

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 6:30 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Alyson Aleman. Also present: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Treasurer Cheryl Grist, Tax Collector Pam Gaumond, and citizens John DiIorio, Jim Rivers

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:30 PM.
 - a. **Approve Minutes Meetings of November 14, 2016** – C. Gerrity moved to approve minutes. M. Baum seconded. All in favor.
 - b. **Items to be added to Agenda** – K. Kristal stated he would like to add a discussion of the Audit Presentation to New Business. There were no objections.
 - c. **Citizen's Participation** – John DiIorio stated that he was present as a representative of the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee. He distributed minutes from a recent meeting at UMass where the Committee visited a lab working on pavement technologies. He asked the Board to contact him with questions they may have after reading the minutes. He also had some comments on how costs may be covered at Longmeadow should expenditures exceed what is currently in the fund. An option that would prove to have limited impact on taxpayers would be to re-finance the existing open space bond. However, at this point a final fix and possible excess costs have yet to be determined. He will continue to bring information to the Board.
- II. New Business**
 - a. **Audit Presentation** – K. Kristal stated that the auditors are wrapping up the 2015/2016 audit. They cannot be at the regular January meeting and have offered to present in late January if the Board wants to schedule a Special Meeting. Otherwise, they can present at the regular February meeting. There was some discussion with the Board determining that the regular meeting in February will be fine for the presentation.
- III. Current Business**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report** – C. Grist distributed the current Investment Report which was briefly reviewed and discussed.
 - b. **Tax Collector's Report** – P. Gaumond distributed the current Tax Report which was briefly reviewed and discussed.
 - c. **Assessor's Report** - None
 - d. **Board of Education Report** – C. Gerrity attended the last meeting. There was not much new to report. The Teacher's Contract has been approved. The next Board of Ed meeting will have representatives from Woodstock Academy present to discuss impacts on the upcoming budget.

- e. **Board of Selectmen Report** - C. Baldwin stated that Federal Funding is available to complete two bridge crossings and three culverts on the Air Line Trail. The grant application must come from the Town but will be facilitated through NECCOG. This Transportation Alternatives Grant, if awarded, will supply 80% of the estimated 5.5 million in completion costs. The State has committed in writing to fund the additional 20%. This project should bear no cost to the Town. If awarded approval of acceptance of the grant would still need to be brought to Town Meeting. M. Baum asked about projected revenues from the State for next year's budget. He had read an article about significant cuts to the ECS monies. The Town has received no projections as yet.
- f. **Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion** – C. Gerrity provided a brief overview of revenues and expenditures to date.

IV. Other Business

- a. **Auditor Recommendations Update/Discussion** – K. Kristal distributed copies of the Whistleblower Policy and Conflict of Interest for review by the Board.
- b. **Acceptance of Resignation** – A. Aleman submitted her letter of resignation to the Board as she had discussed at the last meeting. She offered help with the transition process if needed. K. Kristal moved to accept the resignation with regret and thanks to Alyson for her years of service. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.
K. Kristal stated that he has received one resume in interest of filling Alyson's spot. An ad will be placed locally and the Board will be able to interview potential candidates at a Special Meeting.

- V. **Correspondence** – A letter from the Board of Education had been received stating that the Teacher's Contract had been approved.

VI. Citizen's Participation - None

- VI. **Adjournment** – M. Baum moved to adjourn. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____