

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: Board Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Jorge Martinez, Debi Thompson, and Margie Huoppi (via phone). Also present – First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith, Tax Collector Pam Gaumond, and citizen Peter Mann

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 8:04 AM.
 - a. **Approve Minutes Meetings of June 12, 2017** – J. Martinez moved to approve minutes of June 12th. D. Thompson seconded. All in favor.
 - b. **Citizen's Participation** - Peter Mann stated that he was hoping Representative Boyd would be present to provide some information regarding the State budget. K. Kristal stated that he and First Selectman Baldwin have been in regular contact with him. There is no current State budget and the State is currently running under Executive Order. Some discussion.
- II. Current Business**
 - a. **Possible Approval of FY 2016/2017 Transfers** – C. Gerrity moved to approve as presented. J. Martinez seconded. C. Gerrity asked about a negative balance still showing under the Town Garage. C. Baldwin stated that the amount would be covered under Town Aid. All in favor to approve transfers as presented.
 - b. **Discussion/Possible Action – Mill Rate for fiscal year 2017/2018** – K. Kristal stated that the most recent news from the State makes their 'worst case scenario' even worse. Cuts to Pomfret could represent a 5.5 mil increase. Discussion continued regarding the State of the State, what seemed reasonable in terms of a mil rate this year, and the idea that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Ed should start thinking now about spending only as necessary this upcoming year and about large potential cuts next year. J. Martinez motioned to increase the mil rate by 2.88 and make up the balance with the fund balance. C. Gerrity seconded. Some discussion. Two in favor: J. Martinez, K. Kristal, Four opposed: C. Gerrity, D. Thompson, M. Baum, M. Huoppi. Motion fails. M. Huoppi moved to approve a 2.5 mil increase. K. Kristal seconded. Brief discussion. Brief discussion and all in favor. Motion passes to set the FY 2017/2018 mil rate at 27.93. M. Baum will write a letter to other Boards to remain frugal throughout the year in light of the current difficulties. K. Kristal will write another letter for the Pomfret Times. The July 10th meeting is canceled but the Board will plan to meet for their regular meeting of August 14th.
- III. Correspondence** -None
- IV. Citizen's Participation** - None
- V. Adjournment** - - M. Baum moved to adjourn. C. Gerrity seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____