

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Citizens Peter Mann, Ford Fay, Pam Lewerenz, John DiIorio, Frank Dziki.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes December 21, 2009** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:00 PM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes with the correction of her name spelling and Mr. Lund should be Mr. Lunt. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – T. Emilio stated he would like to add a discussion of Senior Center renovations. J. Rivers moved to add to New Business, Item 1. Update and Report of Senior Center, Item 2. Update and Report of Kiosk at Airline Trail, and Item 3., Inland Wetlands appointment. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Ford Fay presented a hand-out dated December 23, 2009 concerning an Ordinance on how the Town votes for the Selectmen. He is asking to vote for each of the three. Peter Mann presented a hand-out dated January 7 regarding the same Ordinance. He stated he was concerned about minority representation and was not in favor of any change at this point.

II. New Business

1. **Update and Report of Senior Center** – Frank Dziki, Architect for project provided a brief update. The project as contracted is currently complete. A punch list had been presented and all has been done except for some floor repair. He would like to see this correction wait as more of the nails may pop over time and he would like to ensure that the full problem is corrected. J. Rivers stated that he has been told the downstairs heat is not working and that will need a resolution. A small balance will be held back from the final payment until the floor is corrected. Some discussion.
2. **Update and Report of Kiosk at Airline Trail** – Frank Dziki distributed an update dated January 4, 2010 and reviewed its contents. First Capitol is the apparent low bidder. Mr. Dziki has reviewed references and a schedule of values. He would recommend this project be awarded to First Capitol. Some discussion. M. Nicholson motioned to award the construction of the Kiosk to First Capitol Construction of Moosup, per Mr. Dziki's recommendation, for the bid amount of \$40,000. T. Emilio seconded. M. Nicholson, T. Emilio, in favor. J. Rivers abstained.
3. **IWWC Appointment** – J. Rivers stated that there are many appointments to review and these will be looked at during another meeting. He would like to reappoint John Folsom tonight as Mr. Folsom has been elected as Chairman. M. Nicholson motioned to reappoint John Folsom to the Inland Wetlands and

Watercourses Commission for a term of four years. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

4. Discussion – Stone Wall Ordinance – The Conservation Commission has proposed this Ordinance and forwarded to the Selectmen’s Office for review. Jim will forward copies to the other Selectmen for further review.

III. Current Business

1. Road Issues – The recent storms created a long weekend for the road crew. A good job was done.

IV. Other Business

1. General Discussion –M. Nicholson mentioned an article in the Norwich Bulletin concerning a January Public Hearing in Ledyard for their Board of Education budget. She noted this as a possible forecast of things to come. T. Emilio has noticed a number of town checks issued in small amounts and wondered if these checks could be combined and cut quarterly. He also stated that the Rectory School was coordinating community service projects during Martin Luther King weekend and asked if there were any town projects that could be done. He will obtain some more information concerning this. M. Nicholson asked for an update to the FOI Appeal. J. Rivers stated that the court sided with the Town. The FOIC has appealed the court decision. Discussion. M. Nicholson motioned to pursue the appeal if heard by the court. J. Rivers seconded. T. Emilio stated he would like to be able to review the information concerning this. Motion and second withdrawn until further review can be completed. In the meantime this case will continue as it has been.

2. Ethics Discussion – Tabled to next meeting.

3. Discussion – ‘Voting on Selectmen Ordinance’ – J. Rivers has had various discussions concerning this issue since the last meeting. He feels that perhaps more discussion is warranted with more of the public involved and an expansion of the questions at hand. Perhaps some type of forum or brainstorming session opened to the public. The consensus was that more public input would be a good idea and a public forum will be scheduled for after the budget hearing in the spring. J. Rivers motioned to hold a public forum concerning a change in voting after the budget hearing in the spring. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

4. Pistol Permits Issued: None

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: Denise G. Warner, O/P, \$5.05; Thomas A.

Borner for Elm Investments, O/P, \$532.61 – M. Nicholson motioned to approve the tax refunds and abatements as listed. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – Ford Fay asked if an inspector had been chosen for the Covell Road Bridge project yet. J. Rivers stated that a full time inspector is required for federally funded projects. The cost is covered by the grant. The inspector has not been determined yet. John DiIorio stated the revaluation report indicates some significant changes. He would like to see the ethics

discussion progress and he stated that he felt that the Town should continue to pursue the FOI Appeal.

J. Rivers motioned to add Discussion of Stone Wall Ordinance to New Business, Item 4. M. Nicholson seconded. Item added.

VII. Adjournment – T. Emilio motioned to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____