

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.  
Also present – JoAnn Baldwin, Maureen Nicholson, Paul Rollinson

- I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting** – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 8:00 AM.
1. **Approve Minutes of June 6, 2016** - D. Smith moved to approve minutes. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
  2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
  3. **Citizen Participation and Communications** – P. Rollinson voiced concerns regarding the additional power plant being proposed in the Town of Killingly. The site borders Pomfret along the Quinebaug River and is not far from PCS. He reviewed a number of his concerns and provided the Board with a hand-out that reviewed the same. He asked that the Board consider submitting a letter of concern to the siting council. M. Nicholson asked if Pomfret had been in any discussions with NTE with regard to a plant located in Pomfret. Representatives did approach the Town before they determined the Killingly location. M. Nicholson asked about the completion of the Plan of Conservation and Development. She stated that the 13/14 and 14/15 budgets funded the completion of the Plan and the fact that it is incomplete is not due to a lack in funding. Money was not budgeted in 15/16 as the Plan was supposed to be done. She also asked about the American the Beautiful Grant for trees and the Building Committee that was appointed last November. The America the Beautiful Grant expired in March and the State could not offer an extension. The new Building Committee will likely have some of the same members as those previously appointed.

**II. New Business**

1. **Appointment: NDDH Representative and Alternate** – C. Baldwin moved to appoint Donna Smith as Pomfret’s NDDH representative. B. Jessurun seconded. Donna will replace Earl Semmelrock whose term has run out and he has expressed a desire to step down from this post. All in favor. JoAnn Baldwin has expressed interest in sitting as the alternate. D. Smith moved to appoint JoAnn Baldwin as the alternate NDDH representative. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

**III. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – The Longmeadow Project has been postponed to the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> due to some equipment issues. The Wappaquoi Brook bridge closure has been put off until July 5<sup>th</sup>. The State is proposing a replacement of Bark Meadow Brook on Route 44 in the summer of 2018. The pine tree at Valentine and Rte. 169 has come down. Peterson Road has been paved and Grosvenor Road has been moved. B. Jessurun mentioned the roadside tree-trimming. It is not as neat as usual and some trees have been hit.
2. **General Discussion** – B. Jessurun stated that a time limit to Citizen’s Comments has not traditionally been observed in Town. He was in favor

of the ability of citizens to voice all of their concerns without a time constraint.

3. **Project Updates: Sidewalk, Sewer Project, Fire Station Extension** – Syl Pauley has provided plans and drawings for the Sidewalk project. He is working on the DOT package. The full package will be presented to the State with a request for time extension for completion. The engineers for the Sewer Project have begun to put together the spec.'s for the bids and have submitted a Wetlands Application to the Town. Ed Higgins is working on the easements. Weston & Sampson have requested what the schools will require for background checks and field use schedules. The requirement documents for the Firehouse extension are a week from finalization and then the Building Committee will be established. C. Baldwin has asked Tony Emilio to Chair this committee. He also plans to include Derek May, Pat Boyd, John Navarro, and Charlie Weedon. One more grant extension request will likely be necessary.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: None**

#### **IV. Current Business**

1. **Re-Appointments – Agricultural Commission** –C. Baldwin asked for a motion to re-appoint Adam Squire to another 4-year term. So moved by B. Jessurun. D. Smith seconded. This term will run until May 1, 2020.
2. **Discussion: Road Signage** – Still to be investigated. Discussion postponed to next meeting.

**V. Citizen's Comments** – M. Nicholson asked if the Town had been denied a request to use the Sidewalk Grant as crosswalks. This had been discussed but the Town is not pursuing. She also asked if there have been any meetings regarding the EOC Project. The Requirements Committee will meet in a few weeks. M. Nicholson asked about investigation into subdividing the Murdock property. NECCOG is currently doing a performance study on that area. Infrastructure development is being investigated. She also asked about plans to expand the Library parking lot. Laurie Bell and the Library Board have been working on a requirement package that expands the Library and the impact on the parking lot. An addition could influence where and how the parking lot expands. M. Nicholson also asked about the Woods Hill Road Solar Farm and the Solar Project on the Murdock property. The siting council has approved Woods Hill Road. This is a private project. There has been little to no response recently from the attorney that headed-up the Murdock property project. There has been no word that the State has come through with this funding. She also asked about the Agricultural Commission's Farmer's Market this year. Three are planned – July 17th, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and September 11th. JoAnn Baldwin stated that she had heard concerns regarding excessive speeds along Route 97 during the bridge closure and perhaps a police presence could be requested.

**V. Adjournment** - D. Smith moved to adjourn. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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