

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
January 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. All members present excepting Mr. Fauver. Also present were Scott Seaver, Shawn Bennett, Jesse Peters, Carlene Harvey and John Bowdren.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – on motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge, the minutes of 1/2/2012 were approved as written.

Dept. Head Reports

Shawn Bennett noted he had contact dealers regarding grader replacement and looked into the State of Maine contract for John Deere graders at about 176K. He had also looked into some used machines and found prices from 152K to 213K. He noted that while it looked like a mild winter, there had been more snow events and more snow (though gone now) that last winter to date.

Fire Chief Jesse Peters reported 176 calls for 2011, which was the same as last year. He noted his IMC software was up and running. He has spoken with Maineley Plumbing regarding the schedule for gas service at the central fire station, and has talked tot hem about replacing his water heater that has not worked for 10 months. He has also been in touch with Homeland Security people at Cumberland County regarding mandatory training for personnel.

Scott Seaver noted that the office would be closed next Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He noted that he received an email that the audit was complete and would be printed this week. He noted with that info, he will be ready to go over checkbook balancing work with Mr. Morris. LD 1 calculation will be ready within a day or two. He is looking into printer/copier options, and will be looking into automated off site data backup.

Public Comments – John Bowdren asked if there was any movement towards a fireworks ordinance. Mr. Giddinge responded that while there had been some folks with concerns, it did not seem to be a huge issue at this point.

Old Business –

IFM woodland management contract – Mr. Giddinge had spoken with Jeremy who noted that felled trees would be cleaned up as soon as the ground is well frozen. Mr. Morris noted that this should have been done by now, and other contractors have been working by using excavator to smooth out any ruts created by the skidders etc.

Mr. Giddinge reported that he had contact Beth at the Trust and notified her that the Town of Pownal would not be renewing their membership in the organization.

Zoning violations enforcement – Mr. Fauver had provided excerpts from the zoning ordinance specifying the fines for violations. It was determined that a more specific letter, specifying violations will be drafted and reviewed with MMA legal staff, and if necessary with Attorney Ken Cole for correct terms and readied for signature of the Board.

New Business –

Budget Responsibilities - the Chair of the Budget Committee had provided a schedule of meetings and reviews, and the Selectmen concurred that the schedule seemed workable. Seaver will continue his work to blend Trio data with the worksheets from last year and get them to all involved parties.

Freeport Community Services – Seaver noted that he had been notified that FCS had received a donation of 10 family memberships for Pownal residents to the Freeport Library. Mr. Morris will contact the school to try to find families that could benefit.

GIS Maintenance – Seaver noted a quote of \$400 for updates to the GIS program. Mr. Giddinge noted that both PWD and the Fire Dept had projects that they wanted to do on the GIS and that it seemed like it should be updated. He also asked that GPCOG be contacted to determine their ability to maintain or provide these services.

Sprinkler System quote – was provided to replace the antifreeze in the system. There was some confusion as to whether this had been done in the past. Chief Peters will look into this.

Budget – Member Carlene Harvey noted her concern regarding an across the board 5% cut in services. Mr. Morris noted that this exercise would provide the Board with information necessary for budget considerations.

Payroll Warrant – Motion by Mr. Morris to approve payroll warrant #49 in the amount of \$4437.19. 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED

AP Warrant – Motion by Mr. Morris to approve AP warrant #50 in the amount of \$37525.93. 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED

Motion by Mr. Giddinge to adjourn at 8:15 pm. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

