

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
November 18th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All members present.

Payroll Warrants 38 and 39 – Seaver noted there were two warrants due to a voided check on # 38. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve both payroll warrants as presented. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant # 40 – Mr. Giddinge moved to approve warrant 40 in the amount of \$194,434.78. 2nd by Mr. Fauver. Mr. Giddinge noted that there was over 13K for repairs to a truck. A discussion should be held at budget time to consider purchasing bigger and more costly vehicles. MOTION APPROVED.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion by Mr. Fauver to approve of minutes as presented. SO VOTED.

Department Head Reports – Seaver noted that the audit had been begun and the number of days in the office had been cut this year...emails and scanned documents back and forth. He felt the time frame for ending numbers and the cost should be less this year. He reminded the board of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. He also requested office closure at 2 pm on Christmas Eve (December 24th). The board concurred. He noted that Mike Rogers had contacted Donna Hays and requested to meet with the Board after the first of the year. Seaver requested the following meeting dates: December 2nd, December 17th, January 6th, January 20th, February 3rd, and February 24th. The Board concurred. He also reminded the board of the Quarterly meeting with Durham set for Thursday December 5th at 6 pm here in Pownal. He also asked to be able to expend \$250-\$300 for wooden shelves in the area between the elevator shaft and the boiler room door. The Board agreed. He also noted that the proposed FEMA maps were in the CEO's office. Seaver noted that a letter will be forthcoming with the required notification regarding his remote working schedule for this winter season.

Mr. Bennett had left a written report (attached). He will be teaching a few seminars on road additives for MDOT.

Mr. Fauver noted that he had not yet seen a "billing for services" proposal from the Fire Chief. The Board will discuss this with Chief Peters.

Foreclosures – the Chairman noted that he has spoken with one of the owners of a foreclosed property, and was forwarding the owner a poverty abatement form. Alyssa Wiley appeared before the Board and presented a plan to be able to bring her taxes current within a year. Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to allow Ms. Wiley until November 30th, 2014 to bring taxes current (today's total amount due) with the Treasurer to report to the Board intermittently as to the effort being made. SO VOTED.

Health Insurance – it was noted that the MMEHT health insurance cost would be increasing 4% with the January Billing. Seaver noted that that amount was slightly less of any increase than he had budgeted for.

CIP Committee – Seaver presented the Board with the beginnings of a spreadsheet that will provide the CIP committee with debt service information the past 15 years or so. He will finish it up over the next week. The Board was also asked by the CIP committee to determine a "comfortable debt ceiling" for the

Town of Pownal. Once spreadsheet is done, the Board will look this over. The CIP Committee has also requested that at least one member of the Board of Selectmen will attend their meetings.

RSU 5 Freeport Vote - Mr. Fauver noted the upcoming vote to consider withdrawal from the RSU by the Town of Freeport. He wondered what action the towns of Pownal and Durham should be taking to prepare for this. The Chairman asked Seaver to redistribute the memo on withdrawal from Ken Cole.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.