

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
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 7:00 PM
- 1. Approve Minutes of February 18, 2020** - M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
 - 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – E. Chase asked to add a discussion regarding Pomfret’s Senior Center. M. Nicholson moved to add to Current Business #2 and E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
 - 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence** – A notice was received from Brooklyn Planning and Zoning regarding a Public Hearing on changes to their gravel removal regulations.

II. New Business - None

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion** – The bridges and culverts work on the Air Line Trail will begin in a few weeks. The construction trailer will be put in place soon. A resident has been speaking with Planning and Zoning about running a business that provides classes on home brewing. A regulation amendment will likely be needed. The highway department is moving into the new building. The phone lines are still a work in progress. Signage for the Air Line Trail is coming along in collaboration with the Audubon. Review is still needed by DEEP and other participating towns.
- 2. Project Updates** – The sewer is running. There are still few pieces of equipment to be purchased but the project is wrapping up. A sewer meeting is scheduled on March 11th at 9:00 AM. This will probably be one of the last meetings.
- 3. Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** – Tabled for future discussion.
- 4. Blight Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** – There is an Ordinance in place. Further consideration is needed to determine a commission and enforcement capabilities.
- 5. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None**

IV. Current Business

- 1. FY 2020/2021 Budget Discussion/Possible Approval** – The proposed budget had been distributed and was reviewed with some discussion section by section. Notable increases and decreases were reviewed as well as some minor format changes. The overall increase is modest, but the consensus was that a reduction of \$5,000 was feasible and discussion regarding various areas where that could be found followed. E. Chase moved to approve the General Government budget as presented except for a \$5,000 decrease, bringing the total proposed budget to \$2,856,036. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

2. Pomfret Senior Center Discussion – E. Chase stated that he is noticing the seniors and many other groups using the Senior Center for a variety of meetings, classes, boy and girl scouts, etc. The activities and the age range of participants seem to be varied. It seemed to him that a name change to the Pomfret Community Center was appropriate since so many groups within the community use the center. This would not affect the seniors or their schedule of building use – they would just be meeting in the Community Center. Brief discussion.

3. Citizen's Comments - None

V. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____