

**TOWN OF POMFRET
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 28, 2019**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase.
Also present: Approximately 35 citizens and interested parties.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for said meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 6:30 PM and asked for nominations for a moderator. T. McNally moved to nominate Pat Boyd as moderator and R. Wishart seconded. There were no other nominations and vote was unanimous for Pat Boyd as moderator.

Article 2: To see if the Town will approve a revision to the Conservation Ordinance adopted at a Special Town Meeting of January 13, 1999, revising Article 1 of said Ordinance to state the Board of Selectmen shall establish the Conservation Commission with a total of six (6) members, and two (2) alternates appointed by the First Selectman, with three (3) members appointed to four (4) year terms and three (3) members appointed for three (3) year terms. A quorum of at least four (4) members must be present to hold a meeting. A copy of said revised Ordinance is available at the office of the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, Connecticut – Pat Boyd read Article 2 into record. M. McNally moved to approve as presented. R. Wishart seconded. There was no discussion and Article 2 passed by unanimous vote of aye.

Article 3: To see if the Town will approve balance transfers within Capital accounts for finished projects to clear said accounts. Transfers approved by the Board of Selectmen per schedule available at the meeting and copies of which are available at the office of the Pomfret Town Clerk, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret, Connecticut – P. Boyd read Article 3 into record and noted that account code 3412 of transfers presented had been modified to reflect an amount of \$15,376.90. T. McNally moved to approve Article 3 as amended. R. Wishart seconded. There was no further discussion and Article 3 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 4: To see if the Town will approve an additional expenditure of \$500,000; to be funded by a USDA Cost Over Run Loan/Grant for the Sanitary Sewer Project; to be used for possible Sewer Project Expenses in addition to those approved at a Special Town Meeting of July 21, 2015 – P. Boyd read Article 4 into record. T. McNally moved to approve and R. Wishart seconded. T. McNally asked about this additional project money. M. Nicholson explained that the contingency currently stood at 2.5% and the USDA was recommending at least 15%. It will be borrowed as part loan, part grant and will only be used if needed. P. Mann asked if the town would be responsible for the paycheck of amount. The town would not be responsible and the money would be part of the bond that will be paid by the participants. There was no further discussion and Article 4 passed by unanimous vote of aye.

Article 5: To see if the Town will accept up to three million dollars in additional grant funding for the Transportation Alternatives Grant for anticipated expenses in completing road crossings along the Air Line Trail. Said funding is in addition to grant monies approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 17, 2018 – P. Boyd read Article 5 into record. T. McNally moved to approve and S. Rogers seconded. Brief discussion regarding the bridge expanse over Route 44, the needed DOT approval, and the difficult site line. This additional funding will allow for all planned crossings including a bridge over Route 44 and Needles Eye Road, culvert crossings at Holmes Road, Modesk Road, and River Road, and at-grade crossings at Wrights Crossing and Town Farm Roads. John Folsom asked if the final designs could be presented to the Town. There was no further discussion and Article 5 passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 6: To see if the Town will approve the expenditure of \$585,000, from the \$4,000,000.00 Appropriation approved by Town Meeting at referendum held on February 5, 2008; with \$520,000 to be expended from remaining bond funds and \$65,000 from the Pomfret Land Acquisition Fund; for the purchase and acquisition by the Town of Pomfret, of a certain parcel of land at 456 Mashamoquet Road; depicted as Pomfret Assessor's Map 28, Block D, Lot 009.00; and comprised of approximately 141 acres; from the Frankfurter, Centeri and Grossman families, et al; in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated January 23, 2019, on file in the Pomfret Town Clerk's Office; and the designation of up to ten acres of said parcel, fronting Mashamoquet Road, for possible future municipal use, with the remaining acres in open space – P. Boyd read Article 6 into the record. T. McNally moved to approve Article 6 as presented. M. Huoppi seconded. It was asked if there are

wetlands on the 10 acres and if it would ever be used for a school. It is for municipal use and would likely be for a future Town Hall. However, nothing is imminent at this time. A DEEP Grant will reimburse the town 65% of the price for the 131 acres. B. Williams asked about hiking and riding trails. M. Nicholson stated that a volunteer trail committee will be put together. K. Huff asked if any of the property would be cleared for farming. That could be possible but has not been discussed. He also asked if the property would stay in open space. It would and the purchase funds are designated for open space use. There was no further discussion and Article 6 was put to a vote. Article 6 was passed by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 7:

To do any other business proper to come before said meeting – There was no additional business and T. McNally moved to adjourn. R. Wishart seconded and meeting duly adjourned by a unanimous vote of aye at 6:48 PM.

Duly Recorded: Bonnie Ryan
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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