

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 8:00 AM  
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING/POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: John Board and Mark Tremblay, C.F. with Land Management Services

**I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting –** M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM.

- 1. Approve Minutes of October 5, 2020** - P. McCarthy moved to approve minutes as submitted. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** - None
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – M. Nicholson distributed correspondence for review from RPC updating the library fundraising campaign, Troop D monthly report, a copy of the Selectmen's report to the Board of Finance, and a Tax Collector report. The library campaign has raised what they needed. They are looking for some cash on hand and have received a COVID relief grant for \$22,000. Tax Collections are on schedule for the year.

**II. New Business**

- 1. Equality Act Resolution** – The Resolution recognizing LGBTQ rights, freedoms, and equality had been distributed for review. P. McCarthy moved to adopt with the last line of paragraph four removed as it was redundant language. E. Chase seconded. All in favor. John Board thanked the Board for their consideration noting the 10 towns that have adopted to date.
- 2. Bulky Waste, Future Site Development/M. Tremblay** – A Bulky Waste site at the end of Nora Lane is still under consideration and a STEAP Grant has been applied for that will pay for the site work. M. Nicholson has been speaking with Mark Tremblay regarding a timber harvest of the site. Revenue from that harvest will pay the remaining site costs for Bulky Waste. A Household Hazardous Waste collection site is not currently being considered for this location. Should NECCOG pursue this project again it could be added at the new Bulky Waste location. M. Tremblay presented his findings and recommendations from walking the property. He will have additional information once trees are marked. Once all is in place the harvest itself would go out to bid. M. Nicholson moved to go ahead with a Land Management Services Contract. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

**III. Other Business**

- 1. General Discussion – Townsend Project, Emergency Management Radio Estimate** – Wyndam Land Trust has asked the Board of Finance to

approve \$150,000 toward their purchase of a piece of the Townsend property. The Finance Board approved this expenditure. This is part of a long-term project that is desirable for the town's plan of open space.

**2. Project Updates – TAP, Salt Shed, Neglected Cemeteries Grant –**

Planning & Zoning has approved the new salt shed location and that project is moving ahead. Modock has re-opened from the TAP Grant construction and Holmes Road should open this week. River Road is currently closed for the grade crossing. Additional TAP funding will be applied for to complete the trail grading and resurfacing from the kiosk into Putnam and complete a stairway and switchback trail down to Putnam's River Trail. The 2020 Neglected Cemetery Grant has been awarded to the town in the amount of \$3,300.

**3. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

**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 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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