

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.  
Also present: As attached.

**I. Regular Meeting**

**1. Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes of December 21, 2015 –**  
Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by C. Baldwin. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of December 21, 2015. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

**2. Items to Add to Agenda –** C. Baldwin stated that he would like to add 'Approval of Resolution as requested by DEEP to complete borings on Air Line Tail as part of the Sanitary Sewer Project' to Current Business, item 1. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

**3. Citizen Comments –** Paul Miller stated that he had some concerns with regard to Town land that is leased out and a few other comments. Mr. Miller provided a brief history of his time in the area. He stated that he has been farming the McLaughlin property for approximately 20 years. He signed a lease agreement for this property a number of years ago that included a fee payable to the town. The lease has recently been signed with another party. He had not been notified the lease would not renew with him, he has paid the costs for lime and fertilizer in anticipation of the upcoming season that needs to be recouped. He provided some additional information concerning other land parcels in town that he farms and/or owns. He also had some concerns with a Solar Array going onto the Murdock Property as this is prime agricultural soil. D. Morissette stated that he is a retired dairy farmer in town. He currently rents his land to Mr. Miller. He felt it was unfair to sign a lease with one individual and put the other town parcels out to bid.

**II. New Business**

**1. TEEG Presentation/Discussion – Donna Grant –** Donna Grant, Executive Director with TEEG, distributed a report that indicated the services they provide to the town. She provided an overview of these services as well as the additional support that they have been supplying to the Senior Center.

D. Smith then moved to add 'Correspondence' to the agenda under New Business, item 5. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

**2. ZBA Appointment: Bob Andrews to Regular Member –** D. Smith moved to appoint Bob Andrews from an alternate to a regular member of the ZBA to fill the vacated term through 11/21/17. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

**3. ZBA Appointment: Allison Gardner – Alternate –** D. Smith moved to appoint Allison Gardner as an alternate member of the ZBA to fill the vacant seat with a term running through 11/16/21. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

**4. Resolution Approval: Town Clerk's Application – State Elections Enforcement Commission's Municipal Filing Pilot Program –** C. Baldwin provided some background regarding what the State is doing. B.

Jessurun moved to approve Resolution as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

5. **Correspondence** – C. Baldwin reviewed a letter submitted to the Board of Selectmen from Brad Beeler regarding the Selectmen's disbandment of a Building Committee that was to work on the Firehouse Addition. The District can appoint a committee if they so desire. He will respond to Mr. Beeler in writing. He also reviewed a letter from Tim McNally regarding the ZBA appointments and the movement of a newly elected alternate into a regular member seat instead of a long-time member. The appointments were reviewed with the Board Chair and were done based on his recommendation. The letter also questioned P. Mann's endorsement of previous Commission candidates before they were named.

### **III. Current Business**

1. **Resolution for DEEP/Borings along Air Line Trail** – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

### **IV. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – B. Jessurun asked about the status of the Grosvenor Road project. Someone has asked him about a tree being cut. The road has not yet been done. M. Nicholson offered that all of the trees that needed to be cut for this project have been cut.
2. **General Discussion** – C. Baldwin provided an update regarding the Sewer Project. He also stated that the 2016 Bulky Waste dates have been set for April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Some discussion about the site.
3. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached - None**

**V. Citizen's Comments** – P. Miller asked if abutters to the Air Line Trail will be notified of the borings. Anything necessary would be coordinated by the design engineers. He also asked if he should send a bill to the Town for his costs to lime and fertilize the McLaughlin property this past fall. He should. M. Nicholson asked if anything has been done regarding the Solar Array project. One bid was received by the attorney handling this. The State RFP is not expected to come out until February or March. She also asked if a Household Hazardous Waste Day has been scheduled. Not at this time. Some discussion regarding past consideration of Nora Lane for this site. P. Mann commented that the end of Nora Lane is currently the only viable location for commercial growth. M. Nicholson asked about the McLaughlin lease details. This was written the same as the previous lease.

**V. Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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

**Board of Selectmen****Meeting Date:****ATTENDEES - PLEASE SIGN IN IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME****INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES**1 Pete B. Mann2 Samuel Benham3 Paul Miller4 Diane Miller5 Jessie Marquette6 Sybil Williams7 Bettie Brack8 MONIQUE CHRON-KRUE9 Linda Timman10 Arne Miller11 Donna Grant

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