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Grants Fund 5 Electric Vehicle Chargers for Pomfret

Working with Titan Energy, a Pomfret EV Charger installation project was designed, and applications submitted for funding. One grant awarded was part of \$6 million received from a legal settlement in a Volkswagen Corporation emission cheating scandal. Pomfret was the only municipal grant recipient in the Quiet Corner for the VW funds. The second source of funding is from the Eversource EV incentive program. Together these funds will cover the total cost of the chargers.

The project will allow the town to install four dual-port, level 2 chargers and one dual-port DC fast charger in town at no cost to the town. These ports will be located at the Community Center on Mashamoquet Road, the Pomfret Town Hall on Route 44, the Pomfret Library also on Route 44, and the Pomfret Community School on Pomfret Street.

Several years ago, a double level 2 charger was installed at Town Hall with grant funds. That charger experienced a breakdown and is no longer working. Replacement parts are not available. A fast charger will replace the nonfunctioning unit. Publicly accessible Level 2 chargers will be installed at the Community Center and the Pomfret Library. Two Level 2 chargers will be installed at PCS for employees only and will not be listed on apps for public use. There will be a working group to determine the cost associated with the charging stations and the revenue that will come back to the town. Please contact First Selectman Maureen Nicholson at 860-974-0191 if you have an interest in participating.

This project is moving quickly and installation at the Community Center and Pomfret Community School should be completed before the end of the year. The Town Hall and Pomfret Library sites may take a bit longer due to the necessity for Eversource to install new poles at those sites. The existing poles are aging out.

In 2015 Volkswagen admitted to utilizing defeat devices to cheat emissions tests and deceive regulations on the state and federal level dating back to model year 2009. The deception violated the Clean Air Act and resulted in a federal civil enforcement case that brought \$55.7 million to Connecticut to fund initiatives to offset the emissions over a ten-year period. With the \$6 million in 2023, Connecticut has now invested \$35 million of the settlement in more than 100 clean air projects statewide. The money will fund a total of 54 electrical vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) projects throughout the state.



Transfer Station Construction has Begun.

Pomfret's new transfer station is showing progress! The grading of the site has begun, and construction will continue until the weather prohibits progress. Decisions will have to be made as to the days and hours the facility will be open. Look for a survey in the coming months to get your feedback to help make those decisions.

It's a New Year. Resolve to Make a Difference in Your Community.



Are you looking for a way to get involved in our community? Have you thought about volunteering for a Pomfret board or commission? A few hours a month can make a difference.

Available positions on the following boards or commissions:

Conservation Commission, Constable, Agriculture Commission, Recreation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Pomfret Community Housing Authority, Pomfret Library Board of Trustees, Volunteer Fire Department.

Call the Selectman's office for more information 860-974-0191

Town Committees will hold Caucuses in January.

Both the Democratic and Republican Town Committees will hold required caucuses to endorse and vote on the membership of those respective committees. If you are a registered Republican, you can participate in the Republican caucus to be held on Tuesday, January 9 at the Pomfret Community Center at 7 PM. If you are a registered Democrat, you can participate in the Democratic caucus to be held on Wednesday, January 10 at Grill 37 at 7 PM. If you are curious about getting involved in the Pomfret community, this could be an opportunity to introduce yourself to your party's committee membership. Town Committees nominate members of elected boards and commissions that direct and make recommendations about Pomfret's future. Education, open space, finance, conservation, history, land use, wetlands are all the subject of various volunteer board or commissions. One of these might be just right for you. Check out the Town committee of your affiliation!

