

**TOWN OF POMFRET
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 3, 2008
7:00 PM POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Timothy McNally, David Smutnick, Approximately 25 citizens and interested parties.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for said meeting: The Special Town Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by James Rivers. Tim McNally motioned to name Walter Hinchman as moderator, seconded by Margie Huoppi. There were no further nominations. Tim McNally moved to close nominations, seconded by Maureen Nicholson. Approved unanimously. Unanimous vote of aye that Walter Hinchman be named moderator.

Article 2: To see if the Town will approve a Resolution for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of Connecticut, DEP Land Acquisition and Management to be used to complete Wolf Den Drive and bridge repair. A copy of said Resolution is available at the Office of the Pomfret Town Clerk: Walter Hinchman read Article 2 into the record. Maureen Nicholson motioned to approve and Armand Jolly seconded. John Bala asked what the Town contribution will be. J. Rivers stated this STEAP grant will be combined with money awarded last year and will cover escalating costs. The cost to the Town will be approximately five to ten thousand dollars, the remainder to be paid by the State. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 3: To see if the Town will approve a Resolution for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the State of Connecticut, DEP Land Acquisition and Management to be used to construct a parking area and informational kiosk on property associated with the Airline State Park Trail, located on Pomfret Street, Routes 44 and 169, Assessors Map 24, Block A, Lot 9, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres. A copy of said Resolution is available at the Office of the Pomfret Town Clerk: Walter Hinchman read Article 3 into the record. Peter Mann moved to approve and Maureen Nicholson seconded. John Bala asked about the cost to the Town. James Rivers stated there will be no cost to the Town for this project. Mr. Bala asked if any buildings would be constructed and if so, would the Town or the State be responsible for maintaining. The State will own and maintain. Peter Mann stated he would hope there would be parking for more than one horse trailer and that horses would have access to trails from this point. Jim Rivers stated there will be room for multiple trailers. Lisa Landry asked if the road will continue as it used to be. Jim Rivers stated that access will be from Railroad Street and that the top of the street will be left open. Article 3 passed with a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 4: To see if the Town will approve a special appropriation of \$50,000 to be put into an Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund and used for emergency fuel assistance for qualified Pomfret residents, to be administered through the Selectmen's Office and TEEG and approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting of October 20, 2008: Walter Hinchman read Article 4 into the record. Carolyn Gerrity moved to approve and Armand Jolly seconded. James Rivers stated this proposal came about with the rising costs of fuel. The Board of Finance has approved. There is approximately \$140,000 expected to return to the General Fund from fiscal year 2007/2008. This money would come out of that. It can be accessed by Pomfret residents only after their options through Access Agency and TEEG have been exhausted. TEEG will qualify and order fuel and the Town will pay the bill. Unused money will stay in the fund. The Fire Department has also raised money that will go into this fund. John Bala asked if it will be audited. This would be part of the

annual audit. Any type of fuel; oil, wood, electric, etc. would be eligible. No further discussion. Article 4 approved by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 5: **To see if the Town will approve the gift of development rights from Sandra G. Molnar and Janice G. Smith for a certain parcel of land, comprised of approximately .50 acres, located at 41 Cheney Road, Assessor's Map 23, Block E, Lot 2:** Walter Hinchman read Article 5 into the record. He noted that the Planning and Zoning approved this gift at their October meeting. Article 5 was duly motioned for approval and seconded by Maureen Nicholson. John Bala asked if the lot was between other residents and felt it did not seem to be part of a plan for land acquisition. Walter Hinchman stated it will remain on tax roles but at a reduced rate. Brief discussion before call to vote. Article 5 approved with only one nay heard.

Article 6: **To see if the Town will approve a gift of land from Colonial and Federal Development, LLC, comprised of approximately .16 acres located at 249 Mashamoquet Road, Assessor's Map 29, Block C, Lot 5:** Walter Hinchman read Article 6 into the record. He noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this gift at their October meeting. He stated this gift was related to adding an addition onto the Grange for the new Senior Center. The current lot would not allow the addition to meet Zoning set-backs. The neighbor has offered to gift this piece to the Town. Article 6 was duly motioned for approval and seconded by Armand Jolly. There was no further discussion and Article 6 was approved by a unanimous vote of aye.

Article 7: **To do any other business proper to come before said meeting:** A motion to adjourn was duly made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Duly Recorded: _____
Nora V. Johnson, Assistant Town Clerk

Attest: _____
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