

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectman Maureen Nicholson. Citizens John Bala, John DiIorio

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes December 6, 2010 and December 16, 2010** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:04 PM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes of December 6th and December 16th as presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers motioned to add to New Business, item 1. Town Meeting Expense and Potential Action and item 2. Senior Center Meeting Regarding Governance. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Bala asked about some meetings still not meeting at Senior Center or other location. That should change in 2011. He asked about possible grants to cover the bridge on Covell Road and about funds for the basketball court at the Recreation Park. John DiIorio asked about the time frame for switching to use of the solar panels at PCS.

II. New Business

1. **Town Meeting Expenses** – J. Rivers stated that a number of people have approached him with concerns regarding the cost of the recent Special Town meeting and other actions initiated by Ford Fay. The feeling is that isolated actions by a single individual would not be an issue but repeated actions by the same person is a growing concern. The costs need to be defined. M. Nicholson stated that she has received comments on frustrations as well. Mr. Fay can be provided with information requested and she would reiterate his rights yet she found it interesting that while he claims his current petition was to champion democracy he moved the question at the meeting before anyone had a chance to speak. She stated she was pleased at such a large turn-out at the Special Town Meeting, especially where it was petitioned for deliberately during a bad week for many people. There was discussion of the estimated costs to the Town brought about by the same individual and the possibility of outlining them and sending them to Mr. Fay. The Town cannot charge him for these expenses but perhaps he needs to be made aware.
2. **Senior Meeting** – There was discussion last month about meeting with Senior Association people, Betty Morin, the Board of Selectmen, and others regarding the governance/administration of the senior groups. A meeting will be arranged for Monday, January 17, 2011 at 9:00 AM, immediately following the Selectmen's meeting to discuss ideas. M.

Nicholson stated that she has been stopping by the Senior Center fairly regularly and Betty Morin has been doing a good job bring programs/speakers in. It is difficult to recruit new members.

III. Current Business

1. Road Issues - None

2. General Discussion – Catherine Vollweiller donated the weathervane that is topping PCS. A letter of thanks went out to her today. Budget requests have gone out. First draft to the Selectmen will be reviewed in mid-February. Some discussion regarding items for the upcoming budget. J. Rivers stated that the ambulance service in Town is back on line as of December 27th. Some discussion regarding the plans for deck, patio, horseshoe pit, and landscaping at the Senior Center.

3. Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendment – Discussion tabled.

4. Pistol Permits Issued: None

IV. Other Business

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements – Sharon L. Schanal, O/P, \$300.61; Candace L. or Brian R. Bourque, COC, \$225.95; Thomas Bowen, COC, \$40.46 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – John DiIorio commented that the ambulance issues are important and options to keep it within the Town should be explored. He also stated that he has a sound system he would be willing to donate to the Senior Center.

VII. Adjournment – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____