

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 21st, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. All members were present.

Payroll Warrant – moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve Warrant 29. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant – moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve Warrant 30. SO VOTED.

Minutes of 10/07/2013 – Moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve as written. SO VOTED.

Trapping on Town Property – Trapper John Hadley of Brunswick was present to request permission to trap on town property. Motion to approve by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Department Heads – AA Seaver had nothing to report. Chief Peters noted that the Fire Company had and open house, and will do so again in the future. It was noted that an running event at the State Park had created traffic and safety concerns over the past weekend. It was agreed that the events fee structure needed to be completed and reviewed with Park management in order to convey the issues to the people running the races. The Board noted that the last race had headquarters at the Elementary School. The Board expressed concern about the use of School Property for such an event without the Fire Chief being notified.

Grant for Ramp – Mr. Fauver noted that the applications would be out in early November.

Richard Knight Abatement – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve of the abatement described at last meeting. SO VOTED (Copy Attached)

Dan Catlin Foreclosed Taxes - Mr. Catlin was present and submitted a check to pay 3 years of back due taxes along with the first payment of 13-14 tax year. Seaver prepared releases for each lien that was being paid. Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to authorize the releases. SO VOTED

Other Foreclosed Taxes – it was noted there are two other properties in technical foreclosure for non-payment of the 2010-11 taxes. Discussion ensued as to how to deal with these. A letter will be drafted and reviewed to be discussed at special meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 5:00 pm.

RSU 5 Bond Issue – Chairman Giddinge called for a discussion on how the board felt about the proposed bond issues, and that the Board convey that to the citizens of Pownal via a letter to the editor of the Tri Town News. Mr. Giddinge noted that he was in favor of the renovations to the high school though he was not in favor of the bonding for the new athletic fields. Mr. Fauver noted that he too was in favor of the renovation portion of Bond 1, but not the portion dealing with expansion, nor was he in favor of the athletic field bond. Mr. Morris noted that he was in favor of both bonds, expressing concern for the safety of athletes with the condition of the present fields. All members noted it was important to take a position. Though all member had differing reasons, the Board was in favor of Bond 1 for renovations and expansion, but was divided on support (2 against, 1 for) for the athletic field bond. A letter to the Editor will be drafted for review.

Snowmobile Trail – Mr. Giddinge noted that the snowmobile club had approached him to be able to reroute the trail along the old Knight farm and utilize a portion of the Public Works and Fire Station property. Motion to allow by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

GPCOG Purchasing – GPCOG attempting to pull together a meeting of several towns to discuss ways to improve the joint purchasing program. Pownal will attend when there is a meeting date set.

Cold Patch.. Mr. Morris noted that the cold patch being used on some roads seemed to work well and that the Fickett Road where it is sunken down in wheel tracks may be a good candidate for that treatment.

MDOT letter regarding Sweetser Road Bridge – MDOT had sent a letter regarding scouring on the abutments of the bridge. Mr. Bennett will look into this.

MDOOT letter regarding a state culvert replacement on Allen Road near railroad overpass. The town had no issues with this.

A letter was received regarding pipeline awareness – Mr. Peters noted he had also received this.

Mr. Gidding noted that he had seen information regarding the Friends of the Royal River being interested in a trail off of Allen Rd.

The Board Entered executive session for employee performance review at 8:20 pm. Exited at 8:40 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.