

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Peter Mann, Sally Rogers, David Hussong, Ray Wishart, Nick Stein.

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of April 1, 2019, April 10, 2019, April 11, 2019 - P.**
McCarthy moved to approve minutes of April 1, April 10, and April 11 as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda –** E. Chase stated he would like to add an Executive Session to discuss a possible Real Estate Transaction. M. Nicholson moved to add the same as item V. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence -** None

II. New Business

- 1. Capital Transfers/Possible Approval –** Proposed transfers from completed projects were distributed. E. Chase moved to approve the transfers as proposed representing a total of \$80,851.10. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Review and Possible Approval of Neighborhood Assistance Application by CT Audubon Society to Town Meeting –** The Audubon made a similar application last year to complete some energy efficiency projects. The Town offers support as part of their application which will allow for State incentives to their contractors. P. McCarthy moved to approve and support this application and approve to Call of Town Meeting. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Acceptance of Resignation/Recreation Commission and Council on Aging –** Diane Simu has submitted her resignation from the Recreation Commission. Gail McElroy has submitted a resignation from the Council on Aging and Greg Kuzmicki has submitted a resignation from the Economic Planning & Development Commission. M. Nicholson moved to approve all three resignations with regret and thanks for their service. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Green Team Update –** Sally Rogers and David Hussong of the Green Team provided a report on the Road-Side Clean-Up and the Swap Spot held at Bulky Waste. They provided a map that showed the roads that were done, and S. Rogers had a list of suggestions regarding the Swap Spot. Both events were well-received. There were a number of bicycles left at the Swap Stop. Those that weren't claimed were donated to the Little Angels in Willimantic. They also noted that the Green Team is working on identifying regional efforts regarding climate change. They are researching additional things that the town can do.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues –** The highway department is paving on Carter Road and part of Brooklyn. E. Chase noted that the roads in Pomfret are very good, but it appears that there is not always as much drainage as in other towns. There are several catch basins that need repair.

2. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that a recent newspaper article reported that Putnam has agreed to begin all public meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. A citizen has called suggesting that Pomfret do the same. M. Nicholson moved to encourage all Boards and Commissions to open their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. E. Chase seconded. Some discussion. M. Nicholson, E. Chase in favor. P. McCarthy opposed. Motion passes. Memorial Day plans are underway. P. McCarthy and two other Rectory teachers are available for the Star-Spangled Banner. The Boy Scouts are doing a veteran's float and the fly-over has been arranged. Parade line-up begins at 9:30 at the Abington Congregational Church and parade begins at 10:00 AM.
3. **Project Updates** – The library parking lot has been completed and the LED lights have been installed at the Town Hall, Senior Center, and Library. The next to be completed at the EOC is the interior concrete and finish work. The first of these two grants are just about spent. The DOT still needs to look at the sidewalk ramps so they can be corrected properly. There should be left-over grant money and the plan is to use this to extend the walk to the corner at the Vanilla Bean.
4. **Approval of Items to Call of Annual Town Meeting/Paper Ballot/Pie** – The Call of the Annual Town Meeting was reviewed which included the budget vote to be by paper ballot. P. McCarthy moved to approve the Call and the budget vote by paper ballot. E. Chase seconded. All in favor. There was also a discussion of serving pie at this meeting and some other light refreshments.
5. **Discussion/Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Agreement-** The Mutual Aid Agreement between Woodstock and Thompson was distributed for review. The possibility of adding Pomfret and Putnam has come up. This would allow for coverage if a Fire Marshal was unavailable. This Agreement is for consideration. No action taken.
6. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** – Nick Stein stated that a State vote on the marijuana bill is expected by the 5th. He stated that the Town may want to start considering outreach for community support.

V. Executive Session

1. **Real Estate Discussion** – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a possible real estate transaction with the three Selectmen to remain present. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting moved to Executive Session at 8:10 PM.
Meeting adjourned from Executive Session at 8:25 PM with no action taken.

VI. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____