

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AT 8:00 AM
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING/POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM

- 1. Approve Minutes of November 2, 2020** – E. Chase moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** - None
- 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. COVID-19 Status For Pomfret Elevated to Orange** – Pomfret has been elevated to Orange status. The percentage of population testing positive impacts the classification. Testing is available for free at Generations in Putnam. Citizens should limit their Thanksgiving gatherings and use common sense.
- 2. Resolution for FFY 2020/2021 EMPG Grant Application/Possible Approval** – M. Nicholson moved to approve this Resolution to apply for the FY 2021 EMPG Grant. E. Chase seconded. This grant is applied for annually to benefit emergency response.
- 3. STEAP Grant** – The Town has been awarded \$128,205 in STEAP funding to prepare the new Bulky Waste site. There is a \$56,000 match from the Town.

III. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion** – The Branding Study has never been formally adopted by the Board. The Economic Development Commission is moving forward with the findings and developing a marketing plan. The study will be revisited by the Board and E. Chase suggested a small recap with limited questions for public response. Formal adoption of the Study will be put on a December agenda. The State has developed a ‘crash map’ of the Town in an effort to improve road safety. M. Nicholson is meeting with them later in the month. The Open Space map as been updated by NECCOG. E. Chase stated that the Boy Scout Troop 26 in Town is closing. Leaders are becoming difficult to recruit and children participation is dwindling. This Troop will merge with Troop 92 in Eastford and Chaplain.
- 2. Project Updates – TAP, Salt Shed, Taft Pond Road Bridge, Murdock Property Project** – The Route 44 bridge is scheduled to be dropped in this week, the new Salt Shed and associated paving is complete. Options for the bridge on Taft Pond Road continue to be investigated. Repairs beyond what was initially estimated are required. The local bridge program with the State indicate a cost of minimally \$500,000 with a 50% match from the Town. M. Nicholson has a conference call later today to investigate the federal program which is a twenty percent match from the town but may indicate higher repair costs. The logging project on the Murdock property is moving forward. A letter of approval will go out to Mr. Trembly to start process. Carter Road has been paved and highway department is working on Clinic Road and a stretch of Rich Road.
- 3. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** CAB East, COC, \$345.80; CAB East, COC, \$87.09 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented and E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

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 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____