

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith. Also present: Two representatives from Natchaug River Young Marines and approximately 17 citizens and interested parties.

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 7:00 PM

1. Natchaug River Young Marines – Proclamation Presentation/Red

Ribbon Week – Unit Commander Couture and Marine Caldwell were present to speak about Red Ribbon Week. Marine Caldwell completed a short presentation regarding their goal to raise awareness of the problems brought about by drug use and their commitment to promoting a drug-free lifestyle. C. Baldwin read and presented Proclamation stating the Town of Pomfret's support.

2. Approve Minutes of September 19, 2016 – D. Smith moved to approve.

B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor as presented.

3. Items to Add to Agenda - None

4. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence – Jim Rivers stated that he had some questions regarding the reduction of road monies in this year's capital projects. There is a significant reduction over last year and he asked if road work was being cut or if the reduction relates to the product used on Longmeadow. C. Baldwin stated that he had discussed with Road Foreman and the roads are currently in a maintenance cycle. State Town Aid Road funds were planned for some of the projects and there was some reduction specific to the Longmeadow project in light of the product's reduced cost. Bob Andrews asked about the engineering process. Results were originally thought to be available in September. C. Baldwin stated that he has checked in periodically and they are nearing completion. A report should be available sometime this month.

II. New Business

1. Review and Possible Approval of \$2,000 offer to Town for Gainer property located at 414 Deerfield Road – B. Jessurun recused himself from discussion.

This property has been available for some time through a tax sale. There have been two recent offers on it. One in the amount of \$800 and one in the amount of \$2,000. The \$2,000 amount will cover some of the town costs and will remove the property from delinquent tax rolls. A map of the property was briefly reviewed and discussed. D. Smith motioned to accept and approve the offer of \$2,000 for the property located at 414 Deerfield Road. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. B. Jessurun abstained.

2. Review and Possible Approval: Capital Inventory Policy & Procedure – This policy formalizes a process that is already in place. This comes at the recommendation of the auditors. Brief discussion. The Board will consider and review referenced forms for possible approval at their next meeting.

III. Other Business

1. Road Issues - Eversource has recently removed some problematic pine trees on Wolf Den Road. They have also been trimming along Modock and River Road – an area where many problems have been experienced in the past. The large tree that was taken down near PCS was done and paid for by Eversource. B. Jessurun asked about the material still at the Wappaquoi Bridge. The bridge is done but a few items are still being finalized. All should be removed soon.

2. **General Discussion** – D. Smith stated that at the next Sewer Meeting she would like to see clarified who will put policy in place/ensure adherence to the various school background check policies with regard to those working on school sites. PCS has recently updated their policy.
3. **Project Updates** – C. Baldwin reported that DEEP will accept the bid specifications only in return for the easement. NECCOG will move forward with grant funding for the road crossings on the Air Line Trail. A conference call took place today with the participants. Work is being done to put the agreement with Putnam in place. The rate structure should be similar to that of Woodstock. Permitting is ongoing and PZC, Army Corp. is moving forward. The second bond anticipation note in the amount of 4.5 million is expected to be accepted tomorrow. The project does remain behind by approximately 9 months. The EOC Requirements Committee has been appointed and will hold 4 or 5 meetings before handing their concept on to a Building Committee. The extension for the Sidewalk Project has been granted. Bid packages will be ready soon with spring construction planned.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** As Attached – B. Jessurun moved to approve. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Final Review and Comment – Plan of Conservation and Development as proposed by Planning & Zoning Commission** – Input from the Agricultural Commission and Conservation Commission have been forwarded to Planning and Zoning. A Public Hearing is planned for November.

V. **Citizen's Comments** – K. Bergendahl asked about budget numbers as they relate to roads and reliance on the advice of the Road Foreman and not an engineer. Is the NECCOG engineer consulted? C. Baldwin responded that it is not typical that an engineer be consulted for road maintenance. Payments made to Surtreat were asked about. At a previous meeting it was stated that about 50% had been paid. C. Baldwin responded that all but \$1,000 has been paid. That amount was held due to some of the work the town did in preparing for the job. J. DiIorio cited a 1994 study that reiterates the common narrative that the material does soak into existing pavement by about 3/8". The identified surface product is the coal tar. This has been effective for airfields as it repels fuel. However, this leaves the most dangerous component on top. He would like to see the focus change to how to get this removed. He would also like the Board to make a statement that this product will no longer be used in town. C. Baldwin stated that the Board will have discussion regarding that request. Pam Lewerenz stated that there are two trees on Wade Road that are possible hazards and should be looked at. Gene Gerum stated that the MSDS sheet for the PDC Product states that the coal tar is inert when cured.

VI. **Adjournment** – D. Smith moved to adjourn. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____