

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also present: Gail and Bob McElroy, Sybil Williams.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes July 21, 2014 & August 11, 2014** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of July 21st and August 11th. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications**- S. Williams stated her thanks for the flag.

II. Current Business

1. **Acceptance of Resignation** – Resignation from Senior Advocate Commission received from Sue LaRose as she has moved out of Town. M. Nicholson moved to accept with regret and to send a letter of thanks. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
2. **Possible Appointments: Constable, SAC, EPDC** – M. Nicholson moved to appoint William Wolfe as Constable to fill vacant position that runs through to November 17, 2015. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson moved to appoint Gail McElroy as a regular member of SAC to fill Sue LaRose's place, and to appoint Debbie Thompson as an alternate on that Commission to replace Gail's spot. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson moved to appoint both Brendan Larkin and Bethany Brockmeyer as alternate members of the Economic Planning and Development Commission. Some discussion regarding the requirement to be a registered voter before serving on a Town Board. P. Mann moved to amend the motion to ensure they are registered voters in town before being sworn in. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. All in favor of appointments with amendment.

III. New Business

1. **Rental Income for Leased Fields to Land Acquisition: Possible Action** – M. Nicholson stated that Miller has offered payment for leased fields and she would propose the income for fields leased from the Town go into the 'Land Acquisition Fund'. So moved by B. Jessurun. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Sharpe Hill Vineyard: Fees Due & Town Obligation** – J. Rabbitt provided some services for this property owner some time ago and has billed \$550. She proposed that the Town pay this fee as too much time has passed to bill the parties involved. So moved by P. Mann. Seconded by B. Jessurun. All in favor.

3. **K. Huff:Release of Sign Bond \$270** – M. Nicholson stated that this bond had been required by the Planning and Zoning Commission some time ago. The sign is no longer there and she moved that the Town return the full amount – that stands at \$310.08 at this point – to Kevin Huff. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
4. **Pomfret Sewer Update** – M. Nicholson and Weston and Sampson met with the DEEP some time ago to discuss details of the Sewer project going along the Air Line Trail. The DEEP at that time was asking for extensive work on the trail be done by the Town as the line was put in. The request was cost prohibitive to the project. They met again a week ago and the DEEP has revised their request to include just grading, base course, and some clearing. The estimated cost is about \$300,000 which would be paid for from the USDA monies that are part of this Sewer Project. Some discussion. The project is now planned to follow the Air Line Trail into Putnam.
5. **Young Marines Proclamation: Red Ribbon Week** – The Young Marines are seeking a proclamation that supports ridding communities of illegal drug use. Red Ribbon Week would run from October 23rd thru October 31st to show support of this initiative. B. Jessurun moved to approve proclamation recognizing Red Ribbon Week. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. The Young Marines will be invited to a subsequent meeting to receive the signed Proclamation.

IV. Other Business

6. **Road Issues** – Some discussion regarding River Road and an apparent drop in the roadway toward Putnam. The highway department is still working on the re-surfacing project and have not completed all work. King's Highway was briefly discussed and some suggestions that have been made by residents. There are no plans at this time to change the current status of this road. B. Jessurun asked about the tree and wires that came down on Quassett Road. The highway department typically tries to help with downed trees. In this case, and any time there are wires down, they leave it to CL&P in order to ensure there are no live wires involved.
7. **General Discussion** - P. Mann asked about the proposed EOC. The Platt property closed last Thursday. M. Nicholson is to meet with Algonquin Gas as they are planning a line expansion. The Building group met and is working on meeting with some of the Steel Building companies in order to explore those options. Some discussion regarding the Fire/Ambulance possible separation. The Ambulance Service has decided to contract with KB Ambulance. M. Nicholson noted that correspondence has been received from the State regarding their final audit that was done by an accounting firm for the Covell Road Bridge. The State overpaid their reimbursement to the Town in the amount of \$ 8,628. And are requesting payment. The Covell Road Bridge line item has monies left over so this money can be paid from that fund. So moved by P. Mann. Seconded by B. Jessurun. All in favor to pay balance from that fund. M. Nicholson stated

that the recent water quality test was positive for coliform. It is recommended that the system be re-shocked and re-tested. The Fire Marshal has recently inspected Seely-Brown and PCS and found that it's been 10 years since the last inspection.

8. Pistol Permits Issued: Jamie Mackey, 188 Peterson Road, 8/6/14; Jan Szela, 469 Taft Pond Road, 8/12/14; Ryan Bergeron, 109 Jericho Road, 8/26/14 – Noted for record.

9. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

V. Citizen's Comments – Sybil Williams asked where the sewer line will meet with the Air Line Trail. She also suggested that the Young Marines put up the flags at the cemeteries.

VI. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date Approved_____