

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also present: John Dinsdale, Ambulance Service.

**I. Regular Meeting**

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes July 7, 2014** – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by M. Nicholson. P. Mann moved to approve minutes of July 7<sup>th</sup>. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add ‘Ambulance Discussion’ to New Business, #1. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Dinsdale, as head of the Pomfret Ambulance Service, had numerous comments and concerns regarding the service and the ability to maintain it. The number of qualified EMT’s, as well as the number of available equipment drivers, is diminishing – with availability especially difficult during the daytime hours. Ultimately he would like a long-term plan on how the service can continue. Much discussion and questions and answers continued. Ultimately the choices for the Ambulance Service at this point break down to: Shut down entirely and use Mutual Aid, Transition to a paid service that would be available 24/7., Transition to a partial paid/partial volunteer service. A meeting is scheduled July 24<sup>th</sup> with the Ambulance Executive Board, Fire Chief, and the Selectmen are welcome to attend.

**II. Current Business**

1. **Update: Nutmeg Network/Cemetery Maintenance** – M. Nicholson reported that the costs for the Nutmeg Network have decreased somewhat – but the fees are still way too high to make this cost effective for the Town. At this point it appears that the best course of action is to decline the grant and keep current network. There is no update to the Cemetery Maintenance issue at this point. M. Nicholson plans to meet with the various Cemetery Associations for input/discussion.
2. **Constable Vacancy** – Tabled to another time. No discussion yet with possible candidate.
3. **Discussion: Farmer’s Market** – There is a continuing interest and discussion regarding a Farmer’s Market in Town. M. Nicholson has asked the Agricultural Commission to look into this. Zoning at this point would not allow an outdoor market and a change would require a text amendment.

**III. New Business**

1. **Ambulance Discussion:** Covered during Citizen’s Comments I.3.

**IV. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – Some roads are being marked to do pavings. The mowing is ongoing all season and they are widening shoulders. B. Jessurun stated that he has received comments regarding the highway department's fast response to requests.
2. **General Discussion** – The Murdock property is now being locked. The Boy Scouts have been asked to notify the town when access to the campsite is planned. A schematic has been done regarding the proposed EOC. A meeting is scheduled for late in July.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** - None
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Ralph G. Somers, Jr., O/P, \$8.36; Rebecca Patenaude, COC, \$227.84; Robert Publicover, COC, \$9.77; Marguerite A. Belliveau, COC, \$59.68; Steven J. Bullied, COC, \$121.43; Kris E. Thompson, COC, \$10.96 – B. Jessurun moved to approve. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

V. **Citizen's Comments** – J. Dinsdale thanked the Board for their time.

VI. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_