

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
January 21st, 2013

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fauver at 7PM. All members were present.

Bob Lyman of Freeport Community Services was present to chat about the Keep Pownal Warm fund and how it is administered. He noted the guidelines for receiving benefits from the fund. Discussion regarding the process of applying for LIHEAP funds, KPW funds, and General Assistance funds. He noted that all applicants must exhaust all reasonable resources to become eligible. He also spoke for a few moments regarding the grant application for the Elders Bus Program. They are seeking a grant of 15K towards the 49K program costs. Motion by Mr. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Morris to co-sign the grant application. SO VOTED. Mr. Lyman also noted that the Center had converted to natural gas last year and was realizing a saving of at least 50%.

Fire Chief Peters – noted a new brochure for the Good Morning Program. Seaver will make sure it is added to the web site.

Payroll Warrant – Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve. 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant – Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve. 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Minutes of meeting of January 7th, 2013 – Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Minutes of Meeting of December 17th, 2012 – Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Hallson Road – Request by Gordon Holmes to change the name of Hallson Road to Jordan's Way. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve change as long as there is no cost to the Town. 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED. Seaver will contact Mr. Holmes with ideas on how to record.

CEO Appointment – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris, to appoint Barbara Skelton as Code Enforcement Office (with all related positions) as of February 1st, 2013. SO VOTED.

Little Free Library – Board had looked over material and though it a good idea. Mr. Morris will investigate further.

Proposed State Budget Cuts – Seaver provided information regarding the effect of proposed budget cuts at the state level: State Revenue Sharing (suspension of program for 2 years); General Assistance (cap on funding with town option to suspend program); Homestead Exemption curtailment; Aid to Education; This item will be reviewed as new information becomes available.

Maine Bond Bank Interest Drop – It was noted that the town had been notified of renegotiated rates for 10 years on one of the town bonds..slight drop in annual cost.

General Government Draft Budget – Seaver present an early draft of the General Government budget. Will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

Budget presentation schedule: The following dates were suggested for budget presentations by Department Heads to the Selectmen : February 4th- PCWA; March 4th – Public Safety; March 18th – Public Works; April 1 – Solid Waste and all others.

Board workshop scheduled for Monday January 29th to review Department Head evaluation forms. Seaver will provide forms via email. Workshop will be in executive session at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fauver at 8:45 pm. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.