

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

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson.
Approximately eight citizens and interested parties.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes January 4, 2010** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. T. Emilio moved to approve minutes of January 4, 2010. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to

Agenda - None

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Carter was present for the Grange and had some issues that needed to be addressed. J. Rivers moved to add Grange Discussion to New Business, Item 4. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

II. New Business

1. **Appointments & Acceptance of Resignation** – J. Rivers stated that a number of appointed positions and Boards were up for re-appointment. He moved to appoint list of appointees as read into record (attachment A) and added acceptance of resignations as indicated on same list, and added a Board of Selectmen representative, replacing David Smutnick, to the Tri-Centennial Committee as Maureen Nicholson. M. Nicholson seconded. Discussion regarding appointment of Food Pantry representative and appropriateness of a non-employee handling funds. J. Rivers amended his motion to eliminate Food Pantry appointment until points clarified. M. Nicholson amended second. All in favor of appointments as indicated and Tri-Centennial Committee appointment.

2. **Schedule Date – EOC Tour and Introductions** – Derek May, Emergency Manager, has offered a tour of the EOC facility for the Board of Selectmen and to use the tour as an opportunity to meet those involved. A Saturday morning seemed a likely time for all. J. Rivers will get in touch with Derek May to coordinate.

3. **Proposed Sewer Project** – Terry Chambers with KWP and two representatives from Pomfret School were present to review this information. Pomfret School, Rectory School, and Loos have been looking into this project. Mr. Chambers reviewed what has been done to date. The USDA has grants and low interest loans available for these projects. Grant funds must flow through the Town but there would be no cost to the Town. Any expense will be paid by the participants, they were just asking to apply for the grants in the Town's name. Any cost to the Town would be paid/reimbursed by the participants. This is a dedicated sewer and there will be no tie-ins along the route. Discussion. J. Rivers made a motion to expend the resources to have Attorney Ed Higgins review the Assistance Agreement and for the Board to convene the Water Pollution Control Authority. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

4. **Grange Discussion** – John Carter stated that the Grange had some concerns regarding the stage curtain. It needs to be replaced as it was before the renovations in order for the Grange to meet their requirements. He also had some liability questions if they held a fundraiser or some other type of event on the property. The Selectmen's office will look into replacing the stage curtain rod and getting the curtain back up where needed. The building is insured through the Town but if some type of litigation were to be filed the policy would not protect the Grange. It is up to the Grange as to whether or not they want to purchase their own policy.

J. Rivers also stated that an Open House should be scheduled for the building. Early May will probably be a likely time. Jim will contact the parties involved to discuss a date.

III. Current Business

1. **Road Issues - None**
2. **Approval of Revised Appropriation Transfers FY 6/30/2009** – M. Nicholson moved to approve the Appropriation Transfers as revised for FY ending 6/30/09. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion - None**
2. **Ethics Discussion** – Much discussion regarding pros and cons of the Town developing a policy beyond the State Guidelines. Discussion tabled to the next meeting.
3. **Discussion – Proposed ‘Stone Wall Ordinance’** – This Ordinance has been brought forth by the Conservation Commission. Discussion. The consensus of the Board was that this may be something better suited to be incorporated into the Zoning Regulations instead of a stand alone Ordinance. T. Emilio moved to defer the discussion to the Planning and Zoning Commission. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
4. **Pistol Permits Issued: Gabriel Guinxe, 6 Fairview Circle; Eric Pohlman, 740 Wrights Crossing Road.** Permits issued read for record.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: See attached. – T. Emilio moved to approve tax refunds and abatements as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – Ford Fay asked why John DiIorio was allowed to speak during the Ethics Discussion yet he was not allowed to. He suggested that an Ethics Board could be made up of the Chairmen from other Town boards John Carter said the Grange will leave the curtain on the stage this week so that it may be re-hung.

VII. Adjournment – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____

Attachment A – Board of Selectmen Meeting of 01/19/10

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Re-Appointments:

Each to two-year terms, to January, 2012

James Robbins
William Lewis
Walter McGinn

Resignation:

Carol Buttner – Resigned via email effective 12/31/09

Appointment:

Eric Johnson from Alternate to Regular Member to fill Carol Buttner's seat.
Two-year term to January, 2012

Opening:

Alternate seat vacated by Eric Johnson

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Resignation:

Nancy Fraser, Alternate

Tree Warden

Maureen Nicholson – Term 11/19/09 thru 11/22/11

Town Historian

Walter Hinchman – Term 11/19/09 thru 11/22/11

Building Official

Lee Post – Term 11/19/09 thru 11/22/11

Fire Marshall and Deputy

Adam Scheuritzel – Fire Marshall - Term 1/5/09 thru 11/22/11

Christopher Bray – Deputy Fire Marshall – Term 3/2/09 thru 11/22/11

Burning Official

Adam Scheuritzel – Term to run with that of Fire Marshall

Burning Official Deputies

Cheryl Grist, Nora Johnson, Staci Hattin, Bonnie Ryan – At the pleasure of the First Selectman

Food Pantry Co-Ordinator

Gary Brown – At the pleasure of the First Selectman