

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016 AT 6:30 PM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: Board of Finance Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Alyson Aleman, Michael Baum, Margie Huoppi, Jorge Martinez. First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith. BOE Chair Richard Schad, Superintendent Stephen Cullinan, Principal Susan Imschweiler, and approximately four additional staff, citizens, and interested parties.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:40 PM.
  - a. Approve Minutes Meetings of February 11, 2016** – M. Huoppi moved to approve. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor. A. Aleman abstained as not present.
  - b. Items to be added to Agenda** - None
  - c. Citizen's Participation** - None
- II. New Business** - None
- III. Current Business**
  - a. Treasurer's Report** – Investment reports for February and March were distributed and briefly reviewed. The temporary note for the Sewer Project is inflating the actual balance. Cheryl Grist, Treasurer provided an update on current rates.
  - b. Tax Collector's Report** – Tax report was distributed for review. The collection rate continues to be strong.
  - c. Assessor's Report** – Brief discussion regarding drop in values and how that looks to be distributed.
  - d. Board of Education Report & Presentation of Proposed FY 2016/2017 Board of Education Budget** – R. Schad provided some background information on arriving at this budget and where some of the larger impacts are. He stated that it represents the lowest increase in 15 years reflecting an increase of \$25,147 or .25%. S. Cullinan provided some information on expected staffing for the upcoming year and what funding they expect to see from grants. Some questions and discussion followed.
  - e. Board of Selectmen Report & Presentation of Proposed FY 2016/2017 General Government Budget** – C. Baldwin reviewed the highlights and largest impacts to the proposed budget. The budget as proposed represents a decrease of (\$11,185) or -0.44% while still maintaining and enhancing current services. He stated that he remains concerned with possible reductions in revenues to be received from the State. Some additional comments and questions.  
A Public Forum on the budgets is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at Pomfret Community School. Both budgets will be presented to the public with citizen questions and comments to follow.

- f. Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion -** C. Gerrity provided a brief review of revenue and expenses to date.

**IV. Other Business**

- a. Sewer Project Update** – Discussion regarding potential costs to the Town should Pomfret Community School ever need to tie-in to this system. A sizeable amount of the construction costs would be charged to the town should this need arise early on with total cost diminishing over time. The current system at PCS is expected to last 20 years or more. C. Baldwin stated that he is looking for a comfort level regarding potential costs from both the Boards of Finance and Education and that the risks are understood before he signs the Agreements. He will work to confirm a reasonable cost schedule with the users that he can confirm with these Boards and the Board of Education will get a professional estimate on the life of the current PCS system. The Agreements will not be signed until this information can be determined.

**V. Correspondence - None**

**VI. Citizen's Participation** – J. Martinez announced that the Conservation Commission will be holding a presentation in partnership with the Eastern Conservation District on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Audubon Center. This presentation will be inclusive of water conservation and assistance with failing septic systems.

**VII. Adjournment** – M. Baum moved to adjourn. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_