

**TOWN OF POMFRET – MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 22, 2013**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen James Rivers and Peter Mann. Also present: Approximately 100 Town Officials, staff, citizens, and interested parties.

***Opening Remarks by First Selectman Maureen Nicholson in honor of the  
Town of Pomfret 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

***Visiting Dignitary Remarks  
Presentation of Congressman Courtney's Congressional Record and  
Governor Malloy's Proclamation  
Municipal Service Awards***

In honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Pomfret the evening began with a welcome by First Selectman Maureen Nicholson and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was done by Reverend Thomas Crumb. Rev. Crumb stated that the original meeting would have been served by the Reverend Ebenezer Williams who served at the First Congregational Church until 1763. He read one stanza from a poem written for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town. Maureen Nicholson thanked the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee for their many efforts over the past couple of years. Serving on that Committee: Walter Hinchman, Ann Hinchman, Sue Devokaitis, Nancy Weiss, Bev Champany, John Carter, Laurie Bell, Tim Gillane, and Tom McGrath. She then introduced Sherry Vogt, staffer for Congressman Joe Courtney, who read the statement that was read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Courtney on April 26, 2013. James Rivers, Selectman, read the Proclamation presented to the Town by Governor Dannel Malloy's office. Kevin Ruane, staffer for Representative Michael Alberts and with State Senator Tony Guglielmo presented a video of Representative Alberts reading a Citation for the Town of Pomfret and a statement by Senator Guglielmo. Maureen Nicholson then presented Municipal Service Awards for staff or volunteers with long service to the Town who are currently still active in some capacity. Those recognized: Harley J. Hill, 25 Years; Stanley S. Sheldon, 30 Years; Cheryl A. Grist, 30 Years; Joseph P. Stoddard, 35 Years; J. Denis Morissette, 40 Years; Walter P. Hinchman, 45 Years.

- Article 1:**     **To choose a Moderator for said meeting** – Tim McNally moved to nominate Walter Hinchman as Moderator. Denis Morissette seconded. There were no other nominations. All in favor.
- 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, 2013** – Walter  
                  Hinchman read Article 2 into the record and Tim McNally moved to  
                  approve. Denis Morissette seconded. There was no discussion. All in  
                  favor.
- Article 3:**     **To see if the Town will consider and adopt the Five Year Local**  
                  **Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 as proposed by**  
                  **the Board of Selectmen** – Walter Hinchman read Article 3 into the record  
                  and Tim McNally moved to approve. Denis Morissette seconded. There  
                  was no discussion and motion passes with a majority of ayes although  
                  some nays were heard.
- 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, 2012** – Walter Hinchman read Article 4 into the record and Tim McNally moved to approve. Denis Morissette seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passes with a majority of ayes although one nay was heard.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will accept the following cemetery funds for perpetual care: Abington Cemetery Association-Joseph Linwood Mitchell, Grave #1027 and #1028 deTallyrand Annex, \$200.00; Helena Mitchell, Grave #1029 and #1030 deTallyrand Annex, \$200.00; Linwood and Helena Mitchell, Grave #1031 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00; and James and Nancy Dougherty, Grave #437 deTallyrand Annex, \$100.00 – Walter Hinchman read Article 5 into the record. Denis Morissette moved to approve and Tim McNally seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will adopt a total appropriation in the amount of \$12,131,486 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget with \$ 2,427,684 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$ 9,703,802 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 – Walter Hinchman read Article 6 into the record. Tim McNally moved to approve and Denis Morissette seconded. D. Morissette asked what the potential mil impact would be. Ken Kristal, Board of Finance Chair, stated they anticipated setting the mil at .81 There was no more discussion and motion passed with a majority of ayes although a number of nays were heard.

**Article 9:** To do any other business proper to come before said meeting – Walter Hinchman commented on the fortitude of those 300 years ago who made the petition to Hartford. The first meeting would have welcomed no women – and this year marks the very first woman First Selectman – Maureen Nicholson. Pomfret Proprietors then presented a donation to the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee to support the year-long celebration.

*Tercentennial Quilt Presentation and Raffle of Dear Jane Quilt* – Ann Hinchman stated that 65 participants worked on the quilts in the course of the past year. Nearly all of the 1,000 tickets printed were sold. She invited Kevin Ruane to draw the winning ticket. The Dear Jane quilt was won by Cathy Skilleton of East Killingly. A smaller quilt was made specifically for, and presented to, the Town. This will be displayed at the Town Hall and then shared with other town locations for display. On behalf of the Pomfret 300<sup>th</sup> Committee, Walter Hinchman thanked all in attendance.

*Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of business* – Maureen Nicholson stated that the Pomfret Post Office issued a commemorative stamp today and they felt they had issued approximately 300 of them. She welcomed all to join in refreshments downstairs.

**Cheryl Grist moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by James Rivers. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

Duly Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie Ryan, Clerk

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