

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Anne Miller and JoAnn Scheneil with TEEG, Nick Stein, Ray Wishart, Ann and Walter Hinchman, John Ryan.

- I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM.
- 1. Approve Minutes of February 19, 2019** - E. Chase moved to approve as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
 - 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Approval of additional TAP Grant Funds to New Business, #5; Transfers to New Business, #6 and move Special Town Meeting to #7. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
 - 3. Citizen’s Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

- 1. Recreation Appointment** – M. Nicholson moved to appoint Jennifer Hudock to the Recreation Commission. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Girl Scout Week Proclamation** – M. Nicholson read a Proclamation of Girl Scout Day to the record and moved to proclaim March 12, 2019 as Girl Scout Day. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Nick Stein – Cannabis Legalization Business Opportunity** – Nick Stein introduced himself and provided a hand-out that outlined benefits of the cannabis cultivation industry. Legalization legislation looks likely to pass in Hartford. He was proposing consideration of cultivation only in warehouse-type buildings within a Commercial/Industrial zone. The opportunity of raising much in tax dollars exists with this industry and would create a good number of local, well-paying jobs. CT regions that are ready for this if/when legislation is passed will have the advantage in attracting these businesses. Some discussion.
- 4. TEEG Presentation** – Ann Miller, Executive Director with TEEG spoke about the local services TEEG offers and some of the funding of the same. She also provided an overview of what TEEG offers at the Pomfret Senior Center. Brief discussion followed.
- 5. TAP Grant/Additional Funding** – M. Nicholson moved to accept up to 3 million dollars in additional grant funding for Transportation Alternatives Project. P. McCarthy seconded. This will allow for completion of more of the culverts and grade crossings for this project. All in favor.
- 6. Capital Transfers** – M. Nicholson provided a list of capital projects that are completed yet still hold a balance or deficit. These transfers will zero these funds out and will start the new fiscal year clean. P. McCarthy moved to approve and E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
- 7. Special Town Meeting/Possible Approval of date & items on Call** – M. Nicholson stated that she was considering March 28th at 6:30 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center for a Special Town Meeting to consider the previously approved Conservation Commission Ordinance and \$500,000 additional Sewer Project funding as well as the Capital Transfers and

additional TAP Funding and moved approval of the same. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – The gate blocking Wolf Den Road is partially opened. The logging project at the bottom of Murdock Road is creating much run-off that is freezing in front of the post office and alongside of the road.
- 2. General Discussion** – E. Chase attending the last Agriculture meeting and they will check the State statutes regarding spray and will review use. He feels that they are on the right track for some type of action. The RFP has gone out for solar on the Murdock property. The Senior Center heating/electric bills have gone up by 100%-160%. Some, but not all, of this is due to heat in the basement. The generator at the Center did not kick on when power was lost last week. This is the second time that this has happened.
- 3. Project Updates** – The library septic will go under the new parking lot. Permitting will begin once the weather breaks. The EOC is stalled due to weather. They are looking into solar on the roof.
- 4. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None**

IV. Current Business

- 1. Citizen's Comments** - None
- 2. Preliminary Budget Discussion** – Expenditures as proposed for the 2019/2020 budget year were reviewed and discussed. The consensus among the Board was that the budget as presented was reasonable.

V. Adjournment – E. Chase moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____