

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

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

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Meeting–8:00 AM/Approve Minutes May 1, 2008; May 5, 2008; May 14, 2008 – Meeting opened at 8:05 AM by J. Rivers. T. McNally moved to approve minutes of May 1, May 5, and May 14. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda - None

3. Citizen Participation & Communications – Cindy Sullivan stated there are still some trash bags from clean-up day at Brooklyn and Jericho Roads. She also stated that Cotton Bridge Road was in bad shape. Maureen Nicholson questioned D. Smutnick about a recent article he had in the Pomfret Times. She said she had invited phone calls with any questions and asked why she received no calls related to his stated concerns. She also asked about a comment stated on the radio by Mr. Smutnick stating that enough signatures had been received on a petition for referendum. She would like to see the petition. Thirdly, she stated that Dave has served on Boards that repeatedly ask for Open Space money in budgets. This year there is a \$250,000 line item in the budget for Open Space and she would like Dave's position on that. Chuck Boster asked about having a report from the Tree Warden in the Annual Report.

II. Current Business

1. Road Issues – No update yet concerning a Stop sign at Murdock Road and Rte. 97. Day Road and Townhouse Drive are done.

2. Green Team/Recycling – Solar Energy presentation was given by John DiIorio on May 13th. The School Building Committee is working on a feasibility study.

III. New Business

1. Nick Gardner – Economic Development Commission Appointment – J. Rivers made a motion to appoint Nick Gardner to the Economic Development Commission. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.

2. Naming of Baseball Field – Pomfret Recreation Park – J. Rivers stated that Larry Gregoire has been a very dedicated volunteer at the park and would like to name the baseball field after him. T. McNally moved to name the baseball field at the Recreation Park the 'Larry Gregoire Field'. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. **General Discussion** – J. Rivers referenced the same letter in the Pomfret Times that was brought up earlier. He felt that enough information had been provided at earlier meetings to clarify to Dave and Mary when present any questions concerning a referendum. He felt it was a good year to go to referendum. Some discussion. CL & P has contacted the Town and will be holding a Public Hearing in a month or so concerning power lines to run through town along an existing easement.

2. **Town Hall Hours – Review** – Any recommended change to the hours would be timely to decide now before the tax bills go out. The following hours were discussed: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM; Wednesday, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM; and Fridays, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. T. McNally moved to approve these hours as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor. Hours to become effective on July 1, 2008.

3. **Budget Discussion** – Brief discussion of possible cuts to the budget should it fail at Referendum and scheduling of additional Town Meeting and second referendum should it be necessary.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

VI. Pistol Permits: None

VII. Approval to Pay Bills: Checks #’d 24912-24913; 24192-24193; 25049-25050; 25378-25412 totaling \$ 37,356.01 and bills to be paid 5/19/08. – T. McNally moved to approve bills as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

VIII. Citizen's Comments – Dave Flath suggested that if the budget needs to be revised that a lower figure be used from surplus. He said that some towns separate their Capital budgets for separate approval. John Bala asked about the upcoming revaluation and the potential impact to the Grand List. Ford Fay stated that the Public Hearing held by the Board of Finance was the time for the public to make their wishes known. He also said that a referendum could be petitioned without all the numbers known. He suggested the adoption of an Ordinance that would send a budget to referendum automatically at a specified mil rate point. Chuck Boster stated that if citizens attend workshop meetings no materials are provided. Budget sheets would need explanation.

J. Rivers made a motion to add STAG III Tax Discussion. T. McNally seconded. They have come to the Selectmen’s office asking for tax relief. He would rather see jobs and action there than for the Town to help them with their investments. There was general agreement with this.

IX. Adjournment – T. McNally moved to adjourn. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____