

**TOWN OF POMFRET – MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 16, 2019
7:00 PM – POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase, Board of Finance members, Board of Education members, some staff, and approximately 70 citizens and interested parties.

- Article 1:** **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** - M. Nicholson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all and spoke briefly of displayed paintings, donated to the Town by artist Barbara Lussier, and invited all to partake of pie and coffee available on the side of the room. She then asked for nominations for moderator. Gayle McElroy nominated Walter Hinchman and Debi Thompson seconded. There were no other nominations made and move to close nominations was duly made and seconded. All in favor and all in favor of Walter Hinchman acting as moderator.
- Article 2:** **To see if the Town will consider and act upon the following resolution: “Resolved” that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation and the Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut, for the expenditure of all Highway funds under the provisions of Chapter 240 and the expenditure of all Local Capital Improvement Funds under the provisions of Chapter 7-536, CT General Statutes, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019** – W. Hinchman read Article 2 into the record. John Folsom moved to approve and Leigh Grossman seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 was approved unanimously.
- Article 3:** **To see if the Town will consider and adopt the Five-Year Local Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2019–2020 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen** – W. Hinchman read Article 3 into the record and Charlie Weedon moved to approve. Leigh Grossman seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 3 was approved unanimously.
- Article 4:** **To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Local School Fund, and Board of Education, as published by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018** – W. Hinchman read Article 4 into the record and Brett Tuttle moved to approve. Leigh Grossman seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 4 was approved unanimously.
- Article 5:** **To see if the Town will accept the following cemetery funds for perpetual care: Pomfret Cemetery Corporation: Mildred Hollister Bergeron, Yard 3, Lot 19, \$100.00; Rebecca F. Loos, Yard 3, Lots 88 & 89, \$200.00; and Craig Ryan, Yard 3, Lot 87, \$100.00; Abington Cemetery Association: Kathleen Ayers, Graves #455 & #456 deTallyrand Annex, \$200.00; Ann L. & K. Bennett Howe, Graves #452 & #453 deTallyrand Annex, \$200.00; Ronald & Cheryl Millette, Grave #454 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00; and Patrick O’Brien, Grave #167E South Annex, \$100.00** – W. Hinchman read Article 5 into the record. John Folsom moved to approve and motion was duly seconded. Michael Baum asked about who set the fees for perpetual care and if raising these fees has been considered. The Cemetery Associations set the fees and maintain the cemeteries. Article 5 approved with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 6:** **To see if the Town will approve to participate in, and serve as liason for, the Neighborhood Assistance Act, and as such approve and support the application made by CT Audubon Society for Energy Conservation Modifications at Pomfret facility as a viable project. Said application is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT** – W. Hinchman read Article 6 into the record. Tim McNally moved to approve and Leigh Grossman seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 6 was approved unanimously.
- Article 7:** **To see if the Town will approve balance transfers within capital accounts for finished projects to clear said accounts. Transfers approved by the Board of Selectmen per schedule available at the meeting and copies of which are available at the office of the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, Connecticut** – W. Hinchman read Article 7 into the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Leigh Grossman seconded and Article 7 was approved unanimously.

Article 8: **To see if the Town will adopt a total appropriation in the amount of \$12,910,381 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget with \$2,755,426 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$10,154,955 of said amount to be the Board of Education Appropriation, the same to be funded by estimated revenues as recommended by the Board of Finance. Vote to be by paper ballot as recommended by the Board of Selectmen – W.**
Hinchman read Article 8 into the record and Brent Tuttle moved to approve. Leigh Grossman seconded. Richard Galante commented on the great value offered by the school with a less than 1% increase. There were no other questions and paper ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by Pomfret Registrar Sue Devokaitis, Tax Collector Pam Gaumond, and Tax Clerk Elaine Nelson. Walter Hinchman then announced Article 8 passes with a vote count as follows:

In Favor of Article 8: 64

Opposed to Article 8: 3

Article 9: **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting –** There was no other business and meeting duly adjourned at 7:30 PM with an invitation to finish the pies.

Duly recorded: Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Attest: Cheryl A. Grist, Town Clerk