

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Alan Chubbuck. Also present: Peter Mann, David Howe, Jay Livernois

**I. Special Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM**

**II. New Business**

- 1. FY 2024/2025 Budget Discussion & Possible Approval** – Draft budgets were reviewed with the CNR numbers updated after review with the Highway Department. Costs for an upcoming update/revision to the Plan of Conservation and Development and a minor increase to Canine Control will be added. The overall increase is just about 1%. Review of noteworthy increases/decreases. The new Bulky Waste facility remains an estimate until the facility is open and actual costs are known. Final numbers for health insurance are still undetermined. A PT Town Administrator would be covered with 75% grant funding through NECCOG. The grant funds would decrease over time and the town would have the right to withdraw at any time if the position is not working out. The Capital budget contains \$40,000 for PCS painting and doors and \$15,000 to begin accruing for a roof project. A number of road projects in the Capital budget have zeroed out as much road work has been completed over the past year. The upcoming year will focus on culverts and replacing guardrails.

M. Nicholson asked if there were comments or questions before the Board acted on this budget. David Howe with the Abington Library spoke about some of the many programs that they are offering. Their fundraising is surpassing the grant from the town. Jay Livernois with the Abington Library spoke about recent tree removal expenses and added costs to maintain the building and grounds. The town grant to the library was reduced during the COVID years and he would like the Board to consider raising the funding back to those pre-COVID levels. Some discussion. Budgets will be presented to the Board of Finance on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. P. McCarthy moved to approve the presented budget as amended for a total of \$3,370,039 representing a 1.02% increase. A. Chubbuck seconded. All in favor.

**III. Other Business**

- 1. Citizen's Comments** – Nothing further.

**IV. Adjournment** – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and A. Chubbuck seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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