

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick. Rob Thibedeau, DOT and Ed Waltz, Close Jensen & Miller. 3 citizens.

I. Regular Meeting

- 1. Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes April 7, 2008** – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by J. Rivers. T. McNally moved to approve minutes of April 7th. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – D. Smutnick asked to add Discussion of Budget to Referendum. This will go to New Business, item 2. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen Participation & Communications** - None

II. Current Business

- 1. Road Issues** - None
- 2. Green Team/Recycling** – D. Smutnick distributed minutes of April 8th. The next meeting will be May 13, 2008 at PCS and a presentation will be done concerning solar power. Clean-up day is May 3, 2008, participants meeting at school at 7:30 AM.

III. New Business

- 1. Approval of Transfers FY 2006-2007** – T. McNally moved to approve transfers as presented. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Discussion – Budget Referendum** – D. Smutnick asked if thought had been given to taking the budget to referendum this year. J. Rivers stated he was inclined to favor that this year and outlined various reasons why. He suggested a Special Meeting after the May 1, 2008 Public Hearing to determine the question.

IV. Other Business

- 1. General Discussion** – D. Smutnick noted that the Historical Society is ready for the ditch for the well.
- 2. Constable Resignation/Appointment** – T. McNally moved to accept the letter of resignation from Paul Roy and to appoint John Lewerenz to fill his place as Constable. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Covell Road Discussion – DOT** – Rob Thibedeau was present from the DOT and spoke about costs associated with this project – both money spent and upcoming expenses. The cost has gone up since the initial application. The Town's share is now approximately \$258,000. The engineering costs spent federally to date will most likely require reimbursement if the Town does not go forward with this project. Discussion. No Action taken.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

- VI. Pistol Permits:** Cory Chase, 40 Searles Road added to agenda. Review and discussion. D. Smutnick made a motion to approve application. J. Rivers seconded. D. Smutnick, J. Rivers in favor. T. McNally abstained. Motion passes.
- VII. Approval to Pay Bills:** Bills to be Paid 04/21/08 – J. Rivers made a motion to approve payment of bills as check numbers presented to Selectmen. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.
- VIII. Citizen's Comments** – Dave Flath noted that while the DOT states only a 5% increase in the cost of Covell Road bridge, their numbers actually represent closer to a 13% increase. Cindy Sullivan asked about the new signs, when they would be used and who would maintain them. This will be reviewed at the next meeting to determine a policy. Pam Lewerenz asked if there is a plan to fill the remaining potholes.
- IX. Adjournment** – T. McNally made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by D. Smutnick. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____