

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick. Citizens Peter Mann, Ann Hennen, Maureen Nicholson, Charles Boster.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes August 3, 2009** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by J. Rivers. T. McNally moved to approve minutes as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. J. Rivers clarified that discussion took place concerning land acquisition project. All in favor to approve minutes as presented.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – J. Rivers read a letter from John Carter with the Historical Society offering use of The Old Town House for meetings.

II. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** – J. Rivers stated that the culvert on Grosvenor Road has been replaced. This project has taken much longer than anticipated due to various permitting requirements, subsequently adding a cost to the Town of approximately \$20,000 to replace this previously existing culvert.

III. New Business

1. **Review and Possible Approval of Open Space Acquisition to Town Meeting** – J. Rivers stated he is currently in the middle of speaking with each of the land owners. The first round of appraisals have come in. He has presented the information he has to date to the Board of Finance and Planning and Zoning Commission. A verbal review of the properties currently under consideration was given. Some discussion. One property has currently come to a verbal agreement with the owner. This is the Abington Mall property. Discussion. T. McNally moved to approve the Town purchase of ‘Abington Mall’ located at 555 Mashamoquet Road for \$50,000 of approximately .81 acres with the Town to pay closing costs and conveyance fees. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion** – Positively Pomfret Day is scheduled for September 26th. Meet the Candidates evenings have been scheduled by the Democrats on September 18th and the Republicans on October 3rd. Senior Center project is on schedule to date. Dave Smutnick stated that the N.E. Forestry Foundation has walked trails and is very enthusiastic about the bridges recently constructed thru grant money. They will be approaching the Town about putting a small parking area along Wolf Den Road to access these trails.

2. Pistol Permits Issued: V. Walker 8/17; G. O’Keefe 8/19; J. Jacques 8/28 –
Permits issued in past month.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: Correction Approval 8/3/09 & See Attached – T.
McNally moved to approve tax refunds and abatements as presented and the corrected
sheet from those presented at the last meeting. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – Charles Boster asked if there was any approval process in
place for the many roadside signs that seem to accumulate this time of year. J.
Rivers stated this is an on-going issue and he periodically notifies the State who
has a group that checks and clears these signs. Mr. Boster also asked about types
of restrictions concerning the purchase of development rights, how much
authority the owner has over the use, and noted the Town can assist in positive
land management.

VII. Adjournment – T. McNally moved to adjourn. D. Smutnick seconded. All
in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____