

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Maureen Nicholson, Margie Huoppi, Carolyn Gerrity, Tony Emilio, Michael Baum, John DiIorio. First Selectman Jim Rivers. Superintendent Richard Packman, Principal Jane Dion.

**I. Open Regular Meeting**

**a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of November 13, 2007** – Meeting opened at 7:10 PM by Tony Emilio, sitting as chair until M. Nicholson present. C. Gerrity made a motion to approve minutes of November 13, 2007. J. DiIorio seconded. All in favor.

**b. Items to be added to Agenda** – T. Emilio stated he would like to add Election of BOF Officers to agenda. Discussion of Kent Farm was also added to Other Business and Discussion of Fee in Lieu of Open Space to New Business.

**c. Citizen's Participation** - None

**II. Unfinished Business**

**a. Discussion and Approval of Bonding Language** – Bonding language was reviewed as drafted by bond counsel. It states Board of Finance approval is required before any money is expended. Discussion. No further changes were proposed to made to this draft. J. Rivers stated he would like to take to Town Meeting in January to present before a Referendum. J. DiIorio made a motion to support the document as drafted. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

**III. Current Business**

**a. Treasurer's Report** - None

**b. Tax Collector's Report** - None

**c. Assessor's Report** – None

Jim Rivers provided a verbal update on items a., b., and c. – A six month CD has been rolled back into Citizen's National at 4.97%. CL&P will be running a new transmission line thru existing easement. This will be approximately 6 million in property and will generate tax revenue in a year or two. Grand List numbers will be available in January. Bringing in the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Assessor on a quarterly basis to Board of Finance meetings was discussed. Jim will approach them about attending in January.

**d. Board of Education Report**

**i. Strategic Plan Revision Review** Dr. Packman distributed an updated Strategic Plan. He reviewed elements of the same. Goals have been set for Curriculum, Early Childhood Initiatives, Technology, Facility, and

Partnerships. Jane Dion reviewed Action Plans that staff has been putting into place based upon areas identified last year.

- e. **Board of Selectmen Report** – J. Rivers had nothing additional to report. He did provide a brief budget review.

**IV. Other Business**

a. **Approval of 2008 Meeting Schedule** – M. Huoppi made a motion to approve the 2008 Meeting Schedule. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

b. **Kent Farm** – J. Rivers stated that the State Department of Agriculture has done the work and appraisals on this property. The purchase would be in conjunction with the State for development rights. The Dept. of Agriculture is better able to move forward when partnering with State and they are asked for \$100,000 from the Town. The property comprises 100 acres on Route 44. This will go to Town Meeting in January. J. DiIorio made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$100,000.00 for development rights in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture for the Kent Farm. \$25,000.00 of funds to come from the reserve account and \$75,000.00 of funds to come from the designated fund. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

c. **Fee in Lieu of Open Space** – J. DiIorio asked for clarification of what this is and how it's used. Some discussion.

**V. New Business**

a. **Election of Officers** – C. Gerrity made a motion to nominate Maureen Nicholson as Chairman. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor. M. Huoppi made a motion to nominate Carolyn Gerrity as Vice Chairman. J. DiIorio seconded. All in favor.

**VI. Correspondence - None**

**VII. Citizen's Participation - None**

**VIII. Adjournment** – T. Emilio made a motion to adjourn. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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