

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 6:00 PM
ON-LINE VIRTUAL MEETING**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Margie Huoppi, Ray Wishart

I. Open Special Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 6:00 PM.

II. New Business

- 1. Discussion & Possible action on funding for Taft Pond Road Bridge repair & to request Board of Finance approval of same** – M. Nicholson reviewed the status of this bridge as received from the State of CT. The rating is poor and a recent re-evaluation by the State deemed it to close. Negotiations with the DOT have allowed for passage of 3 tons which allows passenger cars but eliminates buses, ambulances, farm equipment and the like. M. Nicholson has been working with the DOT, engineers, and bridge contractors to determine a long-term remediation with limited cost to the town. Federal bridge programs take years for completion and become expensive. The State offers a program that may be reasonable. Currently \$200,000 is the best estimate for town costs in repairing this bridge to the full 36 tons as 20 to 30 year fix. M. Nicholson would like to ask the Board of Finance for a \$200,000 appropriation to be placed in a capital non-recurring fund for bridge repair and replacement. The Town appears to be returning an amount somewhat higher than that as unexpended funds with the close of fiscal year 2019/2020. Some discussion. E. Chase moved to approve a request to the Board of Finance to appropriate \$200,000 from the general fund to a new capital non-recurring fund for Bridge Repair and Replacement. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____