

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith. Also present – Jorge Martinez, Liz Cartier, Kate Cerrone, Susan Imschweiller, Maureen Nicholson, and 3 or 4 other citizens and interested parties.

Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 7:02 PM.

- 1. Approve Minutes of September 18, 2017** – 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. Natchaug River Young Marines – Red Ribbon Week and Proclamation Presentation** – B. Jessurun moved to approve the Proclamation naming Red Ribbon Week as October 23rd thru October 31st. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Capital Inventory Policy Revision-Review & Possible Approval** – This revision replaced the approved policy of 11/7/2016. The revision adds a section on Capital Assets and depreciation as had been indicated by the auditors. B. Jessurun moved to approve and D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues/Portable Speed Radar Signs/Wrights Crossing Road** – C. Baldwin stated that he has received many complaints from citizens regarding excessive speeding on local roads. He was looking into portable speeding signs that could be moved to different locations in town. They would indicate the speed limit and the speed of the oncoming vehicle. Software would provide reports of the same if desired. B. Jessurun asked about the completion of the Longmeadow project and it's total cost – which came in at approximately \$500,000.
- 2. General Discussion** – Plans have been submitted to the State for crosswalks with crossing lights at Pomfret and Rectory Schools. The schools will pay the expense. Eversource will be upgrading the street lights to LED's. B. Jessurun stated he has received many favorable comments on the sidewalk.
- 3. Project Updates** – The roof and walls are up on the Firehouse addition. DEEP still has not granted the easement for the sewer line on the Air Line Trail. They are asking for more detail on bridge designs before doing so. Another bond anticipation note has been taken for this project which should run through the construction stage. The Building Committee for the EOC is ready to hire an architect. The grants for this project have been extended. The sidewalk is completed and under DOT review. Plans for the library parking lot addition have been approved by Wetlands and Planning. An alternative plan has been brought forward as well that, if used, would need approvals by those Committees. This would likely delay

the project until spring. C. Baldwin will review with Library Board to determine their preference.

4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
5. **Determination of Special Town Meeting Date and Approval of Articles** – C. Baldwin stated that there were a number of items that needed to be addressed at Town Meeting including the acceptance of easements from the State from the Covell Road bridge project, acceptance of the Transportation Alternatives Grant for Air Line Trail crossings, ratification of a Resolution accepting a grant for capital improvements at Seely-Brown Village, and a Resolution to allow the Board of Selectmen to apply for, and accept, grants through the remainder of the fiscal year. B. Jessurun moved to approve items to a Special Town Meeting Call and to schedule that meeting on October 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM at PCS Cafeteria. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Discussion/Possible Approval – Financial Policy Regarding FY End Procedures and Requirements** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
2. **Citizen's Comments** – J. Martinez asked if the auditors have reviewed the proposed Financial Policy. C. Baldwin stated that they had. M. Nicholson asked if the entire Board of Finance has had an opportunity to review the policy. She also asked who would be picking up the portable speeding signs and how often and whether the town could partner with another town to save on the costs, possibly applying for a grant to cover the balance. She also asked about the engineering costs for the sidewalk. The Town has not yet been billed for those services. M. Nicholson also stated that if the island were removed from the library parking design additional spaces could be added.

V. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____