

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2011 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: Selectmen James Rivers, Maureen Nicholson, Peter Mann. Also present Board of Finance Chairman Ken Kristal, citizen John Carter.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes November 21, 2011** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. J. Rivers seconded. Both in favor, P. Mann abstained.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers moved to add clarification of Jericho Road purchase price to New Business. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Carter asked that Boards and Commission submit their 2012 Meeting Schedules to the Senior Center so they can list on their calendar.

II. New Business

1. **Review and Approval of Town Depositories** M. Nicholson moved to approve the Approval of Town Depositories as presented by the Treasurer. P. Mann seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Appointment of Staci Hattin, Deputy Treasurer** – M. Nicholson moved to approve the appointment of Staci Hattin as Deputy Treasurer. P. Mann seconded. No discussion. All in favor.
3. **Acceptance of Economic Planning & Development Commission's Resignation of Peter Mann** – M. Nicholson moved to accept the resignation with regret and to send a letter of thanks to Peter Mann. J. Rivers seconded. Both in favor. P. Mann abstained.
4. **Review and Possible Approval of 2012 Meeting and Holiday Schedule** – M. Nicholson moved to approve the 2012 Meeting and Holiday Schedule as presented. P. Mann seconded. Brief discussion. All in favor.
5. **Clarification of Jericho Road Purchase** – J. Rivers stated that past approvals noted the purchase price of this property at \$98,000. The actual price on the Purchase and Sale is \$97,200 and the Town Attorney recommended this be clarified. M. Nicholson moved the approval of the purchase of this property for the purchase price of \$97,200. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. A brief discussion regarding other items on the call for the Town Meeting of December 15th followed. If properties are all approved the town can move forward to bond. Some discussion.

III. Current Business

1. **Road Issues.** - None
2. **General Discussion** – Pete Mann stated that he understood PCS was in need of a new intercom system. He would recommend this be purchased thru

the General Government so as not to increase their minimum budget requirement. The money will likely come from the School Facility Fund.

4. Pistol Permits Issued:None

5. Review and Possible Approval of Appropriations Transfers for FY ending June 30, 2011 – Some discussion of proposed transfers. M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

V. Other Business

- 1. Senior Center – Update** – Peter Mann stated that he has been told that the Seniors do not want another Board appointed. Some discussion including the appointment of a Commission that would be charged with senior outreach beyond the Senior Center.
- 2. Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments - Tabled**
- 3. Round Table Discussion – Opportunities for Tax Reduction** – J. Rivers asked if there were any specific tax reduction ideas in light of the recent campaign platforms. He listed the various meetings, forums, and postings that are done to ensure budget transparency. P. Mann stated he has heard concerns regarding the rising BOE budget, funds spent on completion of the Recreation Park, contracts, and town vehicles. Discussion regarding Recreation fund-raising proceeds that were used to finish the Recreation Park, choosing vendors for tree-trimming work, and mileage elimination within the budget. The consensus of the Board was to plan for a zero increase in the budget again this year. Some discussion.

VI. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented from the Tax Collector. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

VII. Citizen's Comments - None

VIII. Adjournment – P. Mann moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____