

Pownal Budget Committee

Meeting Date: January 4, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

APPROVED

Members Present: Kim Best, Carlene Harvey, Kathy Hogue, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Andy Wyatt, John Green, Mary Ann Hodsdon

Members excused: Jeremy Willis was not notified of meeting and John Green had notified the chair that he would be late.

Selectmen Present: Fred Fauver

Guests: Shawn Bennett, Scott Seaver

A quorum was established.

Review and approve minutes from May 11, 2011. The Budget Committee asked for two changes – the new sentence to read as follows: Citizens and the Family Crisis Center asked to have \$500.00 put back into the Human Services Budget.

Carlene Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest seconded the motion. Carried

Public Comment: None at this time – see later comment

Selectmen's Input: There was none at this time.

Determine roles within the committee.

Andy Wyatt agreed to serve as chair. Kathy Hogue made a motion to elect Andy Wyatt as chair of the Budget Committee. Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest seconded the motion. Carried

The secretary from 2011 declined to run. The committee decided to rotate secretarial duties among the members.

Meeting schedule for 2012: Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM

Dates: Wednesday, February 29 - Public Safety
 Wednesday, March 7 – Compensation
 Wednesday, March 28 – Capital Projects, Solid Waste, General Government
 Wednesday, April 4 – public Works
 Wednesday, April 18 – Cemeteries, Planning Board, Mallett Hall,
 Debt Service, Payroll Taxes
 Wednesday, May 2 – Budget Committee Recommendations
 Narrative, Presentation at town meeting, Schedule additional meetings if
 needed
 Wednesday, May 9 – Reserved if needed

 Thursday May 24, Post Warrants and Ballots

 Tuesday, June 3 Elections

At this time, there is no meeting scheduled with board members of RSU5 .

Scott Seaver plans to have budget items ready by the end of January. He will be away in February.

* Kim Best * John Green * Carlene Harvey * Mary Ann Hodsdon * Kathy Hogue
*Jan Pieter Van Voorst van Beest * Jeremy Willis * Andy Wyatt *

The TRIO program will be used in the presentation of the budget. The TRIO spreadsheets will look different from those in the past.

Rotation schedule for secretarial duties:

Mary Ann	January 4, 2012
Jan Pieter	February 29, 2012
Carlene	March 7, 2012
Kathy	March 28, 2012
Kim	April 4, 2012
Mary Ann	April 18, 2012
John	May 2, 2012

Selectman's Report: Fred Fauver reported that the selectmen are trying to present budget with no net increase for 2012/2013 budget. The school, Mallett Hall and the town garage have been hooked up to the natural gas pipeline. The gas line is ready to pipe gas to the fire station, but the furnace at the station has not been hooked up at this time.

The selectmen will look at the proposed budget committee schedule and get back to the budget committee with any proposed changes.

Committee Liaison schedule:

Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest - Public Works , Capital projects
Carlene Harvey - Public Safety
Mary Ann Hodsdon - Planning Board
Kathy Hogue - Cemeteries, ?Mallett Hall
Andy Wyatt - Selectmen, Debt services, Payroll taxes, Solid waste
John Green - Budget of selectmen and general government
Kim Best Compensation

The department heads present their proposed budgets to the selectmen twice: Monday the week before budget committee meets and the Monday of the week the budget committee meets. For example: Public Safety will meet with the selectmen, Monday, February 19, Monday February 26 and with the budget committee Wednesday, February 29.

Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. The motion was seconded by Carlene Harvey. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hodsdon

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*Jan Pieter Van Voorst van Beest * Jeremy Willis *Andy Wyatt *