

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 AT 6:30 PM  
PCS CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Alyson Aleman, Jorge Martinez. Board Member not Present: Margie Huoppi Also present: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen James Rivers, Peter Mann. BOE Chairman Richard Schad.

**I. Open Workshop Meeting - K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:30 PM**

**II. Current Business**

- a. FY 2013/2014 General Government and Board of Education Proposed Budgets – Discussion and Possible Action –** M. Nicholson provided a hand-out regarding the General Government budget that outlined the process to date and responded to some earlier requests. Some discussion regarding comments and correspondence during earlier meetings where the Board was asked to consider changes made to the Building Inspector salary line. The consensus of the Board was that salary has always been determined by those working directly with employees and they did not want to set any sort of precedent in determining specific salary line items. M. Baum voiced concerns with regard to past practices of balancing the budget with monies from the General Fund. He also thought that as the General Government has historically been turning money back at the close of the year, perhaps there were some areas that could be cut. Some brief discussion.
- K. Kristal asked Richard Schad about future costs regarding the proposed all-day Kindergarten. The consensus of the Board was that this proposal has received favorable feedback from citizens. Some discussion. Special Education costs are not having a large budget impact this year.
- Some discussion regarding expected revenues, grand list growth, and continued use of some funds from the undesignated fund balance to balance the budget. A slow reduction of fund balance use was discussed. Mil rate impact with regard to these budgets as proposed were discussed at a projected increase somewhere between .50 and .75 mils. K. Kristal motioned to approve the use of \$50,000 as revenue from the general fund for the 2013/2014 budget year. Determination made that this should be decided at a later date and the motion was withdrawn. The current budgets will be proposed at the Public Hearing.
- Peter Mann expressed concern with the April 30<sup>th</sup> conflict with Pomfret School event. Alternate dates for the Public Hearing were discussed and it was decided to re-schedule the hearing to Tuesday, May 7, 2013. P. Mann also noted that Killingly is pursuing a Special Education facility and he understands that they have hired some teachers for this purpose. They've expressed interest in Pomfret's involvement.

**III. Adjournment –** M. Baum moved to adjourn. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date Approved\_\_\_\_\_