

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: Board of Finance members Maureen Nicholson, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, John DiIorio, Tony Emilio, Michael Baum. First Selectman Jim Rivers, Selectman Timothy McNally, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Packman, BOE Chairman Richard Schad, Board of Education members, approximately 30 citizens.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:05 PM.
 - a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of February 9, 2009** – C. Gerrity moved to approve minutes of February 9th. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** - None
 - c. Citizen's Participation** – Peter Mann stated that in light of the current economy he would like to see all Boards recommend a wage freeze. Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Conservation Commission Chair, read a statement voicing concerns about the cut of that commission's clerk.

- II. Unfinished Business** - None

- III. Current Business**
 - a. Treasurer's Report** – J. Rivers stated that the sweep accounts that have been discussed in the past are now in place with primary banks.
 - b. Tax Collector's Report** – Report distributed for review. Some discussion.
 - c. Assessor's Report** - None
 - d. Board of Education Report** – R. Schad stated that the BOE is currently working on a busing contract for June. Brief discussion.
 - e. Board of Selectmen Report** – J. Rivers stated the Town was still waiting for final stimulus numbers from the Governor's office. The Senior Center is currently in wetlands permitting stage. The Kiosk and Parking project at the Airline Trail will resume in the spring.

- IV. New Business**
 - a. Review & Possible Approval-Marien & Co. FY 2008/2009 Quote and Appointment** – J. DiIorio motioned to accept Marien & Co. quote of \$30,970 for completion of FY 2008/2009 audit. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.
 - b. General Government – FY 2009/2010 Budget Presentation** – J. Rivers distributed proposed budget. It is at a zero spending increase as requested. He reviewed some of the highlights and invited questions from the Board. Some discussion.
 - c. Board of Education – FY 2009/2010 Budget Presentation** – R. Schad distributed budgets and provided a verbal summary. The BOE has

proposed this budget with a .99% increase. He invited questions from the Board. Some discussion.

V. Other Business

a. FY 2009/2010 Budget Discussion – M. Nicholson thanked both Boards for consciences completion of budgets. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Both budgets will be presented at the hearing as they have been presented tonight. An email address for the Board of Finance has been set up for those citizens who would like to comment to the Board outside of the meeting format. Some discussion.

VI. Correspondence - None

VII. Citizen's Participation – Henry Woodbridge asked where the Board of Finance stood on regionalization. He feels this is an area where the Town and the BOE may be obliged to look harder.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____