

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Pomfret Constables and Peter Mann.

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

- 1. Approve Minutes of July 15, 2019 & July 25, 2019 -** E. Chase moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda -** None
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence -** None

II. New Business

- 1. Discussion with Pomfret Town Constables –** M. Nicholson stated she was glad to have the group together. She thanked Jen and Bill for working what seemed to be the hottest days of the year at Bulky Waste. She met with Richard Dunn before his retirement and would like to continue following up on that discussion. Issues and discussion are welcome tonight. There was some confusion with the October Bulky Waste dates – it is scheduled for October 11th and 12th which conflicts with Lapsley Orchard events and many constables will be needed to cover both. Uniform and supply concerns were discussed. The radio batteries are an issue and although they have their own bandwidth they cannot hear the Fire Dept. – could be an issue during emergencies. Discussion regarding this and the need for new batteries. New red and blue lights have been ordered. Constable ID cards are needed. Those previously issued are very old. J. Traynor brought up traffic certification. M. Nicholson has spoken with Woodstock and others to conduct training. The Woodstock Fair is offering this training this year. Training is also available on-line. M. Nicholson will investigate combined training with highway department through current insurance agent. CPR Training is also needed. Ample notice from the 3 schools before an event would be helpful in terms of scheduling. Letters from the Selectmen's office regarding the use of lights have been mailed. Also discussed vehicle signs or license plate headers. N. Gardner mentioned that while working with State Troopers they had mentioned the town looking into a surplus vehicle with a light bar to be used for Constable work. Insurance could also be an issue while using personal vehicles. Some discussion. The new ERC building will have an office for Constables. Some discussion regarding uniforms and the use of uniform shorts. Weather could dictate this. Uniform needs were discussed. M. Nicholson will get a contact list out to all Constables and radio call numbers. Pay requests and how best to process was discussed. Further suggestions can be directed to the Selectmen. Quarterly meetings were discussed.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues –** E. Chase has spoken with John Hopkins regarding plugged up pipe. He suggested a tool that could be used to break down the sand

while the Fire Dept. flushes it. Some discussion. Hiring an outside source to complete this may also be beneficial. Freedley Road ongoing concerns were also discussed. E. Chase asked about completing a site-line inventory. Issues with the mower have created an ongoing challenge this summer in keeping site-lines open. A new mower is being investigated and will be going out to bid. Road work done to date looks good. Further chip sealing and tree cutting will be scheduled.

2. **General Discussion** – A few dumping incidents have been reported. The town is working with DEEP in picking some of this up. Vehicle plates that were reported are from Massachusetts. The Pomfret Horse and Trail held their first ride from the Recreation Park. All went well. The Frankfurter property will close soon. A ribbon cutting schedule is scheduled for the Garden Gate. WLT has been given some information regarding a few landlocked pieces. CCM Policy committees are available if either would like to attend. New Assessor is in place and applications have been received for the Assistant Town Clerk. Tina Corriveau is also working out great in that office.
3. **Project Updates** – Sidewalk extension has been completed. Syl Pauley will be meeting with DOT to complete what is necessary for ramps. Sheet rock is going up in the ERC. Info. has been distributed regarding the proposal from NECCOG and the environmental depot. Reviewed and discussed. Two text amendments have gone into Planning & Zoning. Agriculture uses and Bulky Waste are addressed. Project authorization letter has been received from the DOT regarding the TAP Grant. Construction should go out to bid in August.
4. **Discussion/Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Agreement** - Tabled
5. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – Moved and seconded to approve as presented. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** - None

V. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____