

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING/POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Lisa D.

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of October 19, 2020** - P. McCarthy moved to approve minutes as sent. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** M. Nicholson moved to add an Enrichment Funding Request to New Business, item 3. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Lisa asked about the meeting format. M. Nicholson stated that they move to using name tags in the future.

II. New Business

- 1. Dairy Farm Tax Abatements** – The Fairvue and Davis Farms have applied for Dairy Farm Tax Abatements. The applications were submitted through the Assessor's office. There was a brief discussion and non-abatement of 5 lots on the Fairvue application was recommended by the Assessor. These lots are not used per the application. The other 4 parcels were fine as presented. M. Nicholson moved to approve the Dairy Tax Abatements for both applications as recommended by the Assessor. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor. These applications will now go to the Board of Finance for approval.
- 2. Open Space Discussion** – M. Nicholson has been working with Jim Larkin of NECCOG to update Pomfret's Open Space Map. This map was briefly reviewed by the Board. Some clarification regarding easements and Historical Society ownership is needed before the map can be finalized.
- 3. Enrichment Fund Request** – M. Nicholson had a letter from JoAnn Johnson requesting \$1,000 for replacement lights for the holiday tree. Current lights are fading and some do not work. Brief discussion. E. Chase moved to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 for holiday tree lights from the Enrichment Fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion/DPW New Hires** - There are two new hires that will be starting soon with the highway department. They are both local and bring different sets of skills.
- 2. Project Updates – TAP, Salt Shed, Taft Pond Road Bridge, Murdock Property Project** – The TAP grant is beginning to wind down. They are currently working at River Road. Holmes and Modock Roads have both re-opened. A definite date for installing the bridges will be confirmed on Thursday. Taft Pond Bridge replacement is moving along slowly. The Local Bridge Program is an option and the application is due at the end of the month. Mark Trembly, the Forester for the Murdock property will be out this week to mark the trees. The 4 acres of clearing should be done next summer and the forestry cut within 2 years. Proceeds will pay for some of the site work for the new Bulky Waste site.
- 3. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Kendall Wilcox, COC, \$258.34 – P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

- 1. Citizen's Comments** – E. Chase asked about coverage during the recent storm. The highway department did well considering the storm caught most off-guard.

M. Nicholson noted a recent meeting regarding the Quinebaug Regional Tech Park. E. Chase had been in attendance. The park is not as it was sold. Many of the lots are not buildable. Pomfret had opted for payments over time and therefore have only made a few payments. Partners can request reimbursement of funds paid and still maintain partnership status. This would, however, eliminate participation in future proceeds. Brief discussion.

- V. Adjournment** -E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____