

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Also present Pam Lewerenz, David Flath, Tom Garret.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes April 5, 2010** – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by J. Rivers. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – J. Rivers summarized a letter received from David Flath that spoke against pay increases for Town employees in the FY 2010/2011 budget. Tom Garret asked about the number of foreclosures in Town and stated that he felt the Selectmen should keep track. Europe levies fines on abandoned properties and this is perhaps something that could be looked into. He also spoke in favor of a referendum on the budget, suggested that the recently acquired Town property on Route 44 should be closed off to parking, and asked about action being taken when a PCS student is not a resident.

II. New Business

1. **Fair Housing Proclamation & Discussion** – M. Nicholson motioned in favor of the Proclamation as presented. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

2. **Set Annual Town Meeting Date** – Discussion regarding possible dates for the Town Meeting and it's contingency on the Board of Finance approval of budgets. M. Nicholson motioned to schedule a Town Meeting on May 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM at PCS, conditional on the Board of Finance approval within the appropriate noticing timelines. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

III. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** – Brooklyn Road is in bad shape. Repairs are planned in the 2010/2011 budget.

2. **FY 2010/2011 Budget Discussion & Possible Action** – J. Rivers stated that he had some shifts he would like to make in the budget. He was not proposing any change to the bottom line. Various legal lines amounted to \$34,000. Of this, he proposed a new Legal Defense Fund Transfer line in the amount of \$20,000, a new Grant Writing line in the amount of \$10,000, and that \$4,000. be added to the auditing line. Some discussion. M. Nicholson made a motion to approve the suggested changes. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson asked about the status of the Old Townhouse STEAP Grant. A contract has been signed by the First Selectman. This will be forwarded back to the State for their final signature and execution. A

date for Hazardous Waste drop off has not yet been set. A date needs to be set for sometime this spring. M. Nicholson has inspected trees at the Covell Bridge work site. There is nothing that needs to be posted. T. Emilio asked about the status of the call to Troop D regarding the noise discussion of the last meeting. Tony has spoken with the Vanilla Bean & they have no problem with enforcement. He will contact Troop D.

2. **Ethics Discussion** – Some discussion regarding the handbook and ways to address ethics. M. Nicholson will red-line some adjustments and bring to subsequent meeting.
3. **Discussion – Amendments to Zoning Regulations** – It was felt that some of the areas in the Zoning Regulations were in need of adjustment and the Board of Selectmen could submit the application. Areas discussed were signs, small sheds, and above-ground pools. M. Nicholson will work on some language for the next meeting.
4. **Pistol Permits Issued:** David Haggert, 190 Mashamoquet Road, 4/12/10 Permit noted as being issued.

V. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

VI. **Citizen's Comments** – David Flath stated his hopes that the Board was comfortable with the State budget for an early Town Meeting. Tom Garret asked about the Grand List after the revaluation. He stated his desire that any trees that come down at Covell Road bridge be made available for firewood. Regarding the noise he suggested approaching the Putnam police to help enforce and he asked that signs along Route 44 be considered.

VII. **Adjournment** – T. Emilio motioned to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____