

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 8, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

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 August 19, 2020** - E. Chase moved to approve minutes as presented and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

**II. New Business**

1. **Sick Time Policy Update** – Brief discussion of proposed revision clarifying sick days per year under 'Eligibility'. E. Chase proposed a change under 'Notification of Sick Leave' that states 'DPW Director or Road Foreman, in Director's absence, must be notified...' P. McCarthy moved to approve proposed revision to Sick Time Policy under 'Eligibility' and the proposed change under 'Notification of Sick Leave'. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

**III. Other Business**

1. **General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town Government** – A recent update has been posted on the Town webpage. The Town Hall continues to conduct business during regular hours, however the doors remain locked to the public. This will likely continue through year-end. The Senior Center remains closed with no definite plans to re-open. The building does not contain the hyper-ventilation systems that would be necessary for any reopening plans at this point. Some groups have been meeting at picnic tables outside of the building and a few town boards have been conducting hybrid meetings there – with small numbers of board members present and social distancing and public access through Zoom.
2. **Project Updates – Sewer, TAP, Grant applications, Taft Pond Road Bridge, Town Hall Updates, Salt Shed** – First quarter sewer bills went out in July and have been paid by Pomfret and Rectory Schools. The Loos invoice has been reported as held up in corporate office and payment is not yet processed. The TAP grant continues to work on bridge abutments at Route 44 and Needles Eye will be starting. Backfilling is starting at Modock Road. A second TAP Grant will complete base material and grading to the River Trail in Putnam. An engineer has been evaluating the Taft Pond bridge and is preparing an application through the State Local Bridge Program. A few repair options are being investigated. A replacement to the Salt Shed is being looked at that would include a poured foundation. The Town Hall basement has been cleaned out, moldy drywall removed, and steam cleaned. There remain a few large safes that need to be removed. Correspondence has gone out to the Carter Farm to correct building applications for the barn and some other concerns. A town-wide scarecrow contest will go on into October and a Giant Pumpkin contest will be held at the Town-Hall. Board vacancies still need to be filled in Planning and Zoning and Library Board.
3. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: Attached** – E. Chase moved to approve as presented and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

**IV. Current Business**

1. **Citizen's Comments** - None

**V. Adjournment** – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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