

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING/POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Attorney Paul Michaud

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of September 21, 2020** - E. Chase moved to approve and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add presentation by Paul Miso of Pomfret Solar Array options to New Business, item 2. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. Resolution – Approval of STEAP Grant Application for Bulky Waste Site** – STEAP funds were applied for in the past for this project and a Resolution was passed. This Resolution updates the application for the current round of STEAP funding. M. Nicholson moved to approve the Resolution to apply for STEAP funds for a Bulky Waste Site and accept the funds if granted. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Solar Array Options** – Attorney Paul Michaud with Michaud Law Group reviewed the process that has been completed to date. Since the RFP was completed the sub-station has reached full capacity which has created some uncertainty and potential added costs. There are other small projects in the area that can potentially join together to reduce the cost of an upgrade should that be necessary. Discussion took place regarding options for Pomfret participation and sub-station capacity. There are a few viable programs that would fit for Pomfret and a further presentation will be scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town Government** – There have been some COVID spikes reported in the general area and people need to remain vigilant with precautions. The upcoming flu season will add to concerns.
- 2. Project Updates – Sewer, TAP, Grant applications, Taft Pond Road Bridge, Town Hall Updates, Salt Shed** – The Sewer Project is wrapping up with some easement work with Loos & Co. still being completed. The USDA has granted a 30-day extension for completion. The TAP project should see paving on Holmes and Modock Roads this Wednesday to be followed by the installation of guard rails at those locations. They will then move to River Road. An RFQ will be posted soon for phase 2 which will resurface the trail into Putnam and down to the River Trail. Grant applications will be submitted for Neglected Cemeteries and STEAP Funding for Bulky Waste Site. The Taft Pond Bridge considerations have stalled somewhat due to high cost estimates. Further alternatives are being explored. The Salt Shed is still scheduled and should be ready for the ClearSpan installation in early November.

Registrations are coming into the Town Hall for the Scarecrow contest and Alex Noel will conduct the Great Pumpkin weigh-in on Sunday, October 11th from 10 am to 2 pm. Bulky Waste is scheduled for this weekend.

3. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

IV. Current Business

1. Citizen's Comments - None

V. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____