

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

In Attendance: Board Members: Maureen Nicholson, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, Tony Emilio, John DiIorio, Michael Baum. BOE Chairman Richard Schad. First Selectman James Rivers, Selectman Timothy McNally. Citizens Peter Mann, Staci Hattin, Pamela Lewerenz.. Marien & Co.-Marsha Marien.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by M. Nicholson.
 - a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of February 11, 2008, March 3, 2008, March 10, 2008, and April 3, 2008** – C. Gerrity made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, March 3, and March 10, 2008. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** - None
 - c. Citizen’s Participation** – Peter Mann stated he was there for the Republican Town Committee who voted unanimously to have an attendee at a Board of Finance meeting and ask for a zero mil increase for the upcoming fiscal year. They felt the \$250,000 in open space could be eliminated as money was already there and in light of the recent bonding approval at Town Meeting. Some long range capital money could also be eliminated. Discussion.

- II. Unfinished Business**

- III. Current Business** – M. Nicholson stated that if there were no objections she would move Marien & Co. presentation up to the first Current Business item. There were no objections.
 - a. Marien & Co. – Audit Presentation 2006/2007** – Marsha Marien presented the Audit results for fiscal year 2006/2007 and an overview of financial standing of the Town. Pomfret shows favorable results in all that was presented.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report** - None
 - c. Tax Collector’s Report** – Report distributed for review.
 - d. Assessor’s Report** - None
 - e. Board of Education Report** – Richard Schad stated that the Board of Education has met with Eastford for possible regionalization discussion. They plan to meet with them again for further discussion. The BOE budget has been presented with a 4.25% increase from last year.
 - f. Board of Selectmen Report** - None

- IV. New Business** - None

V. Other Business

- a. Approval of Quote for 2007/2008 Audit** – J. DiIorio moved to approve the quote from Marien & Co. for FY 2007-2008 audit as presented. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
- b. Budget Discussion and Recommendation for Public Hearing** – Discussion regarding General Government budget. M. Nicholson motioned to take the budget to Public Hearing with a .59 mil increase, using \$309,717 from surplus. Seconded by J. DiIorio. Discussion. M. Nicholson, M. Huoppi in favor. J. DiIorio, T. Emilio, C. Gerrity, M. Baum opposed. Motion fails. **J. DiIorio made a motion to take the budget to Public Hearing at .59 mil increase, but add \$35,000 to Capital Improvement line 482.13, using the additional money from the surplus. C. Gerrity seconded. In favor: J. DiIorio, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi. Opposed: T. Emilio, M. Baum. Abstained: M. Nicholson. Motion passes.**
- J. DiIorio also stated for the record that there has been no secret meetings between the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. **M. Nicholson made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for May 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Community School. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.**

VI. Correspondence - None

VII. Citizen's Participation – Peter Mann stated his appreciation to the Board for hearing the requests of the Republican Town Committee yet voiced his disappointment that none of their requests were acted on.

VIII. Adjournment – T. Emilio moved to adjourn. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____

