

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, December 1st, 2014
7:00 PM @ Mallett Hall

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

Payroll Warrant #34 – motion to approve by Mr. Morris. 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant #35 – Motion to approve by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting by Mr. Morris. 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

Public Comments – Alan Bradstreet was present to note that the Pownal Elementary School had received a recycling grant from EcoMaine. He also expressed concern with the maintenance at the North Pownal Fire Station regarding windows and painting and the flagpole. He noted that he had gone ahead and done some repairs on his own. He would like to see a long term laundry list of issues to be taken care of established. He noted that other volunteers were needed, if the fire department could not take care of the issues. Mr. Bradstreet and Chief Peters will discuss volunteers to do the work. He was also concerned with the entrance ramp to Mallett Hall. Mr. Giddinge explained the repairs that had been done and what was needed, and the grant application process.

Department Head Reports – Road Commissioner Shawn Bennett reported that one of the beacons at Allen Road/Elmwood Road had been destroyed. He is checking with the state to determine who maintains the beacons once the project was completed. New cab/chassis is at Messer's awaiting the transfer of equipment. Mr. Bennett will be participating in 4 Maine Local Roads workshops as a presenter. He invited the Selectmen to attend. He is updating the Pownal/Durham spreadsheet make presentation to joint selectman's meeting.

Fire Chief Jesse Peters – noted that AAA Extinguishers will be doing all inspections tomorrow. He noted Engine 1 out of service with engine issues. Cummings Diesel is working with manufacturer of engine to solve the cost issue. He noted that the department responded to 9 separate calls over the thanksgiving holiday storm. Mr. Morris noted that he was concerned the loss of the Duty Officer on Saturday mornings at the central fire station. Mr. Giddinge noted that he had spoken with one of the officers and that that officer noted that if asked to continue with weekend duty, he would opt to leave the department. After further discussion Mr. Giddinge asked if an officer could be available for ½ hour prior to the weekly meeting to answer any questions from the public. Chief Peters will work on this approach. Discussion ensued regarding billing for accident and call coverage.

Administrative Assistant Scott Seaver – noted that the annual audit was starting Tuesday and would conclude on Thursday. Seaver will be out of the office on personal business on December 16th, 17th and from 8:30 to 330 on December 22nd. He also noted that Rose would be off from December 24th to January 5th. Painting will begin in the office area on December 10th. He also noted that an RFP was being prepared for an automatic generator for Mallett Hall/Public Works Garage.

Royal River Land Trust – Allan Stearns was present with members of the Trust and the Pownal Conservation Commission to explain their request to place a trail within the town owned property on

Elmwood Road onto their trail maps. Mr. Giddinge was concerned with parking and use of the property. Mr. Morris asked if the trail corridor could cross the road to the power lines. Mr. Stearns noted that walking on power lines was not the type of activity that suited everyone. Mr. Anderson asked of motorized vehicle use. Mr. Stearns noted that the town controlled the use regulations on its properties. Mr. Bennett had a concern that the land could still be used for recycling of materials by the public works department. The land is in a good location for them and has saved the town money in the past. Mr. Giddinge noted that off road parking didn't work out good for small town with no law enforcement department. Mr. Giddinge insisted that a process be put in place to allow comments from the public. Other comments by PCC member Matt Welch. Mr. Giddinge noted that RRLT should contact the Pownal Recreation Committee for their input.

Golding Property – Mr. Giddinge reported on conversations with Harland Golding of North Yarmouth regarding property that he feels is his and is no longer taxed for.

It was suggested that a mailer go out prior to the December 15th tax bill being due.

RSU Facilities Committee – Mr. Giddinge noted that he would be on this committee.

RSU Superintendent Search Committee – Mr. Morris noted he was willing to be on this committee.

Correspondence – a memo from Donna and Jim Boyles was noted regarding progress and meeting on the grant application for the entrance ramp.

Previous AP Warrant # 6 was signed for July of 2013 as it was missing from the audit records.

Old Tuttle Road – Mr. Giddinge noted that he has spoken with Ms. Jewett who had an issued with access to the old Tuttle Road.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.