

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020 AT 5:30 PM**

In Attendance – First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present – PZC Chair Richard DiBonaventura, Building Official Joe Pajak, Fire Marshal Norm Perron, ZEO Ryan Brais, Land Use Clerk Lynn Krajewski, and citizen Lisa Dalterio.

I. Open Special Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 5:30 pm.

II. Current Business

- a. Approve minutes of August 3, 2020 and August 10, 2020** – P. McCarthy moved to approve as sent and E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

III. New Business

- a. Land Use Discussion** – P. McCarthy received recent feedback from a resident regarding the long wait in obtaining a building permit for a pool. Discussion followed on ways to streamline the process for obtaining Land Use permits. Currently NDDH is weeks behind due to pandemic and the letter from them is necessary before a zoning permit can be issued. There may also be some delays within the building due to lack of citizen access. The web page could be updated to simplify instructions regarding the process. Fillable forms could be a possibility. The Planning Commission will also discuss some changes to the regulations that could simplify the Special Permit process. Discussion.
- b. Tropical Storm Isaias De-Briefing** – M. Nicholson met with Derek May, Emergency Manager and Public Works Director Bob Lohr for follow-up on storm. There were outages at the Town Hall for a short time due to generator issues and the EOC lost phone and internet for a brief time. The town did offer a charging station and water at the Community Center. The same was available at the Town Hall along with WiFi access. There was not a central person to take calls regarding downed trees and wires to coordinate with responders. The Selectmen will coordinate calls in the event of the next storm. Eversource was a problem with response times and lack of communication. PURA is holding a public hearing on August 24th regarding Eversource rates and another hearing is scheduled in September regarding the storm response. Discussion
- c. Library Board Appointment** – M. Nicholson moved to appoint Gary Sturni to the Library Board to fill the open seat through term of 11/21/23. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- d. Approval of Resolution to Apply for STEAP Funding** – The Town is applying for STEAP funds for a permanent Bulky Waste Facility. The maximum amount now allowable is \$128,205. The facility would be located at the end of Nora Lane. This Resolution was read to record and E. Chase moved to approve as written. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

- a. Citizens Comments** – L. Dalterio thanked officials for all their work.

V. Adjournment - P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____