

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE WORKSHOPAGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 AT 6:30 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board Members Margie Huoppi, Dayna Flath, Michael Baum, Carolyn Gerrity, Jennifer York, Debra Thompson. Also present: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, PCS Principal Susan Imschweiler.

- I. Open Special Meeting** – M. Huoppi opened meeting at 6:34 PM.
- II. New Business**
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action of Proposed FY 2019/2020 Budgets** – Budget survey results were distributed and discussed. Responses were similar to what was received last year. Suggestions received were reviewed. The General Government budget was discussed with most questions pertaining to staff increases and the cost of health insurance. Better numbers for health insurance are expected in the next few weeks. Tree removal/cutting has increased and trimming will be a priority. The \$80,000 in Woodstock Academy capital expenses have been included and M. Nicholson stated that this seemed to make sense by not increasing the minimum budget requirement for the BOE. The General Government budget has remained mainly flat over the past 13 years and increases are becoming unavoidable. Some discussion. The Board of Education budget was reviewed and S. Cullinan outlined some of the increases and decreases and how educational grant money runs thru the expenses. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the Board would remove the Woodstock Academy capital expense and leave it with the General Government budget. The exact amount calculated is \$79,620. There was some discussion and questions. The consensus of the Board was to have a better idea of revenues before any action is taken on these budgets. The general feeling of the Board was to have a goal of no more that .50 to .75 mill increase.
- III. Citizen's Participation** - None
- IV. Adjournment** – M. Huoppi moved to adjourn. M. Baum seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____