

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Ray Wishart

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2022 –** E. Chase moved to approve minutes as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda –** M. Nicholson moved to add Enrichment Fund expenditure to Other Business, item 7. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence –** M. Nicholson had correspondence from the State regarding the proposed solar field at Amaral farm. A Public Meeting has been held and they expect a ruling by August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Brooklyn has submitted a notice for proposal of a Planned Development Zone at Wolf Den and Bush Hill in Brooklyn. Notice received as Pomfret is an abutting town. Dan Nagy for Watercure Farm has submitted a letter stating that he plans to do annual invasive species trimming/removal on that property. Trimming may impact into the town easement.

**II. New Business**

- 1. Possible Approval/Annual Town Meeting Call –** Items on the Call for the Annual Town Meeting that is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed, including two non-binding questions that have been recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a moratorium on Cannabis sale and growing. M. Nicholson moved to approve all items and the two questions and to take all to the Annual Town Meeting. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Blight Ordinance/Review & Discussion –** The current Ordinance has been distributed and reviewed. Discussion regarding a recent complaint. NDDH has sent that property owner a letter. There are a few other locations in town that are a concern. Discussion. It was felt that the current Ordinance did allow for some enforcement capability. No action at this time.
- 3. Affordable Housing Plan/Discussion –** A draft has been distributed for further review. There are grammatical and formatting revisions that need to be made before a final draft is posted on the web.

**III. Other Business**

- 1. Acceptance of ZBA Resignation/Mary Wishart –** Mary Wishart has submitted her resignation from ZBA and M. Nicholson moved to accept with regret. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Appointment ZBA/Sandy Anderson –** M. Nicholson moved to appoint Sandy Andersen to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the spot vacated by M. Wishart. This appointment to be for the remainder of the term. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 3. General Discussion –** Approximately \$1,000 has been received by the Town for the NIPS program. M. Nicholson moved to have this money go into a new fund called 'Roadside Clean-Up Fund' to be used for that purpose. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

4. **Project Updates** – The Library has begun interviewing architects for their addition. A project authorization letter has been received for the Air Line Resurfacing project and that project will start moving forward. Syl Pauley is working on the new Bulky location plans and Carter Road drainage
5. **ARPA and Infrastructure, Investment & Job Act Funds, Community Projects Applications** -. A Procurement Policy and Code of Conduct will need to be approved as a requirement of the ARPA funding. Suggested language is very similar to what is already in place. The ARPA Projects will be finalized soon. M. Nicholson is working on bundling a few of the bridge projects for submission under the Infrastructure Grant and two Community Projects Grant applications have been submitted thru Congressman Courtney's office – one for refinishing/paving on Wolf Den Drive and one for site analysis and preparation and architectural plans for a new Town Hall facility.
6. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None
7. **Enrichment Fund/Proposed Expenditure** – M. Nicholson talked about the amount of use the trails at Pomfret Forest have been getting. There has been much positive feedback received. A port-a-potty at that location during the seasonal months would be a good idea. M. Nicholson moved to approve an expenditure to not exceed \$1,000 for a port-a-potty at that location thru this year. E. Chase seconded. All in favor. She will also talk to the State about locating one at the kiosk.

#### **IV. Current Business**

1. **Citizen's Comments** – Ray Wishart commented that the Town of Thompson format for ARPA proposals was a good example.

**V. Adjournment** – E. Chase moved to adjourn and M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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