

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

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectpersons Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Approximately 5 citizens.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes February 16, 2010 – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:08 PM. M. Nicholson motioned to approve minutes of February 16th as presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda – M. Nicholson proposed adding a Tree Discussion to New Business, Item 1. J. Rivers proposed adding to New Business the following: 2. Economic Development, 3. Recreation Commission Resignation, 4. Request for Tax Abatement. Motion to add all proposed items made by M. Nicholson and seconded by J. Rivers. All in favor.

3. Citizen Participation & Communications – J. Rivers had a correspondence received today from David Smutnick concerning the Tree Warden. The Selectmen will review and discuss at next meeting.

II. New Business

1. Tree Discussion – M. Nicholson met with George Loubier, Permission Specialist with ABC Professional Tree Services, Inc. regarding trees to be removed or trimmed on Jericho and Cherry Hill Roads. A citizen in the area made a complaint to DPU regarding frequent power outages. ABC has been contracted by CL & P to do trimming and clearing of lines in the area in an effort to reduce the occurrences of overhanging limbs and weak trees taking power lines down. The trees were identified, discussed and will be trimmed or removed in approximately two weeks. Only a few trees were actually town trees. Property owners of trees on private land were contacted and approval granted for the removal of the trees or limbs.

2. Economic Development – Peter Mann was present from this group. They have been talking with CT Water regarding test wells on the Murdock property. They are looking for some type of agreement before drilling any test wells. After much discussion it was suggested that representatives from CT Water meet with Selectmen and Economic Development to review options.

3. Recreation Commission Resignation – J. Rivers read letter of resignation from Jill Corey. M. Nicholson motioned to accept resignation with regret and to send a letter of appreciation. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

4. Tax Abatement Request – J. Rivers read letter from Leigh Grossman into the record requesting an abatement of interest on taxes due. Discussion. M. Nicholson motioned to regrettfully deny the request for an abatement of tax interest. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

III. Current Business

1. Road Issues - None

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion** – T. Emilio asked about tiles coming up on the Senior Center floor and some siding that does not seem to be tacked correctly. Some discussion. M. Nicholson referenced a recent news article regarding an area Town's efforts at recycling and asked if the Green Team will be back at the next meeting for further discussion. Some discussion regarding the recent All Boards Meeting and suggestions to improve the next one. The ARRA Energy Grant has been approved and the Green Team will work on the project. The Selectmen will be presenting their General Government budget to the Board of Finance on March 8th instead of the 22nd.
2. **Ethics Discussion** – J. Rivers still working on revisions and will have at the next meeting.
3. **Town Hall Hours** – Discussion regarding extending hours Monday thru Thursday and closing on Fridays in an effort to create some energy savings. 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM on Wednesday was discussed. J. Rivers motioned to adopt these hours to be effective April 1, 2010. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
4. **Pistol Permits Issued:** None.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: VW Credit Leasing Ltd., COC, \$106.53, motion to approve made by M. Nicholson. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – Pam Lewerenz asked about installing a locked drop box at the Town Hall in light of Friday's closure.

VII. Adjournment – T. Emilio motioned to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____