

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AT 6:30 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

In Attendance: Board of Finance Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, Jorge Martinez, Alyson Aleman, Michael Baum. Also present: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Treasurer Cheryl Grist, Craig Baldwin, JoAnn Baldwin

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – K. Kristal opened meeting at 6:30 PM.
 - a. Approve Minutes Meetings of October 13, 2015** – C. Gerrity moved to approve minutes of October 13, 2015. J. Martinez seconded. Five in favor, A. Aleman abstained as not present.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** – M. Baum moved to add a discussion with regard to voting on items that are not on the agenda. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor.
 - c. Citizen’s Participation** - None

- II. New Business**
 - a. Review & Possible Approval FY 2015 Proposed Transfers** – C. Gerrity moved to approve Transfers as presented for 2015 Fiscal Year. K. Kristal seconded. IWWC overage noted. This was primarily the clearing of old accounts as discussed at earlier meetings. All in favor of Transfers as presented.
 - b. Review & Possible Approval Dairy Farm Tax Abatements** – M. Huoppi moved to approve Dairy Tax Abatements as presented. A. Aleman seconded. M. Baum asked about the verification of these applications. The Assessor has gone through these applications. Some continued discussion. All in favor to approve abatements as presented.
 - c. Discussion/Action Items not on Agenda** – M. Baum expressed some concern with items that come before them as additions to the agenda and they are then asked to take action. Action was asked for at the October meeting for the Old Townhouse and he felt he would have liked more time to gather information. Some discussion regarding a possible policy for such situations but it was determined they would consider on a case by case basis, knowing the ability was there to table a request to a future meeting.

- III. Current Business**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report** –C. Grist provided a brief report regarding current investments and rates of return.
 - b. Tax Collector’s Report** – Report was distributed for review with some discussion.
 - c. Assessor’s Report** - None
 - d. Board of Education Report** – None. Assignments were given to Board members for attendance at the 2016 Board of Education Meetings.

- e. **Board of Selectmen Report** – M. Nicholson distributed a report outlining the tax collection rates throughout the State. She provided an update regarding the regional Revaluation and the savings expected for the Town over the next two revaluations. She stated that she has been working with Murtha Cullina regarding an RFP for a Solar Array Farm on Town property. This would generate tax dollars from the solar panels and lease payments for the land. Eversource’s Interstate Reliability Project is nearing completion. This will also provide additional revenues to the Town. Both Rectory School and New England Laborer’s Academy are planning large building projects. Permits fees are expected to be high and will add one-time additional revenue. She also provided a brief update regarding the Putnam Tech Park. The agreed upon annual payment is in this year’s budget but the Town has not yet been billed as Putnam is still finalizing some details regarding the Park. Woodstock is exploring the possibility of using NECCOG’s regional engineer. As that cost is divided among participating towns this could reduce the annual fee billed.
- f. **Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion** – C. Gerrity provided a brief report regarding revenues and expenses. Brief discussion.
- g. **Sub-Committee/Non-lapsing Fund Discussion & Possible Action** – A. Aleman stated that she has had some further discussion with Town Attorney Ed Higgins. Ed will contact towns that setting up similar funds and provide feedback. A. Aleman will continue to update Board as this information is received.

IV. Other Business

- a. **Review & Possible Approval 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule** – C. Gerrity moved to approve 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor. Workshop Meetings, Forums, etc. will be scheduled at a later date as needed.

V. Correspondence - None

VI. Citizen’s Participation - None

VII. Adjournment – M. Baum moved to adjourn. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____