

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board Members - Maureen Nicholson, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, Tony Emilio, Michael Baum. First Selectman Jim Rivers, Superintendent of Schools Richard Packman, BOE Chairman Richard Schad. Pam Lewerenz. Board Members not present - John DiIorio

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by M. Nicholson.
 - a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of January 12, 2009** –C. Gerrity motioned to approve minutes of January 12th. M. Baum seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** - None
 - c. Citizen’s Participation** - None

- II. Unfinished Business** - None

- III. Current Business**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report** – J. Rivers reported that current year is going well. Investments are being watched and we have some decent rates in light of the current market.
 - b. Tax Collector’s Report** – Report distributed. Brief discussion.
 - c. Assessor’s Report** - None
 - d. Board of Education Report** – R. Schad stated that the current budget year is on track. Some favorable news has come in regarding next years budget in level ECS funding and possible education money from proposed federal stimulus. The Superintendent’s office is working on the FY 2009/2010 budget which the BOE has requested they bring down to an approximately 1.5% increase. Some discussion.
 - e. Board of Selectmen Report** – J. Rivers stated that the current year’s budget is going well but there is not a large turn-back to the general fund expected. Brief discussion of revenues. The BOS will complete an initial review of the General Government budget at their next meeting which is currently at a zero increase. State funds for the recently approved PCS Solar Project are currently on hold. As the funds become available again Pomfret is at the top of the list. Full funding has also been requested through the ‘shovel-ready’ federal stimulus money as requested by the Governor’s office, as well as funding for some additional projects that are permitted and ready to start. Discussion.

- IV. New Business** - None

- V. Other Business**

- a. **Annual Report – Gulemo Quote** – Brief discussion regarding the Annual Report being available on-line. The usual number of books will be ordered for this year but on-line availability will be explored. M. Huoppi moved to approve the quote from Gulemo Printers for 400 books at a total cost of \$1855.00. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.
- b. **Discussion – 2009/2010 Budget** – J. Rivers spoke of the funds used from the reserve last year and cautioned about the continuation of the same. The general feeling of the full Board was to strive for a zero percent increase in expense for the FY 2009/2010 budget. Considerations for the upcoming year’s budget with forward thinking to the following year’s budget discussed. There was also some discussion regarding the Public Hearing on the budget. The consensus was to hold this as early as possible this year to encourage more and earlier input from the public.

VI. Correspondence - None

VII. Citizen’s Participation - None

VIII. Adjournment – T. Emilio moved to adjourn. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____