

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectman Tony Emilio. Peter Mann, EPDC Chairman, David Radka and Randy Kempain, CT Water Representatives. Approximately 15 citizens.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes February 25, 2010 and

March 1, 2010 – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by J. Rivers. T. Emilio motioned to approve minutes of February 25th and March 1st as presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add

to Agenda - None

3. Citizen Participation & Communications – Cheryl Champ read a letter dated 3/15/10 on behalf of the Conservation Commission that stated that they felt more information was needed before a decision was made concerning CT Water and the Murdock property. A citizen stated that specialized legal advice could be sought regarding the Murdock property. Ford Fay had submitted a letter dated 3/15/10 that J. Rivers read to record. J. Rivers then moved to add discussion of this correspondence to Current Business, Item 3 and move item 3 to item 4. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor. Charles Boster requested that the ZEO inspect all outdoor wood furnaces in Town and direct the Building Official to do the same, ensuring all are in compliance.

II. New Business

1. Economic Planning & Development Commission and CT Water – Discussion regarding Murdock property

– Peter Mann reviewed what has been done to date and where things are currently. Mr. Radka stated that CT Water would like to drill test wells and typically at that point they have some type of letter of intent as they can not incur expense without any type of agreement. He provided a description of the typical process. J. Rivers stated that his concern was that an agreement could not be entered into without the approval of the Town and more information was needed. Discussion regarding the possible types of agreements. More discussion is needed by the Selectmen before any type of action is taken.

III. Current Business

1. Green Team – Recycling Discussion with Winston Averill and Glenn Postemski

- Tima Smith was present for the Green Team. Discussion regarding what actions could be taken in Town to expand recycling. Various ideas were considered. Winston Averill will be in contact with the Green Team. Recycling bins added to Bulky Waste was considered.

2.Road Issues – Tony Emilio mentioned erosion on Babbitt Hill Road. Glenn is aware of it and it will be corrected.

3. Discussion – Fay Letter of 3/15 – Mr. Fay indicated in his letter that he would not take part in a discussion Forum that was to be held on April 6th following the Public Hearing on the budget. This Forum had been to discuss the method used in voting for Selectmen and had been scheduled at the request of Mr. Fay. Discussion. The consensus of the Selectmen was not to change the method currently used in voting for Selectmen. Jim therefore moved to withdraw the idea of holding this Forum. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

4. FY 2010/2011 Budget Discussion & Possible Action – The Board of Finance had been in agreement to hold the Capital budget even with the current year. J. Rivers moved to amend the proposed FY 2010/2011 budget to add \$13,000 as a transfer line under Capital Non-Recurring for Senior Center Parking Lot. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion** – J. Rivers announced that he has received word that Pomfret will receive a 50% match from Farmland Protection Grants on 4 of the 5 Open Space properties applied for. He will receive more details soon and noted all the work Andy Rznekiewicz has done in obtaining these grants.
- 2. Sub-Registrar Appointment** – J. Rivers motioned to appoint Timothy Farner with Smith and Walker as a sub-registrar for the term of March 9, 2010 thru January 2, 2012. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Ethics Discussion** – Tabled to April meeting
- 4. Discussion – Amendments to Zoning Regulations** – Brief discussion. Many ideas have come up concerning improvements to the Zoning Regulations from a variety of sources. A good approach to implementing some of these changes would be for the Board of Selectmen to make application. Discussion. Tabled to next meeting.
- 5. Pistol Permits Issued:** Charles MacNeil, 13 Fox Hill Road, issued 3/8/10 – permit issued .

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

VI. Citizen's Comments – Charles Boster stated that the Regional Planning office has done studies in the past regarding water from the Quinnebaug basin. The DEP should have that information available. He would like to see development on the Murdock property tied to jobs in Pomfret. Albert Washburn stated that his wife is a soil scientist and would assist the Town if desired regarding the Murdock property. Peter Mann thanked the Board for meeting with CT Water. He felt it would be unfortunate if no Forum was held concerning the method of voting for Selectmen as this issue seemed to keep coming up. Ford Fay congratulated the Town on the grant awards. Pam Lewerenz stated her dismay at how few people were recycling in Town.

VII. Adjournment – T. Emilio motioned to adjourn. J. Rivers seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____