

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Approximately 9 citizens.

**I. Regular Meeting**

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes August 15, 2011** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by J. Rivers. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers moved to add Post Office Discussion to New Business, item 2. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Jeanette Sullivan commented on the fine job that was done during the hurricane. John Carter commented that the Town should recognize the volunteers that worked during Storm Irene. He does not think the Selectmen have formally accepted the Senior Board resignations and some of them still have keys to turn in. He stated the current senior consensus is leave it to them to decide programs and run the center. A town employee would be more of a figurehead and a go-to person if there was a problem.

**II. New Business**

1. **Tropical Storm Irene – Review** – T. Emilio had concerns about some utility companies gouging for delivery prices/supplies. Some discussion. Tony will look into this further. J. Rivers provided a synopsis of the days leading up to the storm and the ensuing week. He will be scheduling a debriefing with Derek May and a subsequent public feedback session. He does feel volunteer recognition is a great idea and will schedule something for the start of the feedback session. Reverend Calloway has recently proposed a petition concerning the response by CL&P. Some discussion. Businesses should be encouraged to keep track of losses in the event FEMA funds may be available to compensate. Tony will distribute a flyer for businesses and Jim will address on the radio later this week. Discussion regarding communication options for future events. It was determined that the next Selectmen's meeting will be scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> in the evening with a Public Brainstorming session first regarding Tropical Storm Irene and future response considerations with the regular business to follow.
2. **Post Office Closing** – Brief discussion and review of letters sent out. The Postal Service is still determining a closure of the Pomfret Center location. No action taken.

**III. Current Business**

**1. Road Issues** – The State is clearing roadsides of storm debris. A semi-final meeting for Covell Road Bridge has been scheduled. The bridge on route 97 is stalled. The State is waiting for a pole to be moved.

**2. General Discussion** – The Interstate Reliability Project is still under consideration and the utility company will schedule an area public information session soon. J. Rivers motioned to add to the agenda a discussion of the Conservation Restrictions for PDR at Tyrone Farm. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

**3. Conservation Restrictions – Tyrone Farm PDR** – The National Conservation Resource Program (NCRP) has required some additional conservation language in order to proceed with this grant funding. Additional Town approvals will be required. J. Rivers motioned to accept the agreement as modified and submitted by Town Attorney Ed Higgins for acquisition of development rights of Tyrone Farm property. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

**4. Pistol Permits Issued:**

**IV. Other Business**

**1. Senior Center – Update** – M. Nicholson motioned to accept the resignations of the six board members with regret and to send each of them a letter of thanks. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor. TEEG is supplying assistance at the center. This will continue to be looked at as a regional-type option for running the center. A representative can be shared with other towns.

**2. Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments - Tabled**

**V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None**

**VI. Citizen's Comments** – Sally Johnson asked about a representative to do Senior Resources. Jeanette Sullivan commented that a petition to the utility company should encompass the whole area – not just Pomfret. Paul Rollinson stated that the road erosion in front of his house is continuing. He also commented that the location of the repeater should be considered. Sybill Williams stated that the volunteer working over the past week had been great and she thinks the suppers should continue on at least a quarterly basis. Sue LaRose asked if any reports will be put out regarding the past week and emergency response.

**VII.** Emilio motioned to adjourn. M.Nicholson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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