

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2018 – POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Board of Finance members, Board of Education Members, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, PCS Principal Susan Imeschweiler, and approximately 100 citizens and interested parties.

**Article 1:** To choose a Moderator for said meeting – M. Nicholson opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 PM. She welcomed all in attendance and introduced the Board of Finance and Board of Education members. She then called for nominations for a moderator. T. McNally nominated Walter Hinchman as moderator. M. Huoppi seconded. There were no other nominations and Walter Hinchman was voted as moderator by unanimous vote.

**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, 2018 – W. Hinchman read Article 2 into record. T. McNally motioned to approve and M. Huoppi seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 passed by 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 2018–2019 as proposed by the Board of Selectmen – W. Hinchman read Article 3 into the record. T. McNally moved to approve and L. Grossman seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 3 passed by 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, 2017 – W. Hinchman read Article 4 into the record. L. Grossman moved to approve and T. McNally seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 4 passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will accept the following cemetery funds for perpetual care: Pomfret Cemetery Corporation: John R. Rauh, Yard 3, Lots 83 and 84, \$200.00; Elizabeth B. Morin, Yard 3, Lot 85, \$100.00; and Robert F. Paladino, Yard 3, Lot 86, \$100.00 – W. Hinchman read Article 5 into the record. T. McNally moved to approve and L. Grossman seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 5 passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will approve to participate in, and serve as liason for, the Neighborhood Assistance Act, and as such approve and support the application made by CT Audubon Society for Energy Conservation Modifications at Pomfret facility as a viable project. Said application is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT – W. Hinchman read Article 6 into the record. L. Grossman moved to approve and T. McNally seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 6 passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will approve an Ordinance establishing an additional exemption from property tax, pursuant to the authority of CT State Statute 12-91(b), for all farm machinery qualified for exemption under section (a) of said statute to the extent of an additional assessed value of one hundred thousand dollars. Proposed Ordinance approved by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT – W. Hinchman read Article 7 into the record. T. McNally moved to approve and C. Gerrity seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 7 passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will accept a Transportation Alternatives Grant in an amount up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of completing road crossings along the Airline Trail, including bridges, culverts, and at-grade crossings. Map indicating location of crossings is on file with the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, CT – W. Hinchman read Article 8 into the record. L. Grossman moved to approve and T. McNally seconded. A man asked how this project would integrate with the Sewer Project. M. Nicholson stated that these are two separate projects. DEBR asked for the bridge designs as a prerequisite to granting the sewer easement. Construction is a separate project but the same engineer is involved and the two will be coordinated. Article 8 was then put to a vote and was passed by a majority of ayes although a few nays were heard.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will adopt a total appropriation in the amount of \$12,647,304 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget with \$2,574,410 of said amount to be the General Government Appropriation and \$10,072,894 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. Vote to be by paper ballot as recommended by the Board of Selectmen – W. Hinchman read Article 9 into the record. T. McNally moved to approve and L. Grossman seconded. There were no questions or comments and paper ballots were then distributed with the single question of: 'Do you approve the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget at \$12,647,304 with \$2,574,410 of said amount to be the General Government appropriation and \$10,072,894 to be the Board of Education appropriation?' Completed ballots were counted and Article 9 was passed by a majority number of votes.

Yes – 82

No - 11

Article 10:

To do any other business proper to come before said meeting -- There was no additional business and T. McNally moved to adjourn. Motion was duly seconded and meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:30 PM.

Duly Recorded:

  
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Attest:

  
Cheryl A. Grist, Town Clerk