

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 -
MINUTES**

MARCH 22, 2012 AT 7:00 PM

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

In Attendance: Board of Finance Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, Michael Baum, Alyson Aleman, Jorge Martinez. Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and approximately 30 members of the public and interested parties.

- I. **Open Session** – Ken Kristal opened the session at 7:06 and stated information on both budgets would be presented at this time. The Board of Finance will take no action this evening but would please ask for feedback from citizens. He would also ask Walter Hinchman to continue to act in a Moderator-type capacity.
- II. **General Government – Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Review and Public Comments and Questions** – Jim Rivers provided an overview of the budget as proposed, highlighting items of notable change. There is an over-all proposed increase to the General Government budget of 2.35%. Woody Woodbridge asked if regionalization is an area still be looked at to help defray costs. J. Rivers stated there are now areas on both the expense and the revenue sides that are being looked at as regional benefits. Another gentleman asked about having some work done at Taft Pond Road and Route 244 where there is a bad blind spot.
- III. **Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Review and Public Comments and Questions** – Richard Schad thanked the Board of Finance for getting budget information out before any action has been taken. He then provided an overview of the proposed budget as presented providing information on both the positive and negative aspects considered. The current overall impact is an increase of \$306,517 or 3.35% He stated if some possible additional monies come through from the State this could improve somewhat.
- IV. **General Discussion/Comments/Questions regarding Proposed Budgets** – There were no additional comments or questions. Walter Hinchman suggested that if anyone thought of anything after adjournment they could attend upcoming Board of Finance meetings and workshops or send thoughts in writing.
- V. **Adjournment** – Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____