

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board Members-M. Nicholson, M. Huoppi, C. Gerrity, T. Emilio, P. Mann. First Selectman, J. Rivers. Superintendent of Schools, R. Packman. P&Z Chairman, W. Hinchman. Also present-B. Morin, E. Jolie, A. Jolie. Board Members not present: J. DiIorio.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:02 PM by M. Nicholson.
 - a. Approve Minutes of December 11, 2006** – M. Huoppi made a motion to accept as presented. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be Added to Agenda** – M. Nicholson stated she would like to add Printer's Quote for Annual Report to IV, b. J. Rivers requested adding Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition. So moved by C. Gerrity. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor to add Annual Report Quote and Executive Session.
 - c. Citizen's Participation** – None

- II. Unfinished Business** – None

- III. Current Business** – M. Nicholson requested moving item IV. a. to first item of Current Business.
 - a. Senior Center/Wolf Den Grange – Betty Morin was present to review packet of information that had been mailed out to Board members and First Selectman. The package included information concerning the cost of trips, possible programs, and some cost estimates. Senior Center members currently pay a dues, receive some grant money, and run some fundraisers. Discussion. J. Rivers had met with Grange members in December concerning the Town taking ownership of the building and converting for use as a Senior Center. There has been positive feedback to date.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Nonce
 - c. Tax Collector's Report - None
 - d. Assessors' Report – None
 - e. Board of Selectmen's Report – J. Rivers stated that the State of CT final payment for retiring school bond has not yet been received. Pam Lewerenz has been appointed as new Tax Collector until the next election. Bonnie Duncan has been appointed as Assessor for a four year term and a consultant, Mary Huda, has been hired for a maximum of one day per week. Overall these areas should come in under budget for both departments. There has been a resignation on the Board of Directors for Seely-Brown village. Leah Schad has been suggested as a replacement and will likely be appointed at next Selectmen's meeting. Revenue for Building Permits and Conveyance fees are down but costs have been saved due to the lack of snow this winter.

f. Board of Education's Report – Dr. Packman distributed a budget update to the Board and reviewed. At this point the BOE expects their current budget to break even or be able to return some unexpended balances to the Town. There are some areas that will need to be addressed for next year but he does not anticipate asking for any huge increases.

IV. Other Business

a. Printer's Quote – Annual Report – Guelmo Printers has provided a quote of \$1800.00 for printing the Annual Report. This is an increase of \$225.00 over last year. P. Mann moved to accept. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.

V. New Business

a. **Capital Budget – Discussion** – J. Rivers stated he was hopeful of having some rough budget numbers in February. Discussion followed regarding school building costs, land acquisition, roads.

VI. Correspondence – M. Nicholson read letter from the Conservation Commission regarding their pleasure of the Board's support in contributing to the Windham Land Trust's purchase of the property at Wright's Crossing Road.

VII. Citizen's Participation – None

Executive Session – Peter Mann made a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition, with Board of Finance members, J. Rivers, First Selectman and W. Hinchman, Chairman Planning & Zoning to remain present. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Regular meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

VIII. Adjournment – The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 PM. P. Mann moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____