

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 AT 8:00 AM  
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of April 6, 2020 and Special Meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup> – E.**  
Chase moved to approve minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda -** None
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence -** None

**II. New Business**

- 1. Governor's Executive Order 7S, Section 6 – Municipality Program Election/Possible Approval –** Action must be taken regarding Executive Order 7S, Section 6 regarding tax deferment program. The deadline, not the tax itself, can be deferred for 90 days. Brief discussion. The Tax Collector has recommended the deferment program. M. Nicholson moved to adopt Executive Order 7S, deferment program, for the Town of Pomfret. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

**III. Other Business**

- 1. General Discussion - COVID-19 Impacts to Town Government –** The budget for next year will be re-visited. There are some concerns regarding collections. The Board of Finance is holding a special meeting tonight where it is expected that further reductions will be recommended. The Town Hall remains locked to the public but there are employees in the building with others working from home. The highway department continues working but are dispatched in separate vehicles. The library has been offering some on-line programs and the Recreation Dept. recently offered an on-line cooking class. They are identifying creative ways to continue offering programs to the public. A food distribution program will be offered thru TEEG at the Town Hall tomorrow between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Bulky Waste will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with some modifications. Residents will be asked to unload their own vehicles and recycling and Swap Spot will not be offered this time. Discussion regarding the parking at the Frankfurter property. The final loam will be spread at the EOC this week if the weather permits.
- 2. Project Updates – Sewer, TAP Grant updates –** The Sewer Project is winding down and the contractors are finalizing their work. Loos is not yet tied in due to some remaining work to be done by them. Holmes Road is currently closed as the TAP Grant is underway. This will be closed concurrently with Modock Road as the culverts are dug out. Materials being removed from these locations will be used to level out the Air Line Trail.
- 3. Sewer Ordinance Discussion/Possible Action –** M. Nicholson will distribute a draft to the Board before the next meeting.

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

**IV. Current Business**

- 1. FY 2020/2021 Budget Discussion** – The Board will review the budget as proposed to identify areas to cut. They will look for some direction from the Board of Finance this evening. Budgeted salt shed money will be offset from the undesignated fund. That will leave \$27,800 in further reductions to keep the budget flat.
- 2. Citizen's Comments** – None.

**V. Adjournment** – E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_