

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board Members John DiIorio, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, Michael Baum. First Selectman James Rivers, approximately ten citizens.

Prior to opening the meeting J. DiIorio recognized the service of Maureen Nicholson and Tony Emilio to the Board of Finance.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:04 by J. DiIorio.
  - 1. Citizens Participation** – Peter Mann stated that he was speaking for the Republican Town Committee in speaking in favor of the appointment of David Conrad to the Board of Finance. He felt that Boards of Finance typically took these recommendations seriously and the feeling was that there was no conflict of interest with Mr. Conrad’s appointment. Ford Fay stated that Boards of Finance decide on their appointees, not Town Committees. Charles Boster asked for attendance clarification of the minutes of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Maureen Nicholson commented on the many good candidates that have shown interest in appointment to the Board of Finance. She would encourage those not appointed to look to other boards and commissions as there are many places to serve. She felt that Mary Anthony would be a good addition to the Board and commended the current Board for the work they have done in looking at current candidates.
  
- II. Correspondence - None**
  
- III. New Business**
  - 1. Discussion-Attorney Opinion Regarding BOS/Board Membership** – Discussion regarding correspondence between Tim McNally and Ed Higgins regarding membership on the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance. J. Rivers stated that Mr. McNally contacted Mr. Higgins in the context of the election and not out of a discussion by the Selectmen. Some discussion regarding the use of the Town Attorney and the charges that would be incurred. J. DiIorio stated that information distributed to the Board via an email constitutes a quorum and is public information, he would prefer that any information discussed with him privately, if emailed, be sent to him only, he wanted to clarify that the Board of Finance had nothing to do with the memo being discussed.
  - 2. Fill Vacancies** – J. DiIorio stated that seven inquiries had been received and he had received 4 ½ completed responses. He distributed these resumes to the Board of review. Discussion followed regarding the merits of each. M. Baum motioned to fill current vacancies with Mary Anthony and David Conrad. There was no second, motion failed. M.

Baum motioned to fill one of the vacancies with David Conrad. There was no second. Motion failed. M. Huoppi motioned to fill M. Nicholson's seat with Mary Anthony until the next municipal election. C. Gerrity seconded. In favor: J. DiIorio, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi. Abstained: M. Baum. Motion passes. C. Gerrity motioned to nominate Kenneth Kristal to fill Tony Emilio's seat until the next municipal election. M. Huoppi seconded. In favor: J. DiIorio, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi. Opposed: M. Baum. Motion passes.

- 3. Code of Ethics as defined by Connecticut General Statutes – J.** DiIorio stated that the Town has not adopted one and asked if this Board would like to adopt their own. Currently the Town defers to State Statute. Brief discussion. It was felt that while the Board did not need to develop their own, J. DiIorio would approach the Board of Selectmen to inquire about pursuing this at the Town level.
- 4. Boards of Finance as defined by Connecticut General Statutes –** Brief discussion. M. Baum noted that it is good information for new members.
- 5. 2010 Meeting Schedule and Location –** Discussion of dates. This will be reviewed again at the December meeting. No action taken.

**VI. Adjournment** – M. Huoppi motioned to adjourn. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_