

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2023**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Patrick McCarthy, Selectman Alan Chubbuck. Also present Superintendent of Schools Michael Cummings, Principal Susan Imschweiler, members of the Board of Finance, members of the Board of Education and approximately 50 citizens and interested parties.

- Article 1:**      **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** – A motion was made and duly seconded to nominate Walter Hinchman as moderator. There were no other nominations. All in favor of Walter Hinchman 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, 2023** – Article 2 was read to the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Motion was duly seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 passed with unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 3:**      **To see if the Town will consider and adopt the Five-Year Local Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2023–2024 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen** – Article 3 was read to the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Ray Wishart seconded. There was no discussion and Article 3 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- 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, 2022** – Article 4 was read to the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Motion was duly seconded. There was no discussion and Article 4 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 5:**      **To see if the Town will accept the following cemetery funds for perpetual care: Pomfret Cemetery Corporation: Jill, Kayla and Saige Morin, Lots 93, 95 and 96, \$300.00; Scott Chartier, Yard 3 Lot 92, \$100.00; Thomas and Laura Aubertine, Yard 3 Lot 94, \$100.00; David, Dawn, Alex and Cooper Mayo, Yard 3 Lot 194, 195 and 196, \$300.00; Abington Cemetery Association: Bruce Hedman, #465 deTalleyrand Annex, \$100.00; Lillian Hopkins, #466 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00; Dave and Pat LaFrance, #467 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00; Kathleen Ayers, #468 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00** – Article 5 was read to the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Ray Wishart seconded. There was no discussion and Article 5 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 6:**      **To see if the Town will approve a revision to the Flood Plain Management Ordinance 60.3 (D), amended at a Special Town Meeting of September 17, 2003, in order to update said Ordinance to meet or exceed the minimum federal standards of 44 CFR 60.3 as provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as required for the Town of Pomfret to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. A copy of proposed Ordinance is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret Center** – Article 6 was read to the record and Rich Huoppi moved to approve the proposed Ordinance with an effective date of June 1, 2023. Tim McNally seconded. A man asked if there was more information available concerning the Ordinance. Copies are available in the back of the room. There was no further discussion and Article 6 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 7**      **To see if the Town will approve a revision to the Ordinance Amending Fees Payable Under State Building Code, last amended at a Special Town Meeting of April 5, 2005, in order to adjust the fees payable to the Town of Pomfret as outlined in Section 1 and Section 2 of said Ordinance and to eliminate Section 3 of said Ordinance. A copy of proposed Ordinance is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret Center** – Article 7 was read to the record and Margie Huoppi moved to approve the proposed Ordinance with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Tim McNally seconded. There was no discussion and Article 7 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.

**Article 8:**     **To see if the Town will adopt a total appropriation in the amount of \$14,411,500 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget with \$ 3,336,073 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$11,075,427 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 –**  
Article 8 was read to the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Ray Wishart seconded. Donald Dunning expressed concern with the use of undesignated funds to off-set the budget. John Boland expressed concerns regarding Carter Road and stated he would vote in favor as he was glad to see repair funding included in the proposed budget. Another man expressed concerns with drainage on Rich Road. There was no further discussion and Article 8 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.

**Article 9:**     **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting –** Walter Hinchman read Article 9 and asked if there was any other business. Donald Dunning motioned to take a vote regarding the sale of cannabis in Town. M. Nicholson stated that Planning and Zoning has scheduled a Public Hearing regarding this question next Wednesday at the Community Center. Public questions and comments will be welcome. A straw vote was still taken on this question with approximately 16 votes in favor of cultivation in town, 16 in favor of manufacturing in town, and 16 in favor of retail sales in town. There were approximately 9 voting opposed to cultivation, 11 voting opposed to manufacturing, 11 voting opposed to retail sales. Donald Dunning motioned to put the question of cannabis on the November ballot and asked for a vote regarding a new Town Hall. There was no second and a motion was duly made to adjourn the meeting. Tim McNally seconded and the Annual Town Meeting was duly adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Bonnie Ryan, Clerk

Attest: Cheryl A. Grist, Town Clerk