

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also present: Ken Kristal, BOF Chair

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes September 15, 2014 – M.

Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda – M. Nicholson proposed adding formal approval of Tech Park buy-in and signature authorization to Current Business, item 1 and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Depository Approval to New Business, item 5. So moved by B. Jessurun. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

3. Citizen Participation & Communications – K. Kristal asked about the decision to pay for the Tech Park buy-in over time instead of a lump sum payment. Both options were discussed and payment over time was decided upon at the last Board of Finance meeting. The return on investments appears to be better this way and if the Town should exercise a buy-out option the full amount paid may not be recoverable. Some discussion.

II. Current Business

1. Quinnebaug Valley Technical Park share approval- This topic has been discussed at previous meetings. P. Mann moved to approve the purchase of one share in the Quinnebaug Valley Technical Park and to authorize the First Selectmen to sign any documents necessary to execute said purchase if so authorized and approved at Town Meeting. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

III. New Business

1. Review & Possible Approval of Appropriation Transfers FY2013/2014

– B. Jessurun moved to approve FY 2013/2014 Transfers as presented by the Town Treasurer. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

2. Main Street Grant Award – The Town was recently awarded \$166,000 by the State of CT through Main Street Grants for a sidewalk project that would start in the proximity of the Pomfret Public Library and continue to the Town Green. The Pomfret and Rectory Schools have committed some financial help and help in the sidewalk maintenance. The grant will eventually require acceptance at a Town Meeting.

3. Discussion:Text Amendment–Town Signs, Chamber of Commerce Signs – Chamber of Commerce signs and some of the Town signs cannot be put up as they are larger than Zoning Regulations allow. The school would also like to put up a Community School sign in front of their stone

wall. M. Nicholson will get some of the proposed language to the Board for future discussion.

4. **Discussion:Proposed General Government Reserve Fund/Projected Fund Balance** – P. Mann stated that years ago the Board of Finance established a Designated Surplus Fund for the Board of Education, and through their request and approval by the Board of Finance any unspent monies at the end of a fiscal year could transfer to this fund. Its purpose was designed to be primarily Capital Expenses. He would like to see any money they turn back continue to go into that fund. M. Nicholson stated that this year they are turning back approximately \$93,000. Not all of it has to go into this fund. She does plan to ask the Board of Finance to consider a similar fund for the General Government budget. The Town is faced with an aging infrastructure and problems continue to come up. Many of these can be budgeted for but expensive, unexpected items can come up in a number of areas. Brief discussion.
5. **Depository Approval: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney** – This approval by the Board was requested by the Treasurer. Some discussion. Item tabled until next meeting to allow the Board time to have some discussion with her regarding this firm.

IV. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – M. Nicholson is looking into the weight limit on the Wrights Crossing Road bridge in response to recent complaints about truck traffic. She has spoken with Barnes and they have no current projects that would take trucks repeatedly over this road.
2. **General Discussion** – B. Jessurun stated he received a call of concern regarding news of a PCS student and assaults that occurred several years ago. M. Nicholson stated that this happened years ago and the current Administrator at the school has gone through all the old files and there are no records of complaint. B. Jessurun stated that he had a conversation with John Frank who does not agree with the separation of Emergency Services. M. Nicholson stated that the Economic Planning & Development Commission has completed their Town Business Directory and posted it on-line.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:None**
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached - None**

V. Citizen's Comments - None

- VI. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____