

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board Members – Maureen Nicholson, John DiIorio, Tony Emilio, Margie Huoppi, Carolyn Gerrity, First Selectman-Jim Rivers, John Filcheck, Andy Renkiewicz. Board Members not present: Peter Mann

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Maureen Nicholson.
- a. Approve Minutes, Meeting of July 10, 2006** – Tabled to next meeting.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** – Tony Emilio stated he had some information from the Economic and Development Committee that he would like to add to New Business. Maureen Nicholson stated she would like to move Windham Land Trust item to Other Business, item c. Tony Emilio made a motion to approve both changes. Seconded by Maureen Nicholson. All in favor.
 - c. Citizen's Participation** – None
- II. Unfinished Business** – None
- III. Current Business**
- a. Treasurer's Report** – none
 - b. Tax Collector's Report** – none
 - c. Assessor's report** - none
 - d. Board of Selectmen's Report** – Jim Rivers stated that a new mower is needed for the Recreation Fields. The cost will be about \$7,000.00. He would like to purchase on credit or lease. Time saved in payroll costs will cover payments. Looking for any comments from the Board of Finance. Glen Postemski is taking over maintenance of the fields while Barbara Gagnon handles schedules and programs. Upcoming and ongoing projects at the field is septic, soccer field irrigation, a well has been done. Discussion.
 - *There is a potential lawsuit coming against the Town from CIRMA and the Town of Hampton regarding the Smart Trailer sign that was destroyed in Pomfret. The Town's insurance company will not cover. A copy of the summons has been forwarded to Ed Higgins.
 - *Brothers from the McDaniels family have contacted Jim regarding their property on Rich Road. It consists of approx. 120 acres on both sides of the road. They are trying to keep it in the family. They are looking into possibly subdividing one side of the road. They would possibly sell part of the property. This might be something for the Town to think about. Discussion. No action taken.
 - *Regarding the parcel across the street from the Town Hall, Jim has been speaking with the owners. The price seems to be getting more realistic. The DEP is interested in the piece and is getting appraisals.

*Loos Property – Windham Land Trust purchase – The Selectmen voted to support contributing funds for the purchase of this parcel.

*OSHA performed a surprise visit about a month ago. They identified a number of violations and fined the Town just under \$500.00.

e. Board of Education Report – Lisa was available to answer questions regarding the \$11,505.00 appropriation. Maureen Nicholson stated she understood they were Special Education bills that came in after the year closed. Discussion. The Board felt they needed more information on how to handle this type of request. John DiIorio made a motion to table until more information is available. Tony Emilio seconded. All in favor. The BOE is meeting on the 19th and would like a Board of Finance member to attend. Carolyn Gerrity will do so.

IV. Other Business

a. John Filcheck/COG-Pomfret Build-Out Presentation – John Filcheck, COG, presented a build-out study of Pomfret. A finalized presentation that includes economic impacts will be completed in October and presented at the Economic and Development Committee meeting of that month. The trends in Pomfret have been low development, high land preservation. Discussion.

b. Approve Revenue Funds of \$47,000. to off-set appropriation approved at Town Meeting of May 18, 2006 – This BOE appropriation was approved at the May town meeting, but the revenue line needs to be clarified. M. Nicholson asked for a motion to move the \$47,000.00 out of the General Fund. So moved by John DiIorio. Seconded by Tony Emilio. All in favor.

c. Windham Land Trust – Loos Property – The Board of Selectmen approved the \$50,000.00 toward the purchase of D. Loos property. Andy Renkiewicz was present and stated all information presented at the last meeting is the same. If the Board of Finance approves the question will go to Town Meeting. Carolyn Gerrity stated some concerns in spending this money so early in the fiscal year. J. DiIorio felt the location was ideal but felt the purchase price of the property was high. The property comprises 44.7 acres, most of it is wet. Discussion. Maureen Nicholson had an e-mail from Peter Mann stating his support of the purchase. The Conservation Commission had also sent a letter to the Board stating their support. Discussion. Margie Huoppi made a motion to support spending \$50,000.00 toward the purchase of Dave Loos property by Windham Land Trust, the funds to come out of designated and undesignated land acquisition/open space funds, and to take the expenditure to Town Meeting contingent upon State and Windham Land trust obtaining the remaining funds. Seconded by John DiIorio. Four in favor: M. Nicholson, J. DiIorio, M. Huoppi, C. Gerrity. One Opposed: T. Emilio. Motion passes. T. Emilio stated that other parcels may come up that would be more beneficial to the town. He thinks the townspeople will not want to continue to spend money on land purchases.

V. New Business

a. Discussion – Review of Budget Process – tabled to next meeting

b. Additional Appropriation of \$11,505. BOE 2005-2006 Budget – Discussion of how this could be done as last year's budget has been closed. Tabled.

c. Economic Development Committee-Pomfret Proprietors Info – T. Emilio stated that at the last Economic and Development Committee meeting they endorsed a plan for Pomfret Proprietor's Group. This group will develop activities to support businesses. They are looking for some start-up funds to help promote. Economic Development Committee has a budget and would like to use some of that money to help this group. Discussion.

VI. Correspondence – Marien and Co. newsletter distributed.

VII. Citizen's Participation – None

VIII. Adjournment – Maureen Nicholson asked for a motion to adjourn. So moved by John DiIorio. Carolyn Gerrity seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____