

**Pownal Economic Development and Sustainability Committee**  
**July 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Members:** Andy, O'Brien, Pat Hodgdon, John Libby, Susan Peters, Paul Schuman

**Guests:** None (Those in attendance highlighted)

Discussion regarding Maine Department of Transportation funds available to towns for village centers

- Select Board is setting up a meeting with a member of DOT and the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee to learn more about this.

Residential / Commercial

- Possibility of adding tax payments to businesses

Village District

- Look at enhancing the Village District to encompass: Royal Road to Bradbury Mountain; Pownal Elementary School to Libby Road

New form of government – Town Manager

- Need a Town Charter
- Will need to provide many opportunities to town citizens so that they understand why this is needed

RSU – Investigating alternative options (FYI – not a committee responsibility)

Vision – We need to create one.

Ordinances

- Need to make zoning a priority

Miscellaneous:

- Discussion of Knight's field
- The need to define "Commercial"

Homework:

- Andy – Look into process for changing town government structure, check on town maps
- Pat – Investigate personal property tax
- Susan – Find and e-mail example of other town's charters; provide Comprehensive Plan Vision to committee members; ask Becky to add Comprehensive Plan documents to Andy for committee

Next Meeting: August 23, 2022 @ 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Peters