

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2009 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick. Citizens Ford Fay, Henry Woodbridge, Pam Lewerenz, David Flath, Charles Boster.

I.. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes January 5, 2009** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. T. McNally moved to approve minutes of January 5, 2009 as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – T. McNally stated as a citizen best wishes to the incoming 44th President of the United States.

II. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** – J. Rivers stated the Town should be all set with salt even in light of the many storms. One of the trucks has broken down many times and will need to be replaced. There has been money put aside in the budget over past years to cover some of this cost.

III. New Business

1. **Pomfret Library Board-Acceptance of Resignation** – Judy Kendall has submitted her resignation. D. Smutnick moved to accept the resignation. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.
2. **N.E. District Dept. of Health-Budget Discussion & Possible Action** – J. Rivers stated a letter has gone out to all department heads requesting a zero budget for the upcoming year. He would request a letter go out from the Selectmen to Earl Semmelrock and Patricia Beckenhaupt for a zero budget from the Northeast District. So moved by T. McNally. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.
3. **Set Budget Workshop Schedule-BOS** – The budget should be at zero the first time out. Review will be attempted during regular meetings, with a first draft for Selectmen review available at the second February meeting. Some discussion.

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion** – J. Rivers stated that he received word from the State in late December for STEAP and Stimulus grant requests. A STEAP request for \$500,000 has been submitted for an addition to the Firehouse. This would represent a cost avoidance for the Town. The Governor has asked that the Stimulus requests be projects that are fully permitted. A request has gone out for monies to replace Covell Road Bridge, Solar Project at PCS, Science Labs at the school, some road repairs, and the Environmental Center at Audubon.

The total request is for 3.9 million. These projects are all fully permitted or nearly so.

- V. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Howard A. Bursen, OP, \$427.56, First American for Stephen Cirillo, OP, \$300.00, Countrywide for Robert Paladino, OP, \$2601.03 – T. McNally moved to approve as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. J. Rivers asked about the large amount. This is due to a refinance where both banks paid the tax bill. All in favor to approve.
- VI. Citizen's Comments** – Dave Flath suggested working out two budgets – representing Plan A, with anticipated State monies – Plan B, considering lesser amounts being available from the State. He asked if the Audit has been completed. This is anticipated for mid-February. Henry Woodbridge asked if the Selectmen could squeeze CCM money back into the budget this year. Charles Boster complimented the road crew for the job done during the past two storms. He also asked Selectmen to consider the restriction of heavy trucks on some roads in town, thereby extending the life of the roads and enhancing public safety.
- VII. Adjournment** – T. McNally moved to adjourn. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____