

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 AT 6:30 PM  
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In Attendance: Board of Finance Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Jorge Martinez, Alyson Aleman. Not present: Margie Huoppi. Also Present – First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, BOE Chairman Richard Schad, Superintendent of Schools Matt Bisceglia and approximately 5 additional staff members and interested parties

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:35 PM
  - a. Approve Minutes Meeting of February 10, 2014** – C. Gerrity moved to approve and J. Martinez seconded. All in favor.
  - b. Items to be added to Agenda** – J. Martinez asked that a Report of his Budget Presentation at the Senior Center be added. M. Nicholson asked the Board to add Discussion and Possible Approval of Land Acquisition. Duly moved and seconded and both items were added to New Business.
  - c. Citizen's Participation** - None
- II. New Business**
  - 1. Budget Presentation at Senior Center Report** – J. Martinez spoke about the budget at the Senior Center recently. Approximately 20 people were in attendance. There were some questions concerning the reserve fund and some requests for more narrative explaining the budgets. He felt that the presentation was well received.
  - 2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Land Acquisition** – M. Nicholson provided some background regarding the Platt property that abuts the Town Garage property. The parcel is about 24 acres and would allow for a better buffer for the garage property and expand the options with regard to building the Emergency Ops Center. It's location also fits within the Open Space plan, linking a number of other properties. The purchase was approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion followed regarding the various funds that the town holds that are for the purpose of Open Space/Land Acquisitions. Members of the Board would like to seek more information concerning these funds before taking action on this item. Tabled until the April Board of Finance Meeting.
- III. Current Business**
  - a. Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Grist provided a brief report with updates on current investments.
  - b. Tax Collector's Report** – P. Lewerenz distributed tax report. Reviewed and briefly discussed.
  - c. Assessor's Report** - None

- d. Board of Education Report and 2014/2015 Budget Presentation –**  
Richard Schad provided a brief update regarding this YTD. A surplus is anticipated at year end with the amount still to be determined. Proposed Budgets for FY 2014/2015 were distributed. The bottom line reflects an increase of \$194,076 or 2%. He provided a history of the process to date and then gave an overview of each group within the budget. Brief discussion.
- e. Board of Selectmen Report and 2014/2015 Budget Presentation – M.**  
Nicholson reported that the Highway Department still has enough sand and salt available for a few more storms. The locks will change soon for Town buildings and new keys will be issued before that time. Proposals for FY 2014/2015 Budget was distributed. This budget reflects many small changes. The bottom line is \$35,793 or a 1.47% increase. She provided an overview of the larger items and noted that this budget passed the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2 to 1. K. Kristal stated that he had an email from Selectman Peter Mann regarding his vote of opposition that was read into the record. He voted against this budget due to the increase to the First Selectman's salary – which he felt was a part-time job and should be paid as such. Brief discussion.
- f. Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion – C.** Gerrity gave a brief update of revenues and expenses. She noted that she would be giving a talk at the next PTO Meeting to explain the budget process. They meet March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.  
First Forum/Informational Meeting on these budgets is scheduled for March 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Pomfret Community School.

**IV. Other Business - None**

**V. Correspondence - None**

**VI. Citizen's Participation - None**

**VII. Adjournment – M.** Baum moved to adjourn. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk