

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2014 – POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Peter Mann. Approximately 40 citizens and interested parties.

- Article 1:**        **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** – T. McNally moved to nominate Walter Hinchman as moderator. Duly seconded. No discussion. T. McNally moved to close nominations. Motion duly seconded. All in favor. All in favor to nominate Walter Hinchman as moderator.
- Article 2:**        **To authorize acceptance of a certain Quitclaim Deed from the Pomfret Fire District, for \$1.00 and other valuable considerations, conveying a certain parcel of land together with buildings and improvements thereon standing located on the northerly side of State Highway 97 in the Town of Pomfret, upon conditions of use as set forth in said deed, title to which property has been modified as set forth in a certain Deed Modification Agreement by and between Pomfret Fire District and Connecticut Laborer’s Training Academy, Inc., to be executed and recorded in the Pomfret Land Records, which modification will permit use of the premises for fire house or other municipal purposes. Copies of said deeds of conveyance are available for inspection in the Pomfret Town Clerk’s Office** – W. Hinchman read Article 2 into record. T. McNally moved to approve and N. Gardner seconded. D. Morrisette asked if the Laborer’s have agreed. They are ready to sign and this has long been discussed by the Fire Dept. Article 2 passes with unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 3:**        **To see if the Town will approve a Resolution to accept a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, to be used toward building an addition onto the current Firehouse, located at 67 Hampton Road. A copy of said Resolution is available at the Office of the Pomfret Town Clerk.** – Article 3 read into record. T. McNally moved to approve and S. Sheldon seconded. No discussion and Article 3 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.
- Article 4:**        **To see if the Town will approve a Resolution to accept a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, to be used toward the design, planning, and initial construction of an Emergency Response Center to be located at 624 Mashamoquet Road – current location of the Pomfret Highway garage. A copy of said Resolution is available at the Office of the Pomfret Town Clerk** – Article 4 read into record. T. McNally moved to approve and K. Kristal seconded. Mr. Southam asked for some clarification and why this facility is needed. R. Conrad asked about the cost to the Town. C. Grist asked if this would infringe on the area that could be needed for the salt shed. M. Nicholson stated that the current Fire House is small. This facility would be able to house ambulance services if that becomes a determined need, highway and constable offices, emergency operations, and a training room. It would be built with this grant and that in Article 5 without additional cost to the Town and will not infringe upon any of the space that may be needed for a salt shed. Article 4 passes with a majority of ayes but a number of nays were heard.
- Article 5:**        **To see if the Town will approve a Resolution to accept a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, to be used toward the construction extension of an Emergency Response Center to be located at 624 Mashamoquet Road – current location of the Pomfret Highway garage. A copy of said Resolution is available at the Office of the Pomfret Town Clerk** – Article 5 read to record. T. McNally moved to approve as presented and J. Folsom seconded. No further discussion and Article 5 passes with a majority of ayes but a number of nays were heard.
- Article 6:**        **To see if the Town will approve the discontinuance of the Cotton Bridge Road Extension, an unimproved section of Cotton Bridge Road of approximately 600 feet running West of River Road, as a town road as recommended by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014** – Article 6 was read into the record. T. McNally motioned to approve and motion was duly seconded. Some discussion about why this would be abandoned. M. Nicholson explained this is just the extension piece of Cotton Bridge Road. It is in poor condition, expensive to maintain, and there are no houses accessed from this piece of the road. Abutters on either side would take ownership to the center line. Article 6 passes with only one nay heard.
- Article 7:**        **To see if the Town will approve the expenditure of \$93,815.00 for Board of Education school security and technology projects; of which, \$16,148 of said projects to be funded by a transfer of that amount from the designated school surplus fund to a general government capital non-recurring line and the balance of projects funded by a grant through the State of Connecticut as recommended by the Board of Finance on December 18, 2013 and the Board of Selectmen on January 6,**

**2014** – Article 7 was read into the record and T. McNally moved to approve. R. Schad seconded. Some questions regarding the type of security, building or personnel changes involved and if any of this would come from State or Federal grant money awarded Connecticut schools. The security part of the project would enhance the physical security of the building and would not add staff. The majority of funds for the project would come from the State Grant. The nature of the technology grant was asked about. This would allow for a Mobile Computing Lab that would be a laptop equipped mobile lab, able to move from classroom to classroom. Article 7 passes unanimously.

**Article 8:**        **To authorize acceptance of a certain grading easement located on the northeasterly side of Tyott Road on a map entitled “Compilation Plan/Property Survey Prepared for Keith A. Wilcox & Erin K. Wilcox, Tyott Road, Pomfret, Connecticut, dated 8/28/2007, revised to 12/5/2012 and conservation easements located over, on and across easterly and westerly portions of Lot #2.00 and a westerly portion of Lot # 2.01 situated on the northeasterly side of Tyott Road and shown on a plan entitled “Compilation Plan/Property Survey Prepared for Keith A. Wilcox & Erin K. Wilcox, Tyott Road, Pomfret, CT dated 8/28/2007 revised to 12/5/2012** – Article 8 read into record. T. McNally moved to approve and J. Stoddard seconded. T. McNally asked for an explanation of what this meant. W. Hinchman stated that some time ago the Wilcox’s developed some lots along Tyott Road. This easement to the Town for maintenance purposes was a condition of approval when the lots were subdivided. The Town has to accept the easements. The work has been done and there is no cost to the Town. Article 8 passes with a unanimous vote of aye.

**Article 9:**        **To authorize the granting of a certain temporary easement to Connecticut Light and Power Company at the location of 434 Killingly Road (known as the ‘Murdock property’) for consideration of \$1,000 for the purpose of accessing tower base and structure construction sites for the CT Interstate Reliability Project as recommended as consistent with the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development by the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 28, 2013, and approved by the Board of Selectmen on December 2, 2013 and the Board of Finance on December 9, 2013. A copy of the proposed easement is available for inspection in the Pomfret Town Clerk’s Office** – Article 9 was read into the record. T. McNally moved to approve and K. Kristal seconded. E. Pohlman asked about the acceptance of the \$1,000 and the leverage the Town could have used to demand more. M. Nicholson stated that this is a 600’ temporary easement and CL&P will make improvements to it in order to access these tower bases. The Town would not have been able to extract more money, this is a standard offer for what they are proposing. They are large taxpayers in Town and these bases – along with the other 17 they are building in town – will substantially add to the tax dollars they will pay. Some additional discussion with regard to Bulky Waste at that location and if this will be in conflict with what CL&P is doing. Selectman Pete Mann stated that he was also in favor of this agreement and it passed unanimously by the Board of Selectmen. Article 9 passes with a majority of ayes but many nays heard.

**Article 10:**        **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting** – A man asked why Lee Post was not reappointed. M. Nicholson stated it’s a First Selectman appointment and not open for discussion at Town Meeting. She went on to thank Ed Higgins, Town Attorney for the work he does for the town and asked for acknowledgement and a round of applause for all of the First Responders in Town for their dedication and hard work. Many were present here tonight.  
T. McNally moved to adjourn. Duly seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_  
              Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
              Cheryl A. Grist, Town Clerk