

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of January 25th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. All members present.

Payroll # 49 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to approve as presented. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant # 50 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to approve as presented. SO VOTED.

Minutes of Previous Meetings – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to approve minutes of Jan. 11, Jan 13, and Jan 19th as presented. SO VOTED.

Public Comment – Christine Watson of Upper Minot Road requested to know of any plans for the reconstruction of Lawrence Rd. Mr. Giddinge explained there will be a budget request of about \$160,000 per year for the next 3 years to do this. She hope that it would be out to bid and done out of house, as she didn't feel that the town was served well in the reconstruction of Fickett Road by the Town Crew. Mr. Beaumier explained the time frame was quite good from actual start to finish on Fickett Road. He did hope that there would be public informational meetings prior to commencing construction on Lawrence Road.

Department Head Reports –
Scott Seaver – None

Road Commissioner Beaumier – reviewed a proposal on Comp Time. Board members contributed comments and suggestions. Mr. Beaumier will redo and resubmit. Seaver will find any state guidelines and forward to the Board.

Merrill Road is temporarily fixed and opened. Crooker will return in the spring to place permanent pavement and loam and seed slopes. Mr. Beaumier is negotiating the amount of payment hold back with them.

He reported that 2 of the 3 culverts had been re-installed on Chadsey Road, and all will be replaced in the spring when frost movement is not a factor. The new larger culverts to be put in will increase water flow by 20% each. It was noted that Fred Fauver had some ideas of funding by conservation groups. Mr. Giddinge will ask Mr. Fauver to check into this for the Board.

Mr. Beaumier was having trouble getting future paving prices.

He also noted that pricing on new plow trucks was difficult to get at this time. Mr. Giddinge noted that there was some advantage to staying with one brand.

Mr. Giddinge noted some concern with the time frame that it took to get Chadsey Road open after the flood event. He noted that there was a small snow storm in the interim, but he thought given the inconvenience to the homeowners on the New Gloucester side of the stream crossing that it could have been done sooner.

Fire Chief Peters noted that he had gotten more pricing on the exhaust systems for the fire stations... new pricing was much lower than previously, at about \$7,100 per station with around 500-600 a year in operating costs. He will report this to CIP.

Mr. Giddinge asked if there was any word on FEMA funds from the last storm. No one has heard of any.

Turf Field Project – Fred Palmer and John Paterson were present to give presentation on funding and design of a turf field for the Freeport High School. They noted that they are interested in making sure

the kids play on a safe field environment. Presently there is no track, and track participants must be bussed to Bowdoin College. Presently there is one field dedicated to field hockey, and 6 other sports utilize one other field. They have committed pledges of about \$2 million of the \$3.2 Million project. They are hoping that the three towns will contribute from their town meeting warrants. The Board noted that it would need to be vetted by budget committee and then Town Meeting in June. Jon Morris would be heading up the community campaign in Pownal. Palmer and Peterson noted that kids in athletics are less problematic. The funds raised would be turned over to the RSU 5 as it is their property. Mr. Giddinge noted that Pownal had no large extra funds from which to contribute. It would need to be funds from taxation.

Budget Committee Schedule – Budget Committee has scheduled March 9th as their kick off meeting with their first full meeting on March 23rd with General Government etc.

Jeanette Norman – abatement request. On Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris, the board approved an abatement of 1.60 acres of land for 3 years. SO VOTED.

Melcher Property – Motion by Mr. Morris 2nd by Mr. Anderson to approve an abatement of \$5465 in property value (5% or total value). SO VOTED Mr. Giddinge will contact Mrs. Melcher.

Meeting on land value reduction programs – Mr. Giddinge will contact Mrs. Hays to see if the meeting can be held in February, and who should be invited to participate.

Reminder that next meeting will begin at 6 PM on Monday February 8th, in order to meet with the Recreation and Conservation Committees regarding the definition of infrastructure and the projects that funds could be expended for. Seaver will forward pertinent information to the Board.

Reminder of RSU meeting January 27th at 6:30 at Freeport High School Library.

Mr. Giddinge noted that Craig Vosmus will be working on new ideas for the entrance ramp.

Mr. Beaumier wondered what became of the flashing warning lights that North Yarmouth had available earlier in the year.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.