

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
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In Attendance: Board of Finance Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Jorge Martinez, Debi Thompson, Michael Baum. Also present: State Senator Tony Guglielmo, First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, Board of Education Chair Kate Cerrone, and 3 or 4 citizens and interested parties. BOF Member not present – Margie Huoppi.

I. Open Workshop Meeting - K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:37 PM.

II. Current Business

a. FY 2017/2018 General Government and Board of Education

Proposed Budgets – Discussion & Possible Action – K. Kristal first welcomed Senator Guglielmo who spoke about the current state of the State and possibilities concerning where the upcoming budget is headed. He did not feel the Governor's proposed budget was final and the appropriations budget in late April should be a better indicator of what the towns can plan on. However, this is a tougher year than what has been experienced in the past and is expected to continue beyond the upcoming year. Discussion. The Board then reviewed the General Government budget with a few clarifying questions. K. Cerrone provided an outline of the BOE repairs and maintenance budget and there was some discussion regarding Woodstock Academy and the increase in students entering in the Fall. K. Kristal asked the Board to consider their options for future discussion. Considerations would be use of reserve, General Fund usage, increase in the mil rate, and assumptions to use regarding State revenue. A decrease in funding from the State could indicate anywhere from a 2 to 3 mil increase down to 0.

III. Adjournment – M. Baum moved to adjourn. Motion duly seconded and meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____