



**Town of Pownal
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2011**

Selectmen Present: Timothy Giddinge, Chairman, Fred Fauver, Jonathan Morris

Municipal Officials Present: Administrative Assistant Justin L. Poirier, Road Commissioner Shawn Bennett

Public Present: None

Motions Made at the Meeting

- ❖ **Motion** by Mr. Giddinge to approve the acceptance of a used Ford F-250 truck from the State of Maine for the Fire Departments use, **seconded** by Mr. Fauver; **vote 3-0-0** in favor.
- ❖ **Motion** by Mr. Giddinge to allow one of the municipal officers (Selectmen) to approve payroll warrants until June 30, 2011, **seconded** by Mr. Fauver; **vote 3-0-0** in favor.

Call to Order

Chairman Giddinge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

- Minutes of December 20, 2010 – **Motion** to accept the minutes as amended by Mr. Fauver, **seconded** by Mr. Giddinge; **vote 3-0-0** in favor.

Warrant #27

- Warrant was received and a **motion** was made by Mr. Giddinge to accept the warrant in the amount of \$14,855.65 as presented, **seconded** by Mr. Fauver; **vote 3-0-0** in favor.

Consent Items

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Discussion with the Public

- None

Department Head Reports

- Road Commissioner-
 - Nothing significant to report.
 - Reminded everyone that the new bond for the roads needs to be done in February.
 - Mr. Giddinge asked Mr. Bennett if he had documentation of how much less salt the Town uses today compared to 5 years ago?
 - Mr. Bennett stated that compared to 5 years ago there was very little change, but compared to 10 years ago when he began there is a significant reduction. Each storm averages about 10-12 yards of salt.

- Administrative Assistant-
 - Reported that he is meeting with Marnie Diffin, Administrative Assistant for the Town of North Yarmouth to begin discussions about consolidating services. Topics will include Fire Department, Animal Control, and possibly Highway functions.
 - Grindle Family responded to the letter about the fire on the property and stated they were intending on demoing the remainder of the building in the future.
 - The Board decided to follow up on their progress on April 1st.

Written Correspondence

- Spectrum Energy – questionnaire on the Towns knowledge of systems and safety procedures for the natural gas lines.
- Cumberland County – letter informing the Town of the emergency shelter location list.
- Compensation Committee and Needs Assessment Committee are meeting tomorrow.
- Ordinance Review Committee is meeting Thursday, January 06, 2011.
- Maine Geoparcels

Other

- TIF Project Status – waiting on a few names to contact about consulting services.
- Doug Hall Property Easement – Mr. Giddinge stated he did not think that there was good access at the area discussed earlier, but said he would still try to get in contact with Mr. Hall.
- Water Testing – Mr. Giddinge will contact Mr. Albert Blackstone about the possibility of the Town testing his well.
- Budget Process – the Board decided to send out the same letter as last year to Department Heads asking them to submit a “flat” budget for next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin L. Poirier, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen