

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 AT 7:00 PM  
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING**

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 June 15, 2020 –** E. Chase moved to approve minutes as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda –** M. Nicholson moved to add to New Business #2 a discussion of the Taft Pond Road bridge and #3 acceptance of a resignation from ZBA. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence –** There were no citizen's comments. M. Nicholson provided Troop D reports covering the last few months for review.

**II. New Business**

- 1. PDR Notification of Transfer/Discussion –** M. Nicholson stated that the town is typically notified when purchased development rights transfer ownership. The River Road property owned by Paul Johnson will transfer to his son Adam Johnson and is so noted for the record.
- 2. Taft Pond Road Bridge Discussion –** The bridge was inspected by the DOT in January with some concerns noted. They have re-inspected recently and its poor rating caused the DOT to recommend closure. M. Nicholson has had ongoing discussions with DOT and had the bridge evaluated by a structural engineer. An agreement has been reached to reduce the allowed tonnage at this bridge to 3 tons, thereby allowing the road to remain open and passenger cars to pass until bridge repairs are completed. The abutments and guardrails will need to be fixed and the best options for completion are currently being investigated.
- 3. ZBA Resignation –** A letter for resignation from the ZBA has been received from Allison Gardner who has moved out of State. M. Nicholson moved to accept resignation with regret. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

**III. Other Business**

**1. General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town**

**Government/Modifications to Town Facilities –** There are a few modifications left to complete at the Town Hall and Library. The Town Hall doors remain locked to the public but business is ongoing. The Library has opened. The highway department employees are continuing to travel in separate vehicles. The next Bulky Waste is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and the new tire policy has been posted on the web. The State is providing towns with a ballot box for absentee ballot drop-offs. A solar field proposal has been received for the Murdock property and possible agreements are being discussed. The State will be paving Route 97 from Rucki's to the Vanilla Bean and Murdock Road from mid-August to early September. The town is submitting a text amendment to PZC for Agricultural Food Vendors. The new drainage is complete at Rich Road. TEEG will hold another food distribution at the Town Hall on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Project Updates – Sewer, TAP Grant updates** – The culvert at Holmes Road has been dropped in and the TAP grant project continues to make progress. The Sewer project continues to wrap up details, but the system is up and running.
3. **Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action** - Tabled
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

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

1. **Cemeteries Recognition of Veterans/Update** – E. Chase had some drawings of possible monuments. These were discussed briefly. As presented the monuments would be approximately \$3,000 with the engravings. Fundraising and donations could cover much of the costs.
2. **Citizen's Comments** – E. Chase noted that he has been led to understand that Abington Library is investigating fundraising due to funding concerns in the upcoming years.

**V. Adjournment** – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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