

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick. Approximately seven citizens.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes March 3, 2008 and March 6, 2008 – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by J. Rivers. T. McNally moved to approve minutes of March 3rd and March 6, 2008 as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda – J. Rivers stated he would like to add a discussion of Town Hall hours, as decided at their December meeting, to New Business. So moved by T. McNally. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

3. Citizen Participation & Communications - None

II. Current Business

1. Road Issues - None

2. Green Team/Recycling – D. Smutnick distributed minutes from March meeting and reviewed some of the topics of discussion. Pomfret Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM is the next scheduled meeting.

III. New Business

1. Resolution – Memorandum of Understanding/Emergency Management Performance Grant – T. McNally moved to approve the authorizing Resolution for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

2. Town Hall Hours – T. McNally moved they remain unchanged for another 6 months with further review at that time. D. Smutnick seconded. Brief discussion. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. General Discussion – Brief discussion of the STEAP Grant proposals submitted and the new meeting signs.

2. Covell Road Bridge – Discussion – J. Rivers stated the consensus so far is not to close the bridge. Perhaps a forum could be held in the spring.

3. Discussion – Proposed Text Amendments to Zoning Regulations – Selectmen have received copies of the proposals. Brief discussion. T. McNally moved to submit a short note to the Planning and Zoning Commission expressing support of the four amendments. J. Rivers seconded. Discussion. It was determined four separate letters would be better, one presented for each proposed amendment. T. McNally amended motion to state four separate letters. J. Rivers

amended second. All in favor. Historic Resources – T. McNally moved to support this Text Amendment. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor. In-Law and Caretaker Apartments – T. McNally moved to support this Text Amendment. J. Rivers seconded. Discussion regarding the potential impact this could have on Town density. All in favor, motion carries. Home Occupations – T. McNally made a motion to support this Text Amendment. J. Rivers seconded. Discussion. D. Smutnick stated concerns regarding number of trips to the property as well as questions surrounding square footage and storage of vehicles. T. McNally, J. Rivers in favor. D. Smutnick opposed stating he could not support without serious consideration given to some of the language. Motion carries. Home Based Business – T. McNally moved to support this Text Amendment. J. Rivers seconded. D. Smutnick had concerns about large vehicles on Pomfret's small roads. J. Rivers, T. McNally in favor. D. Smutnick opposed. Motion carries.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

VI. Pistol Permits: None

VII. Approval to Pay Bills: Checks #24905-#24906; #25022-#25024; #25168-#25199, totaling \$46,744.75 and bills to be paid 03/17/08 – T. McNally moved to approve as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

VIII. Citizen's Comments – Dave Flath asked about the annual audit and when it would be completed.

IX. Adjournment – T. McNally moved to adjourn. D. Smutnick seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____