

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Ford Fay

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

1. **Approve Minutes of December 17, 2018** - E. Chase moved to approve minutes as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add to New Business #3 a possible approval of Weiss and Hale as depository as requested by Town Treasurer. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Ford Fay asked if any action is expected after the Executive Session. No action is anticipated.

II. New Business

1. **Reappointments – IWWC and EPDC** – M. Nicholson moved to re-appoint Walter Hinchman and Joseph Stoddard to 5 year terms on the Economic, Planning & Development Commission. E. Chase seconded. Nick Gardner and Brendan Larkin are not seeking reappointment which will leave several vacant seats with this Commission. All in favor. M. Nicholson moved to re-appoint Paul Safin and David St. Martin to the Inland Wetlands Commission for 4-year terms. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Handbook – Review and Initial Discussion** – The Employee Handbook was briefly reviewed and a few improvements discussed. The current booklet has not been updated in several years and some revisions need consideration. Discussion will continue in the coming months.
3. **Possible Approval: Weiss and Hale as Town Depository** – Morgan Stanley has notified the town that it will no longer service government entity accounts. The Treasurer's Office has requested that Weiss & Hale be approved as a depository. She would then transfer the Morgan Stanley funds to Weiss and Hale. So moved by E. Chase. Seconded by P. McCarthy. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – There were no local road issues. It was noted that the new State guardrails on Route 44 are very close to the road edge.
2. **General Discussion** – The energy study has been completed and findings will be reported to the Board of Finance at their next meeting. The library expansion grant has been awarded and the Board is currently interviewing fund raisers. The completion of their parking lot has been delayed due to the weather. The town webpage has a new look and is now compatible with phones and tablets.
3. **Project Updates** – There are some walls and trusses up at the EOC. The Sewer work along the Air Line has been suspended for the winter. The pump stations are being built off-site. M. Nicholson will attend a meeting with the State on Friday regarding bridge design for the TAP Grant.

- 4. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Vault Trust, COC, \$99.58 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

- 1. Citizen's Comments** – Ford Fay asked about the status of the Conservation Commission. Ford's submitted correspondence was reviewed at an earlier meeting and consideration of Ordinance revisions for this Commission will be considered at a future meeting.

V. Executive Session – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter with herself, P. McCarthy, and E. Chase to remain present. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and Board adjourned to executive session at 7:55 PM.

- 1. Real Estate Discussion** – Board adjourned from executive session at 8:10 PM with no action taken.

VI. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. Meeting duly adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____