

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of January 6, 2020** - M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes with sentence in item III.2. deleted that stated, ‘construction drawings are underway’. That is not yet the case. Seconded by P. McCarthy with revision. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** - None
- 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence** – Correspondence received from the Agriculture Commission pertaining to studies completed regarding use of herbicides on town leased land. Studies were done in response to health concerns raised by citizens. Brief discussion regarding how to proceed. A letter will go out to the Agriculture Commission with thanks for the study and resulting changes to lease requirements.

**II. New Business**

- 1. Discussion/Sale of Development Rights Properties** – There have been two recent sales of partial parcels of land where the town owns the development rights. The initial sale agreements state that the Selectmen will be notified in the event of such sales. The parcels under discussion are approximately 10 acres of the Carter property on the west side of Babbitt Hill Road and approximately 5 acres of the Flath property located off Hampton Road. The Carter piece has been bought by a couple planning on single-family use (as allowed in original agreement) and the Flath piece is wet and non-buildable – approximately 2 acres of it will be deeded to 240 Hampton Road and approximately 3 acres of it to 32 Covell Road. The Board of Selectmen duly noted the sale of both properties and that each are allowable under original agreements.
- 2. Constable Policy Revision/Possible Approval** – A brief revision has been added to this policy, under recommendation by the State of CT Public Safety, noting that background checks will include fingerprinting due to the ‘possible unsupervised access to children, the elderly, or the disabled that are under the town’s care while performing duties as Constable’. M. Nicholson moved to approve the revision as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Approval** – Sample Ordinances are under review but a final draft is not yet ready for discussion.

**III. Other Business**

- 1. General Discussion** – The Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new Emergency Response building and they are slowly moving in. The Agriculture Commission is looking into a zoning text amendment regarding ancillary uses. The Sewer Project is coming on-line with only a few items remaining for completion. The construction contract has been

awarded for the TAP Grant and a pre-construction meeting is planned for February. The Board of Finance has had two candidates express interest in their open seat. M. Nicholson also noted that many groups are using the Senior Center and it is in use most every day, the FY 2019 audit was presented at the last Board of Finance meeting with favorable results and zero findings, she is asking some groups to present their budget requests directly to the BOF in order to provide them with more in-depth information, and the town was awarded the Open Space grant for the Frankfurter property at 35% of the sale price, or \$187,600. Although more was hoped for this is a significant award as it is one of the only awards in Northeast Connecticut and this grant program will be eliminated next year.

2. **Project Updates** – As noted under General Discussion.
3. **Blight Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** – Will be considered along with the Sewer Ordinance.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Leslie Roy, COC, \$356.87 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

#### **IV. Current Business**

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

**V. Adjournment** – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_