

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2011 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Maureen Nicholson, Peter Mann. Approximately 8 citizens.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes December 5, 2011**-J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers motioned to add Bonding Update to New Business, item 4. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** - John Carter stated his displeasure at two of the Selectmen's comments in the Villager newspaper. Maureen Nicholson had referred to its use by all age groups and Peter Mann referenced a Community Center and a Board not necessarily made up of seniors.

II. New Business

1. **Appointments** – M. Nicholson moved to accept the resignation of Raymond McCarraher from the Zoning Board of Appeals. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. The appointment to replace this spot will be tabled to January meeting. J. Rivers motioned to reappoint Walter McGinn and William Lewis to the Conservation Commission for a two year term, continuing until January 2014. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. This Commission has a number of open seats and citizens interested in filling them are being sought. The Inland Wetlands Commission has requested a number of reappointments and M. Nicholson motioned to approve them as follows: Nancy McMerriman to a 4 year term as a member beginning January 1, 2012; James Rowly to a 4 year term as a member beginning January 1, 2012; Paul Safin to a three year term as a member beginning January 1, 2012; Joseph Stoddard to a two year term as a member beginning January 1, 2012. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Review and Possible Approval of Proposed Charge of pending Pomfret Agricultural Commission** – The charge was approved by a large group of those meeting with Jennifer Kaufman thru the AGvocate Program. This is the first step in officially forming this Commission. The Board will review this charge and P. Mann motioned to table any action to the next meeting. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
3. **Discussion – Scoreboard for Recreation Fields** – J. Rivers stated that one of the Recreation Funds has enough money to pay for this board. It will have Larry Gregoire's name it – whom the field has already been

dedicated to. It is solar powered and the cost is \$6500.00. Some discussion.

4. **Bonding Update** – J. Rivers will be contacting bond counsel to move this forward. Currently a 20-year note is approximately 3.7% but exact figures will not be known until the bond is placed.

III. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** – Potholes that have been mentioned in the past are getting fixed. CL&P have been loaning crews at no charge for tree cutting.
2. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson and P. Mann attended a COST Meeting in Hartford. Many experienced leaders throughout the State attended and shared ideas. P. Mann stated that Malloy's comment was that the State will not be funding less to the Towns but there will be no increases. Some discussion. P. Mann stated he would like a tour of town buildings. A multi-board meeting at some point this winter was discussed.
4. **Pistol Permits Issued:None**

V. Other Business

1. **Senior Center – Update** – J. Rivers stated that the comment made by the other Selectmen in the Villager was the consensus of the full Board and he was in full agreement with both of them. A mixed group can bring a different perspective. An Advisory Group would form over-all policies and not be involved with day to day activities. It is beneficial to have other groups using the building when the seniors aren't. They and the grange would always have priority. J. Rivers agreed to take comments from those present. The Senior Association's use of the building was brought up. Some discussion. Donna Grant stated that TEEG has been there for some staff access during the day. Discussion.
2. **Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments - Tabled**
3. **Round Table Discussion – Opportunities for Tax Reduction - Tabled**

VI. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached –M. Nicholson moved to approve Gladys Petricola,COC,\$548.20 as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

VII. Citizen's Comments – Donna Grant thanked the Board for having the foresight to set-up the fuel fund. Other funding has been diminishing. She also commented on some farming activities in Putnam on the Pomfret line that has become excessive in road run-off and she had some concerns. J. Rivers will look into this. Gail McElroy mentioned a curbing on Blossom Drive that was pushed up by plow in October storm.

VIII. Adjournment – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____