

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 AT 6:30 PM
PCS CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board of Finance Members Margie Huoppi, Dayna Flath, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Jennifer York, Debi Thompson. Also present – First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, Principal Susan Imschweiler, BOE Chair Kate Cerrone

I. Open Workshop Meeting – M. Huoppi opened meeting at 6:32 PM

II. Current Business

a. FY 2018/2019 General Government and Board of Education

Proposed Budgets – Discussion & Possible Action – A preliminary draft of expected revenues with projected mil rate was distributed and discussed by Board. Discussion continued regarding various expenses included within the Board of Education budget and the General Government budget. Identifying one-time capital expenses and funding them thru the undesignated fund was discussed somewhat as a way to minimize tax burden. Discussion of the need to reduce budgets in light of the continued expectation of reduced State funding. Consensus of Board was that somewhere between .50 and .75 of mil rate increase was acceptable. The Board asked the Board of Education to compile a list of one-time capital expenses that they could eliminate from their budget and the Board of Selectmen to identify possible cuts of the same from the General Government budget. It was asked that this information be forwarded to the Board of Finance the week before their April 9th meeting. The Board determined to schedule a Public Hearing on April 30th due to conflicts with the earlier date. A Forum will not be scheduled for March 29th due to additional information regarding State funding expected after the first of April.

III. Adjournment – M. Baum moved to adjourn. J. York seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____