

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick. Others present: Ford Fay, Ann Hennen, Penny Foisey, Villager Reporter.

**I. Regular Meeting**

- 1. Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes April 21, 2008** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by J. Rivers. T. McNally moved to approve minutes as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – J. Rivers moved to add two items to add, the first being a Letter of Support – Wyndam Land Trust Purchase, to New Business, Item three. The second being Executive Session regarding Land Acquisition Discussion/Negotiation. To add as item Nine after Citizens Comments. T. McNally seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen Participation & Communications** - None

**II. Current Business**

- 1. Road Issues** – T. McNally noted a large sink hole on Wrights Crossing Road. J. Rivers will speak with Glenn to correct. Discussion of road work planned this summer. D. Smutnick asked about a Stop sign at Route 44 and Modock Road. This will need to be looked into through the State.
- 2. Green Team/Recycling** – The roadside trash clean-up went well this weekend. Some discussion.

**III. New Business**

- 1. Pomfret Horse & Trail Association-Crossing Signs** – Penny Foisey with the Pomfret Horse and Trail Association was present. She presented a map showing a piece of Town owned land along Jericho Road. They are looking for permission to pass along this piece and in doing so be able to connect N.E. Forestry land and other trails to complete a loop. They would also like to be able to post trail markers along this route at some point. The Selectmen were in agreement in allowing both of these things. J. Rivers stated that the policy has been the allowance of passive recreation on Town land – such as walkers, joggers, and horseback-riders. Motorized vehicles may pass and shooting is not allowed. The group had also asked about the possibility of some horse crossing signs at points where the trails cross a road. J. Rivers has spoken with the highway department. They can get these signs and will need the information from the Trail Association as to the roads they will be crossing.
- 2. Discussion – CCM** – Representative have been in touch with the Selectmen's office numerous times due to the budget cut to the organization. Some discussion. Selectmen were all in agreement to keep things as they are.
- 3. Wyndam Land Trust Purchase** – Andy Rznekiewicz has been working on this purchase of 36 acres on James Street in conjunction with the State. They may

or may not be looking for Town contribution. They are asking for a letter of support of the purchase. T. McNally moved to support the purchase of this property and to provide a letter to Wyndam Land Trust stating the same. D. Smutnick seconded. Some discussion. All in favor.

**IV. Other Business**

**1. General Discussion** – D. Smutnick asked whether or not the budget would automatically go back to referendum should it fail the first time. The belief was that it would go back to referendum.

**2. Recreation Park Irrigation-Review of Accepted Bid** – Brief review of the accepted bid by the Recreation Site Committee for this irrigation system. The bid was awarded to P/S Irrigation, LLC. Work will start this summer.

**3. Town Hall Hours – Review** - Tabled

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

**VI. Pistol Permits:** None

**VII. Approval to Pay Bills:** Check #'s 23442-23443; 25041-25045; 25310-25350; totaling \$78,429.92 and Bills to be Paid 04/21/08. J. Rivers added additional bills to be paid listing check #'s 25046 – 25048; 24853; 25351 – 25377; 24959; and 24911 totaling \$ 31680.19. T. McNally moved to approve as presented. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

**VIII. Citizen's Comments** – Ann Hennen stated that Andy Rznekeiwcz has asked the Conservation Commission for a letter of support regarding the piece on James Street. They have agreed. Ford Fay stated he would like to have the minutes note his presence at the meeting.

**IX. Executive Session** – T. McNally moved to adjourn to Executive session to discuss a possible land acquisition and purchase negotiation. J. Rivers, T. McNally, D. Smutnick to remain present. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:45 PM with no action taken.

**X. Adjournment** – T. McNally moved to adjourn. D. Smutnick seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

