

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Nick Stein

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:05 am.

- 1. Approve Minutes of February 4, 2019** - E. Chase moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** - None
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Nick Stein stated that there is legislation in Hartford that will likely be approved regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana. He has been approaching area towns to alert them that appropriate changes to local Zoning Regulations or ordinances that would allow for growing would encourage cannabis manufacturing investors to look to the area. The opportunity for creating jobs as well as significant tax dollars to Connecticut towns exist with the passing of this State legislation. Some discussion followed and the Board felt they would need additional information to bring these ideas forward to Pomfret residents for their input and discussion.

II. New Business

- 1. IWWC Appointment** – M. Nicholson moved to appoint Alex Howe as an alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission. This appointment until Jan. 1, 2022. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. USDA Recommended Sewer Project Subsequent Loan/Grant \$500,000/Possible Approval** – The Sewer Project currently has a contingency line of 2 ½%. The USDA and Weston & Sampson recommend a contingency closer to 11% and have recommended applying for an additional \$500,000. It is likely that a certain percentage of this amount would come in as grant funding. The Board of Finance and Town Meeting approvals would both be necessary. M. Nicholson moved to apply for the \$500,000 from the USDA for the Sanitary Sewer Project. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Conservation Commission Ordinance Revisions/Possible Approval** – M. Nicholson moved to approve an amendment to this ordinance to indicate a total of 6 members on this commission and 2 alternates. Three members would be appointed for a 4-year term and three members for a 3-year term. A quorum would consist of 4. E. Chase seconded. A citizen had earlier requested a 5-member board but a quorum of 3 seemed too low. All in favor of amendment to ordinance. This will need approval at a future Town Meeting.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – None
- 2. General Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that she had an RFP ready to go out for a Solar array on the Murdock property.
- 3. Project Updates** – The ERC is briefly stalled but will pick-up again within a few weeks. The pump stations for the Sewer Project is moving along.

4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None
5. **Community Outreach Expenditures – Recycling Mailing and Library Request** – The library has requested \$1500 in ‘seed money’ for their library expansion project. This will also need Board of Finance approval. \$38.94 was expended for recycling flyer mailings. M. Nicholson moved to approve both and to bring the \$1500 to the BOF. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen’s Comments** - None
2. **Preliminary Budget Discussion** – Preliminary numbers have been plugged in for the upcoming year, but some refinement is necessary. The budget has been relatively flat for so long that it is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid over-all increases. Some discussion.

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____