

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Also present – Peter Mann, John Carter, Pam Lewerenz, Bonnie Duncan, Staci Hattin, Pam Gaumond.

**I. Regular Meeting**

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes October 17, 2011** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers motioned to add the following items to the agenda under New Business, 4. Approval of Appropriation Transfers for FY 6/30/11, 5. Set Town Meeting Date and Items to the Call., 6. Possible Approval of MOU Resolution for 2010 Homeland Security Grant. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Peter Mann thanked Tony Emilio for his years of service. He also voiced some concerns pertaining to the upcoming bond and the discussion at the Board of Finance meeting regarding some of the bonded amount going back into a reserve fund. Some options were reviewed. John Carter thanked the Town for the use of the sign at the Senior Center. He also stated some concerns with the MRE's stored downstairs.  
Jim Rivers then recessed the meeting for refreshments and thank-you to Tony Emilio for his past service. Meeting reconvened at 9:00 AM.

**II. New Business**

1. **Re-appropriation of Bonding Grants** – The grant thru NRCS has been accepted by Town Meeting in the past. The appropriations will need approval as the exact amounts for which properties are now known. J. Rivers moved to appropriate the grant and take the same to Town Meeting as follows: \$83,000.00 toward the purchase of development rights on the Flath property at 300 Hampton Road, \$125,000.00 toward the purchase of development rights on the Terricciano property at 183 and 195 Chase Hill Road, and \$400,000.00 toward the purchase of development rights on the MacLaren property along Tyrone Road, for a total of \$608,000.00 in appropriated grant money. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Signature on Proxy for Closure of Reich and Tang Accounts** – The State of CT has wired STEAP Grant monies through these accounts in the past. They are now requesting that towns close these accounts and monies will come directly to the town. M. Nicholson motioned the approval to close these account(s) and James Rivers to sign for the same. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

- 3. Review and Possible Approval of Extension of NE Regional Trail Grant and Resolution of Same** – This grant is underway but will expire in December. The Resolution will extend the contract for another year. Brief discussion. M. Nicholson motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Approval of Appropriation Transfers for FY 6/30/11** – Some discussion regarding these transfers and the recent precedent of the General Government budget transferring any surplus to cover the Board of Education deficit. The auditors have recently pointed out that this is not necessary. M. Nicholson motioned to table action on this item until more information can be reviewed. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Set Town Meeting Date and Approval of Call** – Some discussion. M. Nicholson motioned to schedule the Town Meeting date for December 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM at Pomfret Community School Cafeteria, pending it's availability, and the call for the meeting to cover the grant appropriations as previously approved, 5 land acquisition proposals – Flath, Terricciano, Blackmore, Carter, and Johnson and changes to conservation easement with NRCS for the MacLaren property as well as the withdrawal of purchase of the Baker property as previously approved. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
- 6. Possible Approval of MOU Resolution for 2010 Homeland Security Grant** – M. Nicholson motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

### **III. Current Business**

- 1. Road Issues** – There is still a pothole at the end of Wrights Crossing Road and a pothole at the end of Freedley Road was reported.
- 2. General Discussion** – T. Emilio asked about the entry area to the property purchased by the Town next to the Sarantopoulos property. There is a 50 foot access to the left of the barway. J. Rivers motioned to reschedule the December 5, 2011 evening meeting to 8:00 AM. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Pistol Permits Issued:None**

### **V. Other Business**

- 1. Senior Center – Update** – TEEG has a regular presence in the building and is getting into a routine. Due to recent changes the costs for the center have decreased. Some building work still needs to be done.
- 2. Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments** - J. Rabbitt has not responded regarding these proposals. J. Rivers will contact him to determine where this stands and possibly look toward NECCOG.

### **VI. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None**

**VII. Citizen's Comments** - Peter Mann stated that the Pomfret Horse & trail group cannot get State permission to clear trails with chain saws or other similar equipment.

J. Rivers also stated that he had two letters regarding recognition of Eagle Scouts for projects. Paul Slavinski completed a connector trail from the Town Hall to the Air Line. Sean Cunningham completed floor refinishing at the Abington Library. A letter of congratulations will go out to both. Another Eagle Project is the 'Senior Prom' for the Pomfret Seniors to be held December 4, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

**VIII. Adjournment** – T. Emilio motioned to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_