

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase.
Also present: Mary Eliza Kimball, Linda Timman

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of January 22, 2019** - E. Chase moved to approve. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** - None
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. Homeland Security Grant Program/Resolution Approval** – M. Nicholson read Resolution to record. This allows for the execution of any documents relating to Homeland Security Grants. M. Nicholson moved to approve. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – Icy conditions have been more difficult this year than past years due to the large amount of ground water seeping onto road edges.
- 2. General Discussion** – Eversource has submitted their plan for spring tree trimming. They will be working primarily along Routes 101/44. Bulky Waste dates have been determined for 2019 and will be posted on the web. Household Hazardous Waste will be scheduled for some time in late summer or early fall. The Green Team has completed a recycling display at the Town Hall. They are running their winter movie series again this year and the dates are available on the web page. The budget survey has been posted on-line and will be available throughout the month of February. The Open Space grant application has been completed and submitted to the State. Documents have been signed for the LED lighting switch. The Economic Planning & Development Commission hosted the first Branding Study meeting last week with a subsequent meeting to be scheduled soon.
- 3. Project Updates** – The pump stations for the Sewer Project are underway. The pipe work is on hold for the winter. The TAP Grant is underway. The Emergency Resource Center is up. The weather has slowed things somewhat.
- 4. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Donald Hynes, COC, \$65.63 – P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

- 1. Citizen's Comments** – Eliza Kimball asked about the possible discontinuation of the Pomfret Times. It is nice to have this local paper. Some discussion.
- 2. Preliminary Budget Discussion** – Budget requests have come back from the various town departments and numbers will be available for discussion at the next meeting. The Board of Education has been quoted a 13% increase in health insurance premiums. Options are being looked at. Other significantly large items that will need consideration this year are a truck purchase for Public Works and an additional per student cost at Woodstock Academy to cover facility repairs. The budget has remained very lean year over year. Some increases this year will be impossible to avoid. Some discussion.

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____