

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
October 17th, 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Giddinge at 7 pm. All members were present, along with AA Scott Seaver, Road Commissioner Shawn Bennett, and Fire Chief Jesse Peters. Also present was Steve Gorden, candidate for County Commissioner.

Payroll Warrant #28 – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve payroll warrant 28 in the amount of \$5431.15. SO VOTED

Warrant # 29 – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve warrant 29 in the amount of \$1,101,909.29. Mr. Giddinge question Mr. Bennett regarding some of the outstanding items on the Grover contract, and Bennett noted they had been cleared up. SO VOTED.

Minutes of October 3rd, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting – motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Jon Morris to approve as written. SO VOTED

Public Comments – Steve Gorden, candidate for County Commissioner was present and spoke of his interest in serving, trying to define the roll of the Commissioners and the Civic Center Trustees. Law Enforcement and other County functions. He explained some of the changes in state statutes which affect the way counties operate.

Department Head Reports – Mr. Bennett reported on the status of Bond Funds and gave a breakdown of the expenditures to date. He also discussed the willingness to help move poles to near the site of a proposed snowmobile bridge replacement. He noted he has been in touch with MDOT and the speed review for Poland Range Rd. has been put into motion. He also noted he has requested traffic count information for the intersection of Hallowell Road and Elmwood Road.

Fire Chief Peters noted that it has been fire prevention week and he has visited the school and a few day care centers with more to do. The department has been doing hose testing. Mr. Morris asked if he knew if any of the elderly of Pownal were taking advantage of the wellness call program from Brunswick Dispatch, he noted he was not aware but could check into it. He noted that this was an item for the mailer for December. He also noted that he will know shortly regarding the possible lowering of the rate from ISO for insurance companies. New computer is running well.

Admin Asst Seaver noted Kim was working a few more hours and that she is picking things up well. He noted that things seemed to be going smoothly in the office area.

Correspondence – MMEHT insurance plan changes notification was in and would be distributed to the employees. Grow Smart applications were due by October 26th. He will try to find info regarding this from Nancy Smith. Mr. Morris will also check on this. Application to serve on the Budget Committee was received from Kim Best. Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to appoint Kim Best to the Budget Committee. SO VOTED.

Unfinished Business – Painting Quotes – Mr. Giddinge noted that he had met with Moore Painting and that the scope of the project was tightened up and the contractor will be

getting back to the Town with a revised quote. They had noted it would be difficult to get any work done this season.

Gas Conversion Schedule – no real new news on this except that it has been noted that there are under road borings be completed in other areas of the town.

Mailer – consensus was to plan a 2-3 page mailer for the first part of December, and to invite the school to provide some information.

New Business –Part Time Office Position – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to extend the part time office position to 24 hours, making the employee eligible for part time benefits. It was noted that this would be a 75% contribution by the Town to health insurance for the employee, and it was felt that the town would be able to better retain employees under this scenario. It was requested that the AA check on the original vote at Town Meeting to establish the 2 16 hour positions. On the motion – SO VOTED 3-0.

Financial Review – Seaver presented the Board with a quarterly summary of revenues and expenditures, and asked if the board would like it formatted any differently in the future to just let him know. He also noted that there would be some adjustments of line items due to incorrect account application.

Other Items – Mr. Fauver noted he was assigning a new road number to 67 Verrill Road. It was noted that there had been no driveway permit taken out for this driveway. Also noted that the 911 listings needed to be updated and information given to those who need it.

Mr. Morris noted that he had been through a General Assistance Audit by the Dept of Human Services. He also noted he had been contacted by Leslie Searfoss who wondered if there was a location where 100 daffodils could be planted in light of the 100 anniversary of Girl Scouting. Mr. Morris will advise her to contact Mallett Hall Grounds Committee and /or the Cemetery Commission.

Mr. Giddinge noted that he had had some folks talk to him regarding if there was a need for a fireworks ordinance.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris.... SO VOTED.

A True Copy Attest:

Scott W. Seaver
Town Clerk
Pownal, Maine