

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Also present – Paul Rollinson, John Carter, Ann Hennen, other interested HAM Radio operators.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes April 4, 2011** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:05 PM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Carter stated that the Senior Center would like better advance notice if tables or chairs are borrowed from the facility. J. Rivers had 3 pieces of correspondence – the first being from Jennifer Kaufman of the AGvocate Program. Pomfret has been accepted into the program and will be contacted by this group shortly. The Conservation Commission had submitted a letter regarding the possible sale of some land to CT Water Co. A letter from Ford Fay was read to the record asking that two questions be put on the next referendum ballot regarding voting procedure for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education.

II. New Business - None

III. Current Business

1. **Road Issues** - None
2. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson had previously submitted a letter of recommendation for Pomfret to the CT Land Conservation Commission. At a ceremony on Saturday Pomfret was recognized and received honorable mention for the ‘Significant Land Protection’ category. J. Rivers stated that the Town will be bonding soon regarding the approved land. Discussion. T. Emilio asked about other Towns that have Farmer’s Markets and about the activity on Covell Road Bridge project. J. Rivers provided an update on the Bridge project. T. Emilio also asked about the Recreation Park project and the funding was briefly reviewed. Brief discussion regarding the possibility of returning money to the General Fund at the close of this budget year. It is likely the General Government budget will come in flat.
3. **Highway Department – Review of Highway Policies for Snow Removal, Winter Roads and Potholes** –Proposed policies were reviewed. The Snow Policy was revised in the elimination of the first line, referencing the amount of accumulation before trucks are deployed. The proposed pothole policy was also reviewed. T. Emilio moved to approve the Pot Hole Policy as presented and the Snow Removal Policy as amended. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

4. Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendment/Amateur Radio Operators Change – Paul Rollinson had previously submitted some sample wording from a Town similar to Pomfret. He provided a brief overview of the content. Discussion. James Rabbitt, Town Planner, will be invited to the next Selectmen’s meeting to discuss possible language for amendment.

5. Pistol Permits Issued: Paul Lussier, 287 Fay Road, 3/30/11; Douglas Hamel, 193 Deerfield Road, 4/6/11; James Dingnell, 190 Deerfield Road, 4/11/11; David Conrad, 43 Babbitt Hill Road, 4/11/11; Rita Conrad, 43 Babbitt Hill Road, 4/11/11; Jessica Dingnell, 19 Pomfret Street, 4/13/11; Daniel Plouffe, 180 Paine Road, 4/13/11; Michael Raymond, 186 Babbitt Hill Road, 4/25/11 – Read to record.

IV. Other Business

- 1. Discussion – Covell Road Bridge** – Discussed within General Discussion
- 2. Highway/Buses/Ambulance Storage** – The Fire Department has a STEAP Grant for an addition to the Firehouse. There has been discussion of locating Ambulance bays at the Town Garage. There are a number of pieces in place to locate an additional structure there. This structure would also provide office space to the Highway Foreman, the bus company, and the Emergency Operations Center as well as rest rooms. The Ambulance would move toward regional service. Discussion of various possibilities. No decision has been made as of yet.
- 3. FY 2011/2012 Budget Discussion and Possible Action** – No discussion. Public Hearing on the budget is Wednesday evening, May 4th.
- 4. Discussion and Possible Action for Annual Town Meeting Date** – No discussion. A special meeting will be scheduled immediately after the Public Hearing in order to determine this.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements – DCFS Trust, COC, \$25.15; GMAC LLC, COC, \$206.65 – M. Nicholson moved to approve. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – J. Carter asked if the Selectmen had yet been approached by Richard Coduri of the Senior Board of Directors regarding a complaint received Ford Fay. He also asked if abutters to the Murdock property had been contacted regarding water tests.

VII. Adjournment – T. Emilio moved to adjourn. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. Meeting duly adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____