

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2009 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Anthony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson.
Also present: David Flath, John DiIorio

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes May 3, 2010** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:04 AM. T. Emilio motioned to approve minutes of May 3, 2010. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers motioned to add to New Business item 3. Proxy vote to John Filchak for May meeting concerning Emergency Management Grant, item 4. ADA Report, item 5. Cell Tower Proposal, item 6. Budget Discussion. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – David Flath stated that many townspeople are getting louder in looking for a zero mil increase. It is likely that anything above zero will be petitioned to referendum. John DiIorio stated that this Board of Finance has been seeking feedback for months with little or no response. In what areas were these townspeople seeking cuts?

II. New Business

1. **Review & Possible Approval of Resolution to join the Northeastern CT Economic Partnership** – NECCOG is encouraging this partnership as a step in providing additional funding options. M. Nicholson moved to participate in the Northeastern CT Economic Partnership and to approve the Resolution of the same. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Review & Possible Approval of Resolution for Pomfret Community School Roof Replacement Project** – This Resolution authorizes the Board of Education to seek this grant. M. Nicholson moved to approve the Resolution for PCS Roof Replacement project. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
3. **Proxy Vote to John Filchak** – This would allow John Filchak to have a proxy vote in place of James Rivers during the May 26, 2010 meeting concerning Region IV Emergency Management Grant. T. Emilio motioned to approve. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
4. **ADA Report** – J. Rivers stated that this report had just come in. Some recommendations will come at a cost. Deficiencies in buildings older than 1997 are less of a problem. This report has come out of a complaint placed by John Bala that the town meeting room was not handicap accessible. Timeline for repairs or bottom line costs have not yet been determined. Any costs have not been built into the 2010/2011 budget.
5. **Cell Towner Proposal** – The Verizon siting team will be presenting a proposal to locate a cell tower on a northern piece of the Townsend property off of Swedetown Road. They will be holding a public hearing in June.
6. **Budget Discussion** – The public hearing to be held tomorrow evening will likely result in approximately \$100,000 in cuts to the General Government budget. J. Rivers provided a brief review of his thoughts on where some of these cuts could come from. He asked the other Selectmen to consider options and a more specific conversation will be held during the Selectmen meeting tomorrow.

III. Current Business

1. Road Issues - None

2. Discussion & Possible Approval of Town Meeting Date – The agenda for the evening of May 18 will be revised to determine a Town Meeting date at that time.

IV. Other Business

1. General Discussion – T. Emilio stated that he has made inquiries concerning the expansion of fuel purchases beyond PCS. He has talked to Pomfret School, Rectory School, and some other fuel suppliers. There seems to be much interest in organizing a buying group. He will continue to pursue this as an option.

2. Designation of Environmental Certifying Officer – M. Nicholson motioned to appoint J. Rivers as Environmental Certifying Officer. T. Emilio approved. All in favor.

3. Review and Reaffirmation of Federal Fair Housing Policy, Fair Housing Plan, and Verification of Actions – Modifications to the current Federal Fair Housing Policy and Plan were reviewed as well as suggested actions for the upcoming months. T. Emilio motioned to approve the same. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

4. Ethics Discussion – M. Nicholson has been reviewing Handbook but more discussion is needed. Tabled to next meeting.

5. Discussion – Amendments to Zoning Regulations – M. Nicholson is looking into Mr. Miller’s statement at an earlier meeting that the Zoning Regulations are not agricultural friendly. She is looking into that. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.

6. Pistol Permits Issued: None

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

VI. Citizen's Comments – David Flath stated that it may help to clarify things if the item called Amendments to Zoning Regulations were changed to Possible Application for Zoning Regulation Change. He also stated concern that Vision Appraisals have modified their web site and the figures for previous appraisals now shows the current appraisal.

VII. Adjournment – T. Emilio moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____