

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board of Finance members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Jorge Martinez, Debi Thompson, Margie Huoppi. Also present – First Selectman Craig Baldwin, BOE Chair Kate Cerrone, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, PCS Principal Susan Imschweiler , and approximately 5 citizens and interested parties.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:30 PM.
 - a. Approve Minutes Meetings of February 13, 2017** – C. Gerrity moved to approve minutes as presented. J. Martinez seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** - None
 - c. Citizen's Participation** - None

- II. New Business** - None

- III. Current Business**
 - a. Treasurer's Report** – Investment report was distributed and briefly reviewed.
 - b. Tax Collector's Report** – Tax report was distributed and briefly reviewed.
 - c. Assessor's Report** – K. Kristal spoke recently with the Assessor and some grand list growth is expected for the upcoming year.
 - d. Board of Education Report & Presentation of Proposed FY 2017/2018 Board of Education Budget** – Kate Cerrone, BOE Chair, provided an overview of the budgeting process. State revenues are expected to decline in upcoming year but final numbers are currently unknown. She reviewed some of the increases and decreases in proposed budget. The increase in the number of students entering Woodstock Academy is the driver of the increase this year. The year over year operating budget at PCS has been reduced.
 - e. Board of Selectmen Report & Presentation of Proposed FY 2017/2018 General Government Budget** – First Selectman Craig Baldwin provided an overview of the proposed General Government budget. He reviewed some of the increases and decreases and stated that overall the budget is similar to last year. M. Baum asked if sufficient money has been budgeted for Longmeadow Estates. C. Baldwin stated that with the money proposed, the balance in that account, and some anticipated transfers, there should be enough money to complete any one of the number of options being considered.

K. Kristal stated that the word regarding revenues from the State has not been good. Reductions are anticipated. This could have a significant impact on the mil rate this year. Discussion. The schedule for budget meetings was also discussed and it was determined that the following

budget meetings would be held: Informational Forum, March 30th at 7:00 PM; BOF Budget Workshop, April 4th at 6:30 PM; Regular BOF Meeting, April 10th at 6:30 PM; Budget Workshop, April 18th at 6:30 PM. All will be held in the PCS Conference Room with the exception of the Forum, which will be scheduled in the Cafeteria.

- f. **Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion** – C. Gerrity reported that expenditures are right in line with where they were last year. State revenues are slow to come in.

IV. Other Business - None

- V. **Correspondence** – Bound copies of the 2015/2016 Audit was distributed to the Board.

- VI. **Citizen's Participation** – L. Semancik thanked M. Baum for asking about Longmeadow as it is a concern to residents.

- VII. Baum moved to adjourn. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____