

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING – SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW**

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

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM

- 1. Approve Minutes of May 18, 2020** - E. Chase moved to approve minutes of May 18, 2020. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add to Other Business, item 6 – Agriculture Commission Appointments and item 7 – FY 2019/2020 Proposed Transfers. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson moved to add to New Business, item 3, deposit of \$45 overpayment for EOC solar array to the Land Acquisition Fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – M. Nicholson stated that she had 2 items of correspondence. Letter from Kathy Hess was reviewed regarding her concerns of Holmes and Modock Roads being closed while the TAP grant culverts are under construction. M. Nicholson has spoken with her and assured that the closures were approved by the CT DOT. Emergency responders are all aware of the closures and River Road will not close until the other two are open. Some discussion. Correspondence was also received from Eliza Kimball for the Highway Department, thanking them for a job-well-done filling the potholes on Kimball Road.

II. New Business

- 1. DPW Truck Sale/Approval of \$15k to Truck Replacement Fund** – The highway department accepted bids and has sold one of the older trucks. M. Nicholson stated that she would like the \$15,000 sale price to go back into the Capital Nonrecurring Truck Replacement Fund. E. Chase moved to approve the same and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Cemeteries Recognition of Veterans/Discussion** – E. Chase stated that he received a call from a citizen suggesting that a monument be placed at each Pomfret cemetery that honors the veterans buried there. Not all of the graves are marked appropriately and this would be a way to recognize them all. Currently flags are placed at each grave, which could continue, but completion is gaining in difficulty as volunteers are becoming harder to find. Discussion followed and it was decided to obtain some pricing for the monuments and discuss further at an upcoming meeting.
- 3. EOC Solar Array Over-Payment to Land Acquisition Fund** – The Town received \$45 in overpayment toward the installation of the solar panels at the new EOC. Weedon Built has already covered this cost. M. Nicholson moved to deposit the \$45 into the Land Acquisition Fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town Government/Modifications to Town Facilities** – Modifications are underway inside the Town Hall. Split doors and some plexi-glass has been installed. A video doorbell and mail slot will be installed at the front door. Senior Programs are not being re-established yet, the Recreation Park plans to open on June 6th with some limitations and new signage, PCS is closed for the summer. Some discussion.

2. **Project Updates – Sewer, TAP Grant updates** – The Sewer is closer to being fully wrapped up, the TAP grant is underway. Large blocks will be stacked at the Pomfret Station for storage and will eventually be used for the abutments. The Board overall have been receiving positive comments regarding this project. The Town is close to signing the ambulance agreement with K-B. It will be housed at the EOC and serve multiple towns. This is currently a one-year agreement and K-B hopes to move to Pomfret July 1st. The Historical Society has been pursuing grant funding to held scan and preserve documents. The April Bulky Waste was extremely busy as many people have been at home and cleaning out. The cost of tire disposal was very high and has been reflecting that trend. It appears that some are abusing that service and bring truck loads of tires, likely some from outside of town. The establishment of a policy that limits the amounts of tires, per household, that are accepted for disposal was discussed. M. Nicholson will speak with Winston Averil and bring suggestion back for discussion at the next Selectman's meeting. She also stated that she has invited the Director of Public Works to the second meeting of the months to provide info. and updates regarding road projects. M. Nicholson is working with the Agriculture Commission, Pomfret Proprietors, and the Economic Development Commission to offer a town-wide scarecrow contest to be tied in with the giant pumpkin competition. This will run concurrent with Walktober. Maps are planned to tour the scarecrows and pumpkins entered will be displayed at the Town Hall.
3. **Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** - Tabled
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Robert J. Neugent, O/P, \$100.00 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
5. **Review of PDR Properties & Access to Inspect** – The State often requires periodic access to properties where the development rights have been purchased. M. Nicholson has visited the Terricciano and Tyrone properties in the past. This ensures that the property remains open and is maintained in an appropriate manner. Concerns have been received that not all town purchases of development rights are ever monitored and M. Nicholson would like to begin that practice. She will contact a landowner of one of these properties and hopefully be able to tour it some time in June.
6. **Agriculture Commission Reappointments** - M. Nicholson stated that a number Agriculture Commission terms are up and she would like to reappoint the following: Jim Rowley from 6/1/20 thru 6/1/23; Adam Squire from 6/1/20 thru 6/1/24; Daniel Nagy from 6/1/20 thru 6/1/21; and Lance Sistare from 6/1/20 thru 6/1/22. So moved by P. McCarthy, E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
7. **FY 2019/2020 Proposed Transfers** – These transfers are proposed by the Treasurer at least annually. They balance out any over-expended lines with under-expended lines. P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. N. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** – M. Nicholson recognized and thanked Blake Wolanin for hosting these virtual meetings.

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____