

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2009 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectman Timothy McNally. Approx. 8 citizens.

I.. Regular Meeting

1. Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes January 20, 2009 – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by J. Rivers. T. McNally moved to approve minutes as previously presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.
2. Items to Add to Agenda – J. Rivers moved to add TEEG Presentation to New Business, Item 1 and move the current Item 1 to Item 2. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.
3. Citizen Participation & Communications – Maureen Nicholson, Board of Finance Chairman, stated she would like to coordinate dates for an early Public Hearing on the 2009/2010 budget. Some possible March dates were discussed. David Flath asked if the 07/08 audit was completed. Marien has not yet scheduled a date with the Treasurer’s office. Tom Garrett asked about last year’s Grand List and if the Pomfret or Rectory School pay any money to the Town in lieu of taxes. He suggested the possibility of them paying more to the Town be explored.

II. Current Business

1. Road Issues - None

II. New Business

1. TEEG Presentation – Stacy Broquette, Community Services Coordinator with TEEG presented the Selectmen with an outline of services the organization provides and the types and amounts of services that have been provided to Pomfret residents. They are requesting consideration of \$5,000 in the upcoming budget. Brief discussion.
1. General Government Budget Review/Discussion with Possible Amendments and Possible Approval – J. Rivers stated he would like to wait to have detailed discussion until Selectman David Smutnick can be present. Item will be carried to agenda of March 2nd. Maureen Nicholson stated that the Board of Finance has asked for flat budgets for 09/10. An early Public Hearing will be scheduled to allow for more input from the public before a Town Meeting. T. McNally suggested \$500 be cut from the Conservation budget. J. Rivers stated insurance premiums have risen again and he has increased that line item by 10% but the initial general government budget has come in at zero. Some discussion.

IV. Other Business

1. General Discussion - None

- V. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Clare Densmore, COC, \$27.68; Chase Home Finance for Jessica Gerum, OP, \$1,946.92; Putnam Bank for George Morrarty, OP, \$26.41; Jason Loiselle, COC, \$23.28 – T. McNally moved to approve as presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.
- VI. Citizen's Comments** – David Flath stated he was very pleased to hear of plans for an early public hearing. He also asked if insurance is something that could be looked at thru NECCOG in terms of regionalization. Chuck Boster stated he knew that had been looked into a number of years ago and did not then appear to be something that would work. Henry Woodbridge asked if Pomfret was exploring regionalization in other general areas. This is something that may become necessary and would benefit Pomfret to be prepared ahead of time. Tom Garrett stated that the BOS and BOE have done well in holding their budgets down. He also asked about monies budgeted by the Fire District and asked if they could reduce their costs. He suggested they present more information concerning their budget to the public. Bob Lussier asked how much was considered by the Town for tax delinquency. It is currently planned at 3%. Chuck Boster asked about a possibly abandoned house at the end of Fay Road and if the Town has taken steps to secure it.
- VII. Adjournment** – T. McNally moved to adjourn. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____