

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 AT 6:30 PM
PCS CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board of Finance members Kenneth Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Jorge Martinez, Alyson Aleman. Not present-Margie Huoppi. Also present – First Selectman Jim Rivers, Treasurer Cheryl Grist, Tax Collector Pam Lewerenz.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:44 PM.
 - a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of January 9, 2012** – C. Gerrity moved to approve minutes. M. Baum seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** - None
 - c. Citizen's Participation**- None

- II. New Business**
 - a. Preliminary FY 2012/2013 Budget Discussion** – K. Kristal reviewed the timeline for budget considerations as well as information regarding the tax reserve, use of surplus, and grand list impacts.

- III. Current Business**
 - a. Treasurer's Report** C. Grist reported that there has been little change since last month. January tax collections have increased the account balance. The bonding proceeds will be processed and deposited soon.
 - b. Tax Collector's Report** – Report distributed and briefly reviewed. Collections YTD look good.
 - c. Assessor's Report** - None
 - d. Board of Education Report** - None
 - e. Board of Selectmen Report** - None
 - f. Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion** – C. Gerrity reported and revenues and expenses to date. All looks well. The expenditures are 6% under what they were last year at this time. A. Aleman distributed a packet of information regarding BOE minimum budget requirements. She provided a brief review of her findings. Discussion continued regarding the SPED Study that was presented earlier this evening. There was some scheduling conflicts as this presentation overlapped this Board of Finance meeting but Dr. Packman has agreed to schedule another presentation when all interested Board of Finance members can be present throughout. Discussion continued regarding the expectations regarding this study and what might be the next step. J. Martinez reported his findings regarding Boards of Finance ability to take a political stand as a group. Many of the Towns he contacted were guided by a Code of Ethics. Some discussion.

IV. Other Business

- a. Discussion – Auditor RFP** – A sample RFP that was drafted by NECCOG had been distributed for review. The Board will request feedback from Lisa Dyer and Cheryl Grist regarding content and it's correlation with what is currently being provided.

V. Correspondence – K Kristal noted a letter from Marien & Co. that formally announces their merge with O'Connor and Davies. He also noted an email he received from Ford Fay who was concerned with a recent pay rate increase for the Constables mid-way through the budget cycle. This is not a specific budget line. There is no budgetary impact due to this increase.

VI. Citizen's Participation - None

VII. Adjournment – M. Baum moved to adjourn. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____