

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 AT 8:00 AM**

In Attendance – First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Registrars Martha Emilio, Sue Devokaitis and two citizens.

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of June 1, 2020 – E. Chase moved to approve minutes of June 1, 2020. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.**
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda – M. Nicholson moved to add Registrar of Voters Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee to New Business, #3. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.**
- 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence - None**

II. New Business

- 1. DPW Discussion/Bob Lohr, Director –** Tree cutting has been aggressive with the crew working this project 3 days per week. Some discussion regarding the options for disposal of the wood. A repair was needed for the mower and has been completed. Roadside mowing will be underway soon. Rich Road drainage is the next project planned. Discussion.
- 2. Professional Services – M. Nicholson moved to pay Blake Wolanin the \$500 left in Selectmen’s Professional Services for the time and effort he has spent in hosting the many Zoom meetings. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.**
- 3. Recommendation of Registrars of Voters –** The Ad Hoc Committee met last Monday to review the possible polling places for the upcoming primary and the November election. Concerns have been voiced regarding use of the Community School due to COVID-19. Their recommendation was read into the record and briefly discussed. Statutory guidelines were also discussed. The recommendation was that the Pomfret Community School best met the requirements of the State for polling places in general and in meeting with COVID-19 precautions. Plans for addressing public health concerns were addressed and sanitization process once polling completed. E. Chase moved to accept and approve the Registrars recommendations as discussed and submitted. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor. The Board will notify the school of the decision.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town Government/Modifications to Town Facilities –** Building modifications as previously discussed are almost complete. Town Hall is fully staffed on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 to 5:00 although doors are still not open to the public. The library is offering curbside service and some great summer reading programs are planned. Opening of the Senior Center is still on hold.
- 2. Project Updates – Sewer, TAP Grant updates –** The abutment blocks for the TAP Grant have been staged at the kiosk. Both bridges and the two culverts are expected to be complete by Fall. Radar signs have been going up around town and will be periodically moved. M. Nicholson will visit the intersection of Freedley and Freedley Fork Roads with DPW to assess the stop signs. The ramp modifications on the sidewalk have been completed as recommended by the State. A crosswalk will be put in at the library crossing.

3. **Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** - Tabled
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

IV. Current Business

1. **Cemeteries Recognition of Veterans/Update** – E. Chase is still investigating the cost of these monuments. Possible funding sources and monument design was discussed. E. Chase will continue to investigate.
2. **Bulky Waste Tire Disposal/Policy Discussion** – A draft copy was presented for discussion. The cost of tire disposals from Bulky Waste continues to increase and there have been instances of numerous trips per household with many tires. Four tires, per household, per event seemed reasonable. More than four and the resident would need to contact the Town Hall before the Bulky event. M. Nicholson moved to approve the policy as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor. Some signage will be made before the July event and the policy will be posted with the July dates on the web. The Green Team will hold the Swap Spot and single-stream recycling
3. **Citizen's Comments** - None

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____