

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MAY 18, 2010 AT 8:15 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: Board of Finance members John DiIorio, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Margie Huoppi, Kenneth Kristal, Mary Anthony. First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson, Board of Education Kate Cerrone and other BOE members, Superintendent of Schools Richard Packman, PCS Principal Jane Dion, a few additional citizens.

I. Open Meeting – Meeting opened immediately following the public hearing at 9:22 PM.

II. Current Business

a. Review and Possible Approval – General Government FY 2010/2011 Budget

b. Review and Possible Approval – Board of Education FY 2010/2011 Budget

J. DiIorio moved for discussion a total combined cut of \$300,000 to budgets in the interest of targeting a 1 mil increase. C. Gerrity seconded. Discussion followed regarding comments heard at the public hearing and what people seemed to be indicating. The consensus of the Board was that some type of mil increase was necessary but what was acceptable and how much of the fund balance could be used was discussed. The Board felt that somewhere around $\frac{3}{4}$ mil to 1 mil increase was responsible. How \$300,000 in cuts would be split between General Government and Board of Education was discussed. Kate Cerrone and Jim Rivers outline how \$150,000 and \$200,000 in cuts would look to their budgets. Some further discussion regarding impacts to the Town. The board consensus was that a \$300,000 cut should be half to each proposed budget. J. DiIorio withdrew his motion and C. Gerrity withdrew second. J. DiIorio moved that the Board of Finance recommend an appropriation for FY 2010/2011 in the amount of \$2,293,380 for General Government and \$8,921,410 for Board of Education. K. Kristal seconded. All agreed that any cuts were difficult to make but this seemed to be a compromise. Vote on motion - 5 in favor: J. DiIorio, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi, K. Kristal, M. Anthony. 1 Opposed: M. Baum. Motion passes. J. DiIorio moved that in the interest of balancing the budget the amount of \$100,000 be used from the general fund. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.

III. Adjournment – Motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____