

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Anthony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Citizens Peter Mann, Ford Fay, Charles Boster, John DiIorio, Ann Hennen.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes January 19, 2010** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:00 PM. M. Nicholson motioned to approve January 19th minutes. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson stated she would like to add a discussion regarding Selectmen’s Ordinance. J. Rivers moved to add an Executive Session as number VII and to add to New Business, item 1. PZC Appointments, 2. NDDH Reappointment, 3. Town Meeting Date and Articles, 4. Land Acquisition Closing, 5 Discussion – Selectmen’s Ordinance. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Charles Boster stated that he thought there was a discussion about Board and Commission fees at a previous meeting. Fees must be tied to the cost of service and if a change is being considered he would like the Board to refer to studies previously done.

II. New Business

1. **PZC Appointments** – M. Nicholson has resigned from this Board. M. Nicholson moved to appoint Beverly Champany, currently a PZC Alternate, as a regular member to fill Maureen’s term. J. Rivers seconded. J. Rivers, M. Nicholson in favor. T. Emilio abstained. M. Nicholson moved to appoint Leah Schad to fill the now vacant alternate seat, filling Bev Champany’s term. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.
2. **NDDH Reappointment** – Earl Semmelrock’s appointment as Pomfret’s representative to the NDDH will expire on March 5, 2010. J. Rivers motioned to reappoint Mr. Semmelrock to a three-year term. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
3. **Town Meeting Date & Articles** – J. Rivers stated he had a number of things that needed to be brought to Town Meeting and he was proposing Thursday evening, February 25, 2010 at 6:30 PM as a Town Meeting date. Immediately following the meeting, at 7:00 PM, he would like to schedule an ‘All Boards Meeting’. M. Nicholson motioned to approve the same. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. J. Rivers motioned to bring to Town Meeting for approval a Resolution for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for renovations to the Old Townhouse, a Resolution for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for Tennis and Basketball courts at the Recreation field, and an article approving the modification of language for the approved \$600,000 Solar Project at PCS to include the work to the roof. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

4. Land Acquisition Closing – The property at 555 Mashamoquet Road is scheduled to close tomorrow. The treasurer’s office has asked for clarification of where the funds are to be paid from. M. Nicholson motioned to pay the \$50,000 plus any associated expenses from the Land Acquisition Fund. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
5. **Selectmen’s Ordinance** – M. Nicholson stated that in previous discussions it was agreed that Ford Fay would be able to present his views on this after a Budget Public Hearing and the Selectmen would not comment or take positions. She now regrets that agreement as an article in the Woodstock Villager indicates that Ford has spoken with them and when she was contacted by them she stated she could not comment. Some discussion. The Board was in agreement that they would no longer be held to their earlier ‘no comment’ agreement in light of this.

III. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** - None

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion** – J. Rivers stated that the missing stage curtain rod that is needed by the Grange has been located. T. Emilio asked about wood left after tree cuttings being made available for citizens. This is typically picked up roadside or the Town Garage will use to heat the garage. J. Rivers will speak with Glenn to see if other options are available. T. Emilio noted a tree limb hanging on wires on Route 97, north. The Selectmen’s office has started work on the budget. The Planning and Zoning legal expenses are a concern. This line could go as high as \$30,000 or \$40,000 next year. Discussion.
2. **Ethics Discussion** – T. Emilio had looked through a number of policies from other towns. He proposed a few single line policies. M. Nicholson had some sample ideas available for review as well. Discussion. J. Rivers will review the Employee Handbook and see what ethics references may be made. Tabled to next meeting.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Michael Smutnick, 70 Brooklyn Road, 1/22/10; Neil Hart, 371 Brooklyn Road, 1/27/10; Renee Parker, 371 Brooklyn Road, 1/27/10 – Permits issued noted for record.

- V. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Putnam Bank for Mary Ellen and George Morrarty, OP, \$28.66 – M. Nicholson motioned to approve as presented. T. Emilio seconded.

- VI. **Citizen's Comments** – Ford Fay stated that he did not speak to the Woodstock Villager. They emailed him and he suggested they attend the forum. The article was from the meeting minutes. Charles Boster requested the ‘All Boards Meeting’ on the 25th be posted as a Special Meeting. He requested that all drafts regarding an Ethics Policy be given to the clerk so copies could be requested by citizens. He stated that the alternate to NDDH was not contacted by Earl and he would like the position clarified. He also

stated that he no longer had an FOI complaint against the Town. His complaint was heard and decided and is currently between the Town and the courts. Ann Hennen stated that she hopes the Selectmen's Ordinance be given a fair hearing. John DiIorio thanked the Board for addressing the Ethics question. His position is that this policy would be protective. He also reminded Jim that he was to reconvene the Solar Committee. John would be happy to call a meeting if so desired.

- VII. Executive Session** – J. Rivers stated that he would like to invite John DiIorio as Chairman of the Board of Finance to stay for the Executive Session. M. Nicholson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss some Land Acquisition. Session to include the Board of Selectmen and John DiIorio. T. Emilio seconded. Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Board came out of Executive Session at 8:56 PM with no action taken.

- VIII. Adjournment** – Motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____