

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Approximately 7 citizens and interested parties.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes July 5, 2011** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. T. Emilio moved to approve July 5th minutes. J. Rivers seconded. Two in favor. M. Nicholson abstained.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers motioned to add Discussion regarding Invoice for Generator Specifications to New Business, Item 3. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Rich Coduri asked if the grant request for the ambulance location was still in the works. John Carter stated that the stakes placed for the generator are where the deck is supposed to go. He also asked about the opening of Covell Road Bridge, where any default money goes and how is it spent. Briefly discussed.

II. New Business

1. **Consideration of Tax Abatement-Town Owned Property** – Pam Lewerenz, Tax Collector stated this property was purchased by the Town before the tax bill could be changed – so the Town is paying itself and she would therefore ask for an abatement. M. Nicholson motioned to abate the taxes for the 40+/- acres that the Town purchased on Wright's Crossing Road, formerly known as the Sarantopolous property. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Proposed Tax Office Policy - \$5.00 Fee DMV Release** – This fee is common in many towns and covers a direct cost paid by the Town to DMV. It eliminates the timely taxpayers covering the costs of these releases. M. Nicholson moved to approve the tax office request to add a \$5.00 fee policy for a DMV Release. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
3. **Invoice for Generator Specifications** – Mr. Porter with Certified Electric Services was present and stated that he was contacted early on by the Emergency Manager regarding specifications for this generator. He spent quite a bit of time writing the spec.'s, assisting with the narrative part of the grant and speaking with Derek. He had not volunteered his time and therefore has billed the time for 9 hours of work totaling \$648.00 and would request payment even though not awarded the bid. Discussion. This payment will likely be reimbursed by this grant. T. Emilio motioned to pay the invoice to Certified Electric Services in the amount of \$648.00. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Discussion – J. Kivela-Removal of Stone Wall on Cherry Hill Road** – Two family members were present regarding this request to remove the

stone wall discussed at the last meeting. The Board of Selectmen cannot act on this request. J. Rivers did speak with Jamie Rabbitt and this condition is a precedent set by Planning and Zoning. The interested parties need to go to Planning and Zoning to seek relief from this condition. Discussion. The matter will be taken by the interested parties to the next Planning and Zoning meeting.

2. **Senior Center – Proposed Regulations Regarding Use** – The proposed copy was distributed to the Selectmen. The Senior Board is looking for feedback. The Selectmen will put any concerns they have in writing for the Senior Board to review at their next meeting.

J. Rivers stated that he had a further Senior Center report as there has been some recent strife and some decision making conflicts. This is a result of growing pains at the fairly new Center. Some patience will need to be exercised as these issues are worked through.

IV. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** – M. Nicholson stated there seems to be some drainage issues on Wrights Crossing Road near Rollinson's house. Also there is a sidewall or guardrail that needs replacement along Fox Hill Road. T. Emilio stated that some drainage along Babbitt Hill Road where it meets Rte. 97 needs attention.
2. **General Discussion** – T. Emilio mentioned the empty garage at the Railroad Street entrance be looked into as a temporary Ambulance location. J. Rivers stated that the General Government budget came in under for the FY 2010/2011. The amount should be close to covering the Board of Ed overages.
3. **Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments** - Tabled
4. **Pistol Permits Issued** - None
5. **Discussion – Covell Road Bridge** – The guardrail has been added.
6. **Discussion – Proposed Post Office Closing** – A letter for residents to sign has gone out in the Pomfret Times. The information posted on-line does indicate that the Postal Service still sees to adverse effects to closing Pomfret Center. Citizens need to voice concerns that the closing will cause adverse effects.

- V. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: See Attached** – M. Nicholson moved to approve. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

- VI. **Citizen's Comments** – Ken Kristal stated that the Certified Electric example should be a reminder of Purchase Order Procedures. Rich Coduri reminded the Selectmen that August 16th is the Wii Bowling Tournament at the Senior Center.

- VII. **Adjournment** – T. Emilio moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____