

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 July 20, 2020 -** P. McCarthy moved to approve and E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda –** E. Chase requested adding a discussion regarding Boy Scout/Eagle projects to Other Business and P. McCarthy requested a discussion regarding permitting/Boards & Commissions. M. Nicholson moved to add topics to Other Business, items 5 and 6. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence -** None

II. New Business

- 1. Library Board of Trustees – Acceptance of Resignation –** A letter of resignation from the Library Board has been received from Christine Kalafus. M. Nicholson moved to accept the resignation with regret. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Approval of Resolution/Homeland Security Grant Funds –** This annual resolution allows the town to apply for Homeland Security grants. It was reviewed by the Board and P. McCarthy moved to approve the Resolution for Homeland Security Grant Funding as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 3. CCM Refund – Transfer to CNR Town Hall Renovations 8501-402 –** CCM has reimbursed the town half of its annual fees as a gesture of relief from municipal COVID expenses. M. Nicholson moved to deposit these funds into the CNR Town Hall Renovations/Office Upgrades line 8501-402 and to deposit future COVID reimbursements through FEMA and OPM/CRF into this same fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town Government/Modifications to Town Facilities –** Most building modifications have been completed with just a few small items remaining. The Town Hall is still not open to the public, but staff is working regular hours and serving the needs of the public. Public opening will be re-evaluated at the end of August. Discussion.
- 2. Project Updates – Sewer, TAP Grant updates –** The TAP project continues to progress and the bridge abutments at Route 44 have begun. Modock Road has been delayed briefly due to a delay in the pre-cast and Holmes Road is mostly done. Guardrails and paving will be completed at both locations at the same time. There are no additional updates regarding the Taft Pond Road bridge as cost estimates have not yet been received.
- 3. Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action -** Tabled
- 4. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** John Graham, COC, \$22.00 – P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

5. **Boy Scouts/Eagle Projects** – Questions have recently been presented regarding the towns responsibility in maintaining past Eagle Scout projects. E. Chase voiced some concerns in that maintenance becomes taxable to all and opens liability to the town. The Scout Troop staying in Pomfret through future years has also come into question. Discussion followed and the consensus was to discontinue the scout camp on the Murdock property. E. Chase moved to accept only self-maintaining scout projects in future years. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
6. **Permitting/Boards & Commissions** – P. McCarthy stated that he has recently received two complaints regarding the long wait in obtaining a zoning and subsequent building permit. These applicants found the experience to be difficult. Discussion followed and it was determined to cancel the Selectmen's meeting of August 17th and reschedule as a zoom meeting tentatively August 19th to discuss ways to simplify the process with Land Use staff.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** – E. Chase voiced concerns with the loose bulls recently reported in the Babbitt Hill Road area. There are three of them and pose a safety hazard to area residents. M. Nicholson has received calls regarding the same and has contacted their owner. Brief discussion.

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____