

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board Members Maureen Nicholson, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, John DiIorio, Tony Emilio, Michael Baum. First Selectman James Rivers. Superintendent of Schools Richard Packman, BOE Chairman Richard Schad. Fire District President Richard Huoppi, Fire Chief Scott Davis. Tax Collector Pam Lewerenz.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by M. Nicholson.
 - a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of August 11, 2008** – C. Gerrity moved to approve as presented. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add an Executive Session to the agenda of the agenda to discuss Real Estate. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.
 - c. Citizen’s Participation** - None

- II. Unfinished Business** - None

- III. Current Business**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report** – T. Emilio asked if the State fund has been adversely effected by Wall Street. M. Nicholson distributed investment report for review. Discussion. M. Nicholson motioned to add Investment Discussion to agenda after Citizen’s Comments but before Executive Session. J. DiIorio seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Tax Collector’s Report** – Tax Collector distributed reports for review.
 - c. Assessor’s Report** – J. Rivers stated Vision Appraisal has been hired for the revaluation. They have been in the office to start.
 - d. Board of Education Report** – Richard Schad stated that the Board of Education should be turning back about \$19,000 from last fiscal year. He gave a quick review of money used and available for Capital school improvement projects. Report was distributed outlining the cost of the fire in the nurses office last spring. Dr. Packman distributed and reviewed CT Mastery Test results and the Pomfret Strategic Plan. Language Arts curriculum has been approved. Gary Brock has been involved in the Solar project. The new Resource Room has received very positive feedback. The Building Committee is now looking at Kaestle Boos for further plans. Eastford is in a holding pattern regarding a new school project. An upgrade in insurance coverage was discussed. The truck used for plowing at PCS needs to be replaced.
 - e. Board of Selectmen Report** – J. Rivers stated that the FY 07/08 figures are showing approximately \$144,000 to the good. FY 08/09 is pretty much on schedule. Brief review and discussion. J. Rivers gave brief

overview of some ongoing Town projects. The Senior Center is moving forward. An Architect has been hired and is working on plans. The Recreation Park is still using money from an earlier STEAP grant. Sprinkler system is done, dug-outs are being worked on, and the bathrooms are about to be put in. The Corn Maze is going well. Wolf Den Drive has been completed using STEAP Grant money. Seeley-Brown received a Capital Improvement grant that is handled by the Town. This has started underway.

IV. New Business

- a. Pomfret Fire District Presentation** – The District is looking into building expansion. Scott Davis gave a brief slide demonstration showing the tight space in the current building. There is limited room. The district is considering this project for a few years from now. Some discussion.
- b. Fuel Heating Assistance Appropriation \$50,000** – J. Rivers stated this special appropriation would be for Pomfret residents only. They would go through Access Agency, TEEG, and once those options were exhausted TEEG would refer to the Town. The money would be kept in a Town fund. Discussion. J. DiIorio motioned to allocate \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Emergency Fuel Assistance fund to be used for emergency fuel for Pomfret residents. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor.
- c. 35' x 200' Gifted land at Westerly side of Grange/Senior Center** – J. Rivers stated that this piece is on the west side of the Senior Center. Expansion on the current lot would create zoning set-back issues. The owner gifting this land has also agreed to a clarification of easements that would allow him continued access to farmland in back and would allow Town access to the Airline Trail from this location. C. Gerrity moved to approve accepting the gift of 35' x 200' of land and gift of 25' easement thru the same owners property to allow Airline Trail access to the Town, and to approve the clarification of existing easement allowing the owner to pass Senior Center land to his farm land. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor.
- d. Cheney Road – ½ acre Gifted Development Rights** – J. Rivers stated the owner of this .50 building lot would like to gift the development rights to the Town. So moved by J. DiIorio. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor.
- e. Schedule for 2008-2009 budget** – M. Nicholson presented a tentative schedule for next year's budget planning. A difficult budget season is anticipated. Some discussion.

- V. Other Business** – J. DiIorio addressed the Solar Panel project at the school. The cost to the Town should be approximately \$600,000. The will be more power than originally thought and will be cash flow neutral the day it goes into service. The project will pay itself back in 13 years. They have 3 bidders to interview soon and will then bring the proposal to the Board of Finance.

VI. Correspondence - None

- VII. Citizen's Participation** – None
- VIII. Investment Discussion** – Report from Assistant Treasurer was reviewed. Discussion regarding disbursements and account insurance. Discussion. J. Rivers will speak with the banks regarding insurance options and discuss further at the next meeting.
- IX. Executive Session** – J. DiIorio motioned to move to Executive Session to discuss Real Estate with the Board of Finance members and James Rivers, First Selectman, to remain present. C. Gerrity seconded. Meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:50 PM.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:10 PM with no action taken.
- X. Adjournment** – T. Emilio motioned to adjourn. C. Gerrity seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____