

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 AT 6:30 PM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER  
With BOARD OF FINANCE, BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith and citizens as attached.**

**I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 6:30 PM.**

1. **Discussion with BOF and BOE regarding Sewer Project** – C. Baldwin stated that there were a few sticking points in the agreements being drafted for the Sewer Project that he wanted to review and discuss with the parties involved and Board members. If and when Pomfret Community School may need to tie-in to this system there would be capital costs to the Town. He provided a review of what these costs could be should the septic system at PCS fail. The cost reduces over time and would not ever be necessary should the system continue functioning over the projected life of 20+ years. He was seeking input from the Boards regarding their understanding of these costs should they ever become necessary. R. Griswald with Loos & Co. and B. Bullied with Pomfret School both stated that these costs have been indicated in the agreements for some time and felt the understanding had been that no use by PCS would indicate no cost to PCS but a cost would be fair if the school were using the system. Board of Finance and Education members agreed that they had not been aware of these potential costs but understood why the liability was there. They asked for some time to confirm the expected life of the current PCS system, investigate the cost to replace a septic system, and review the agreements and a break-out of potential annual costs to the town should tying in ever become necessary. It was felt this could be done before the agreements were signed and still meet the anticipated construction schedule. R. Schad, BOE Chair, also asked that the engineers be made aware of regular communication with the school as construction begins on that property as summer school takes place and students are still on the premises.  
There was no further discussion and meeting broke for a 5 minutes recess at 7:05 PM.

2. **Approve Minutes of February 23, 2016** – Meeting reconvened at 7:10 PM and B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of February 23, 2016. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen Participation and Communications** – C. Baldwin read a letter from Ann Hinchman into the record with regard to Seely-Brown Village and the grant application previously discussed. She has spoken with Peter Sanborn, Community Opportunities Group, and they have decided that time is not sufficient to submit an application this spring. They

plan to postpone until next year and will then ask the Selectmen to again agree to the application costs to the town. The Board was in agreement with this and will continue to support this application.

## **II. New Business**

1. **Review and Possible Approval: 2016 Small Cities Grant Application and Joint Community Application Agreement** – This renews the annual agreement between Pomfret and Hampton. C. Baldwin asked for a motion to approve ‘to participate in a 2016 Small Cities CDBG Grant Application to the Connecticut Department of Housing to continue the Hampton Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program, and authorize the First Selectman to sign the Joint Application Cooperation Agreement.’ So moved by B. Jessurun. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Appointment: Agriculture Commission – Bill Wood** – C. Baldwin asked for a motion to approve the following appointments: Bill Wood from alternate to regular member, filling the vacancy opened by Mr. Beeler’s passing. Term to run until 5/1/16. Dan Nagy to an alternate position filling that vacated by B. Wood. Term to run until 5/1/17, and Lance Sistare to an alternate position filling the vacancy from Ellsworth Chase’s resignation. Term to run until 5/1/18. B. Jessurun moved to approve as listed. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. **Right of Way Clearing at ‘Old’ Holmes Road (discontinued): Discussion and letter to Abutters** – C. Baldwin presented a map done some time ago showing an easement to the town along a discontinued section of Holmes Road that allowed for passage of bike riders, horseback riders, and hikers. He was proposing that the town clear out that section as it has become overgrown and to notice the abutters of the same. So moved by B. Jessurun. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

## **III. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – None. C. Baldwin commented that the Highway crew did a great job during the last storm that produced heavy winds and many trees down. Emergency Management and responders also did a great job. Information was shared by all and forwarded to Eversource in an efficient manner.
2. **General Discussion** – C. Baldwin stated that the cost to re-surfacing Longmeadow will be greatly reduced due to a newer re-surfacing material. This is a planned project but the town should now realize significant savings.
3. **Project Updates** – Sewer Project was discussed earlier. There has been no additional news from the attorney that received the proposal for the solar array. A copy of the proposal has been received by the Town.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements**: As Attached – The one large amount is due to a double payment made in error by this company. This O/P is reimbursing the excess. B. Jessurun moved to approve. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

#### **IV. Current Business**

- 1. Discussion and Possible Approval: Proposed General Government Budget FY 2016/2017** – The few changes discussed at the last meeting have been reflected along with a few other small things. The budget now represents a reduction of .44% or (\$11,185). B. Jessurun moved to approve the proposed General Government budget for FY 2016/2017 as presented. D. Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.

**V. Citizen's Comments** – P. Mann stated that he would like to thank Ken Kristal and the Board of Finance for building the town's reserve fund. He also asked about the Informational Session at the Senior Center tomorrow night. Is this a Town project? It is not. It is a private project but the company completing the work wanted to inform the town about this project. It will be a benefit to the Town. K. Kristal asked why there was no money in the budget this year for the Putnam Tech Park. There has been no movement on that project as yet and there will be no payment due in the upcoming fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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