

**TOWN OF POMFRET – MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 17, 2021**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase.
Also present – Approximately 25 present and 30 via Zoom, citizens, board members, staff and interested parties.

Opening remarks by First Selectman Maureen Nicholson & presentation of Municipal Service Awards to staff and volunteers – Maureen Nicholson welcomed all. She introduced State Representative Patrick Boyd who was present with thirteen service citations that had been prepared thru his office and presented at the General Assembly. Citations were presented with a brief commentary of years and type of service to: Garry Brown, 12 years; Richard Dunn, 13 years; Laurie Bell, Elaine Nelson, Bonnie Ryan, 15 years; Peter Mann, 20 years; Elizabeth Cartier, Barbara Gagnon, Glenn Postemski, 25 years; Paul and JoAnn Johnson, 30 years; Muriel Mrakovich, 33 years; Cheryl Grist, 35 years; Beverly Champany, 40 years; Joseph Stoddard, 45 years; Walter Hinchman, 50 years; and Pomfret Lions Club for over 65 years of community service.

- Article 1:** **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** – E. Chase moved to nominate Ray Wishart as moderator and motion was duly seconded. There were no other nominations and nominations were duly closed. All in favor of Ray Wishart as nominator.
- 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, 2021** – Article 2 was read into record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Margie Huoppi seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 passed with a 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 2021–2022 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen** – Article 3 was read into record and T. McNally moved to approve. Walter Hinchman 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, 2020** – Article 4 was read into record and T. McNally moved to approve. Motion seconded by W. Hinchman. 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: Michelle & William Cole, Yard 3, Lot 100, \$100.00; Lisa A. Dyer, Yard 3, Lot 103, \$100.00; Marshall L. & Virginia S. Eaton, Yard 3, Lot 101; C. Michael Fredrickson, Yard 3, Lot 102, \$100.00; and Julie A. Myslenski, Yard 3, Lots 104 & 105, \$200.00; Abington Cemetery Association: Tina Gaetani, Grave #473 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00; and Leo Mayo, Grave #457 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00** – Article 5 was read into record and T. McNally moved to approve. Motion was duly seconded and there was no discussion. Article 5 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 6:** **To see if the Town will approve an amendment that allows for the disengagement as a partner town with the Quinebaug Regional Technology Park as approved at a Special Town Meeting on October 7, 2014** – Article 6 was read into record and T. McNally moved to approve. Motion was duly seconded. T. McNally asked if the Town would be reimbursed for any funds previously paid and if re-engagement would be a later option if warranted. M. Nicholson explained that the Town would be re-funded \$21,700 and the Board of Selectmen anticipates asking the Board of Finance to place those funds into the capital line for bridge repair. Participating towns can rejoin the technology park project if things move forward in the future. It was asked why this withdrawal comes up now, after so many years. The original plan for development and return on municipal investment has not materialized due to topography and lack of investors. The four participating towns have voted unanimously to withdraw. Call to a vote and Article 6 passes with a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 7: **To see if the Town will approve a Resolution to accept grant funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$187,250 to be used toward the purchase of property located at 456 Mashamoquet Road and approved at a Special Town Meeting on March 28, 2019** – Article 7 was read into record and T. McNally moved to approve. W. Hinchman 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 \$13,345,252 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget with \$2,979,002 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$10,366,250 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 into record and T. McNally moved to approve. W. Hinchman seconded. There was no discussion and Article 8 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 9: **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting** – Article 9 read into record and being no other business, T. McNally moved to adjourn. Motion was duly seconded and meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Attest: Cheryl Grist, Town Clerk