. Nicholson is working with Derek May, Emergency Manager, to update radios and their compatibility with other town groups. Some scheduling questions and uniform updates needed were also discussed.
- 2. Abatement of Tax/Frankfurter Property-Possible Approval** – This property was recently purchased by the town, triggering need for abatement. M. Nicholson moved to abate \$616.99 in taxes for the “Frankfurter Property”. P. McCarthy seconded. This parcel will be removed from the Grand List. All in favor.
- 3. Amendment to Holiday Schedule** – M. Nicholson moved to add a noon-time closure on Thursday, December 31, 2020 to schedule. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Appointment – Eastern Tourism District** – M. Nicholson stated that the Chair of EPDC has volunteered to act as a representative from N.E. CT in an effort to promote the northeast corner and she moved to appoint Charlie Tracy as representative to the Eastern Tourism District. P. McCarthy seconded with thanks to him for volunteering. All in favor.
- 5. MOU Resolution/Homeland Security Grant Program** – This program comes up annual and is available to fund some of the emergency management needs. M. Nicholson moved to approve the Resolution as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion** – M. Nicholson had copies of correspondence written by Dan Kellaway that opposed the Natural Gas Power Plant and one from Andy Rznkiewicz in support of the Open Space grant funding.

2. **Project Updates** – The Sewer Project is expected to go on-line any day. The construction award for the TAP project has gone to Brunneli Construction. A spring start is planned.
3. **Blight Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** – To be discussed at a future meeting.
4. **Discussion – Employee Handbook** – Proposed revisions had been distributed to the Board. The current handbook was originally approved in 2005 or earlier. Both full and part-time staff have been added since - making some revisions and clarifications necessary. E. Chase had sent an email stating he was in favor of revisions if the handbook contained a statement requiring a doctor's note for more than 3 consecutive days absent. That statement is contained elsewhere in the handbook – not in current revisions. P. McCarthy moved to approve the revisions as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
5. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** – T. Jackson asked who was responsible for serving papers in town. This is typically done by the State Marshal or sheriff.

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date Approved_____