

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.  
Also present – Jim Rivers, Debbie Thompson, JoAnn Baldwin.

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

1. **Approve Minutes of November 21, 2016** – B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

**II. New Business**

1. **Public Water Systems-Exclusive Service Area** – C. Baldwin had distributed some information to the Board regarding the State's Eastern Region Water Utility Committee and the development of Exclusive Service Area boundaries for public drinking water. He has asked Planning & Zoning Commission and Inland Wetland Commission Chairs to attend an upcoming meeting with him. These ESA boundaries are not mandatory and due to Pomfret's limited public water supplies this may prove to be unnecessary in town.
2. **Discussion-TA Grant Application for Air Line Trail crossings in concert with NECCOG/DEEP** – This Federal money is being channeled through to the State. DEEP has asked the town to consider applying for these funds to complete 7 road crossings on the Air Line Trail. If awarded the project would be managed through NECCOG but due to the funding sources the application would have to be made by a municipality. This has come up during discussions concerning the DEEP easement along the trail for the Sewer Project. The Town was to initially supply gravel to improve the trail surface – this was later changed to supplying the specifications for these crossings. CT DOT has committed to making up the 20% expected to be short in this TA funding. Should this move forward and the grant be awarded it would need to go to Town Meeting for acceptance by the Town. There was some additional discussion regarding this project.

**III. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues/Road Striping Discussion** – C. Baldwin has looked into the costs of striping on town roads which would be of significant cost to the town at over \$4200 per mile. He spoke with a past First Selectman who stated that striping was tried during the 1980's and many complaints were received from citizens. Some discussion. The initial request for this spoke specifically about Searles Road. As this is one of the largest collector roads in town the possibility and cost of striping this road – and Wrights Crossing Road as another major collector – will be further looked into. C. Baldwin stated he has received complaints regarding the rumble strip installed by the State on Route 244. B. Jessurun asked if Public Works can

look into installing a guardrail along a stretch of Gary School Road at #68. There is a drop-off there and it's been reported to him that two cars have recently flipped over along this stretch and onto private frontage.

2. **General Discussion** – C. Baldwin reported that on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> he and the Longmeadow Committee will be traveling to the lab at UMass Dartmouth to investigate research being done there regarding rejuvenators. After the visit he will compile input from those attending for distribution. B. Jessurun asked if the First Selectman's office has received anything concerning fracking waste. There has been no mention of this coming into the Town Hall. He also asked about expected added costs to the Town with Woodstock Academy's purchase of the Hyde School. No projections yet but Woodstock Academy will complete a presentation outlining the impacts of this purchase at the next Board of Education meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Project Updates** – Bids for the Firehouse Extension will be opened tomorrow and the committee will review tomorrow evening. The Needs Committee is still working on the EOC building project.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, COC, \$184.96 – B. Jessurun moved to approve. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

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

1. **Review and Comment – Plan of Conservation and Development as proposed by Planning & Zoning Commission** – A draft dated December 1, 2016 was distributed to the Board. This version has incorporated comments received by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Board will review and plan for a Special Meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss/accept this document, allowing PZC to potentially adopt at their meeting of December 21<sup>st</sup>.

- V. Citizen's Comments** – Debbie Thompson stated a number of concerns held by herself and a number of her Holmes Road neighbors concerning the sewer project and the impact along that section of the trail. There is a large amount of water that collects in that area and she wanted to ensure there would be limited disruption of the area. C. Baldwin will put her in touch with the Project Manager who can address her concerns and visit the area to be advised of concern locations by the citizens. J. Rivers asked the Board to consider the POCD carefully as it often can become a jumping-off point for more conditions and stringencies concerning zoning. These conditions often become prohibitively expensive to applicants. Some discussion.

- VI.** Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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