

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2009 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick. Approximately 5 citizens.

**I.. Regular Meeting**

**1. Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes March 2, 2009 – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by J. Rivers.** T. McNally moved to approve minutes of March 2, 2009. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. T. McNally moved to approve minutes of March 31, 2008. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

**2. Items to Add to Agenda –** J. Rivers stated under New Business items 1 and 2 he would add: Citizen interest in Barn and Abatement Requests. T. McNally moved to add as enumerated. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

**3. Citizen Participation & Communications - None**

**II. Current Business**

**1. Road Issues –** The highway crew has been working on some dirt roads and road sweeping.

**2. General Government Budget Review/Discussion with Possible Amendments and Possible Approval –** J. Rivers stated that two additions he had mentioned to BOF is to add to 1303-223 \$400.00 for ESRA licensing and another \$600.00 to 1102-202 to cover full cost of audit. The bottom line will remain flat as it is currently under. Review of some suggestions from J. Rivers concerning capital budget changes and PCS facility needs. The school has a list of specific improvement projects that can be covered thru the Capital School Facility Improvement Line and using \$150,000 from the Land Acquisition line. J. Rivers presented this list to the Board. This would address some concerns put forth at the Public Hearing, address some schools needs, and put some local vendors to work. Tim McNally agreed but expressed dismay that nobody from the Conservation Commission had spoken out in defense of the Land Acquisition line. Some discussion T. McNally moved to take \$150,000 out of Land Acquisition and apply toward enumerated list of PCS improvements, to combine with \$110,000 already in School Facility Improvements for that purpose. D. Smutnick seconded. Brief discussion. All in favor. D. Smutnick stated that light of the public hearing feedback he would like to make a motion to put \$1,000 back into the Conservation Commission line for a clerk. J. Rivers seconded. Some discussion. D. Smutnick in favor. J. Rivers, T. McNally opposed. Motion fails. The tax office also had asked for a change for the Assistant Collector that was overlooked. J. Rivers motioned to cut 3101-220 Street Light line by \$500, changing it to \$1,000 and increase the Assistant Tax Collector line, 1302-102 by \$500, to \$8,500. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.

**III. New Business**

1. **Citizen Interest in Barn** – Lance Sistare approached J. Rivers about storing some hay in Town owned barn. He will help maintain the barn and keep an eye on it. T. McNally moved to approve Mr. Sistare’s use of barn for stated purpose, to be renewable each year. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.
2. **Citizen Abatement Request** – J. Rivers has request from two citizens with severe health concerns for tax abatements. T. McNally moved to approve the two compassionate abatements. J. Rivers seconded. Some discussion. Motion and second were withdrawn. J. Rivers will obtain some more information from individuals before any action taken.

**IV. Other Business**

1. **General Discussion** – Audit results were distributed.
2. **Highway Billing-Roadside Garbage Clean-up-\$120 Hourly** – The highway department often has to spend time and resources clearing roadside trash. J. Rivers made a motion to approve \$120 hourly billing for two men and a truck for trash clean-up. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.
3. **Set and Possible Approval of Town Meeting Date** – T. McNally moved to set the Town Meeting date for Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM at PCS. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

- V. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** See attached. – T. McNally moved to approve as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

- VI. Citizen's Comments** – Ann Hennen had a question about discarded tires at the Canoe Launch. The highway department will pick them up. She also stated that the Conservation Commission does care about the Land Acquisition money. Cindy Sullivan reminded all that the roadside clean-up is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Maureen Nicholson stated that she felt a good job was done with the budget. She also stated her disappointment that there was not more support for the Land Acquisition line at the Public Hearing.

- VII. Adjournment** – T. McNally moved to adjourn. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_