

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board of Finance members-M. Nicholson, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi, J. DiIorio, T. Emilio. First Selectman J. Rivers, Selectmen T. McNally, D. Patenaude. Town Clerk, Cheryl Grist. Superintendent of Schools Richard Packman, Principal Sandra Ahola, J. Maragiolio, Ann Hennen. Board Members not present: P. Mann

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Maureen Nicholson.
  - a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of April 9, 2007** – C. Gerrity made a motion to approve minutes as presented. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
  - b. Citizen’s Participation** – Ann Hennen was present representing the Conservation Commission and stated that the Commission had sent a letter for the last meeting in support of the purchase of development rights of the Rich Road property. They still support the proposal and feel this property would be good to preserve.
  
- II. Current Business**
  - a. Station Enterprises Update** – T. McNally has been the point person for these negotiations and provided an update. The settlement proposal has been approved by the two voting Selectmen. The State of CT, DEP will purchase the property for \$250,000. using \$140,000. from a STEAP grant to the Town, \$60,000. in direct State money, and \$50,000. from the Town E&O Insurance, of which just the \$5,000. deductible will come from the Town. The suit will be dropped at the time of sale. T. McNally reviewed the history of this suit. Some discussion. M. Nicholson made a motion to approve the \$140,000. STEAP grant for purchase of land by the State at 13 Railroad Street to be completed by year end. M. Huoppi seconded. Four in favor: M. Nicholson, T. Emilio, M. Huoppi, C. Gerrity. Abstained: J. DiIorio. Motion passes.
  - b. 2007/2008 Budgets – Discussion** – Cheryl Grist distributed updated computation reports including projected State revenue. Review and discussion of reports presented and how much projected State revenue should be considered. Dr. Packman stated \$20,000. could be returned to the General Fund from this year’s Board of Education budget. Discussion of possible cuts to proposed budgets. C. Gerrity and J. DiIorio supported the BOE budget as presented. T. Emilio made a motion to reduce the General Government budget by \$100,000. and the Board of Education budget by \$30,000. J. DiIorio seconded. Discussion to use \$160,000. from surplus. All in favor

A Public Hearing date was set for May 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Community School for budget review. The Regular Meeting will follow the hearing.

- c. McDaniel's property, action to be taken Re: purchase of Development Rights** – Jim Rivers reviewed current offer to purchase the development rights on 100 acres on the North side of the road, less a 2 acre lot against the house for a garage and possible apartment, for \$600,000. This would close on or around July 1, 2007. Discussion. J. DiIorio made a motion to approve the acquisition of the development rights for 100 acres on the North side of Rich Road for \$600,000. M. Huoppi seconded. Discussion. Four in favor: M. Nicholson, M. Huoppi, J. DiIorio, T. Emilio. Opposed: C. Gerrity. Motion passes. Discussion regarding financing followed. J. DiIorio made a motion to finance the \$600,000. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. 10 year financing was favorably viewed. J. DiIorio stated he did have some concerns with the appraisal that had been done for this property and he feels either the BOS or BOF should look into this and he reviewed some of the concerns he had. T. Emilio noted for the record thanks to J. DiIorio for all of his volunteer time in looking into the numbers concerning this property.

**III. Citizen's Participation** – Ann Hennen stated that the Conservation Commission will be very pleased with this decision. They had all been pleased with this new possibility.

**IV. Adjournment** – T. Emilio made a motion to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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