

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase

Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM.

1. **Approve Minutes of January 7, 2019** - P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Community Outreach expenditure to Other Business, item 5. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – M. Nicholson distributed the Fire Marshal report and a report from Access Agency indicating Pomfret activity thru past year.
4. **Employee Recognition – Above and Beyond** – These road crew employees are need on the job due to ice and freezing temperatures. This will be scheduled for another time.

II. New Business

1. **EPDC and Council on Aging Appointments** – M. Nicholson moved to appoint Martha Emilio to the Economic Planning & Development Commission for a 5-year term thru 01/01/24. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson moved to appoint Rhonda Wishart as a member of the Council on Aging for a two-year term thru 01/01/20. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Revision Approval: Policy for Protection of Criminal Justice Information & Criminal History Record Information** – Policy had been distributed for review. The change is a State required addition of an FBI Privacy Statement form. M. Nicholson moved to approve revision. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – P. McCarthy thanked the road crew for all their work during this storm amid all the ice and freezing temperatures.
2. **General Discussion** – E. Chase noted that the Agriculture Commission has been having discussions regarding the use of pesticides. He will attend their next meeting. M. Nicholson stated that the LED Efficient Lighting presentation was given to the Board of Finance at last meeting. She will discuss this more with the Superintendent of Schools before taking any action but the response from those that heard the presentation was favorable.
3. **Project Updates** M. Nicholson reported that the EOC is moving along and is still hovering at budget. The Sewer Project is on hold for the winter however they will start clearing for the pump stations soon. The Library was going to be tied in to the system but due to high connection costs a septic system is being explored. Soil tests have been completed and this looks to be a more economical option. M. Nicholson met with DEEP and DOT officials last Friday regarding the TAP Grant and to finalize plans for

the Needles Eye crossing. The DOT is optimistic that added funds will be available to complete all the desired crossings. Pomfret received news last week of three awarded trail-related grants. The Town and Audubon Center has been awarded funding for upgraded trail marking, signage and info. where town trails meet the Air Line. The Audubon will complete upgrades at Trail Wood in Hampton. Pomfret is also part of a 12-town award that will create a unified economic approach for the towns that hold part of the Air Line. NECCOG with Putnam has also been awarded funding to complete the Air Line connection to the River Trail in Putnam.

4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Core Logic, O/P, \$1,573.65 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
5. **Community Outreach & Enrichment Fund Discussion/Expenditure** – M. Nicholson stated that the Green Team is completing a display for the Town Hall cases and needed backing boards for the cases. These will add versatility to these cases over time. The total cost is \$252.96. E. Chase moved to approve the expenditure from this fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson also stated that the Public Library has asked for up to \$1,000 in seed money for their building expansion project. This would be a one-time expenditure from this fund and would eliminate a need to add it to the tax base. No action is required at this time but may come up a future meeting.

IV. Current Business

1. **Discussion: Conservation Commission Ordinance** – This Ordinance was discussed briefly. A reduction in Commission members from eleven to six or seven members was considered. Duties listed in this Ordinance will be looked at to ensure adherence to State Statutes and further discussed at a later meeting. No action taken at this time.
2. **Citizen's Comments** - None

V. Executive Session – Session not necessary. Item was discussed in open meeting.

1. **Real Estate Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that if grant funding comes through this 141-acre parcel will be purchased with the State. The minimum State contribution would be approximately half of the total price. This will be brought forward again for expenditure and Town Meeting approvals once the outcome of the grant application is known.

VI. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____