

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
December 5th, 2011

Workshop meeting regarding overtime payroll calculations was held at 6:30 PM.

Regular meeting convened at 7:05 PM. All members were present. Also present were Scott Seaver and Shawn Bennett, along with Jim Briggs.

Payroll Warrant #41 – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve. SO VOTED

AP Warrant # 42 – Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED

Minutes of 11/21/11 – Motion to approve as written by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Public Comment – Mr. Briggs spoke of the light ordinance and how it was included in the Site Plan Review section of zoning. He will discuss with Hutch Hodgdon on the Planning Board. He also noted that there was an Ordinance Review Committee meeting next Tuesday, December 13th. Seaver was asked to check the timeline for zoning changes to be approved at town meeting in June.

Old Business – Newsletter – Draft of newsletter was presented. A few minor corrections were made. Board approved the publishing of the winter newsletter as modified. It will be in the mail most likely Wednesday.

Department Head Reports – Public Works – discussion was held regarding the condition of a culvert repair and whether it was delineated sufficiently. Both Mr. Morris and Mr. Giddinge had either had comments or had seen it and felt it should have been better marked.

New Business – Vehicles at 167 Hallowell Road. An enforcement letter to Mr. Carpenter at 167 Hallowell Road was reviewed and approved to be sent regarding the number of vehicles on the property and the operation of a repair facility that does not qualify for a home occupation.

Abatement Request – Zabrowski, 23 Verrill Rd. Board reviewed letter from Donna Hayes regarding the Zabrowski abatement application. Ms. Hayes recommends an abatement of \$12400 in value, equaling \$417.26 in taxes. Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED

ISO Public Protection Classification – the Board wishes to extend its thanks to Chief Peters for his hard work in getting the ISO rating for Pownal lowered. A letter will be sent.

TCNEF Invoice – discussion regarding the invoice received. Mr. Giddinge will look for a contract to see exactly what the town agreed to for services with TCNEF. Mr. Morris will also contact Jeremy the forester. The invoice will not be paid as of yet.

Conservation Commission Appointees – Motion by Mr. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Morris to appoint Kirk Niese and Rosemary Whitney to the Conservation Commission. SO VOTED and appointments were signed. It was also noted that thank you letters should be sent to Tom Cushman and Jeff Raymond for their service.

Correspondence - Mr. Morris noted he had received an inquiry from Steve Libby, selectman in New Gloucester regarding any interest Pownal might have in sharing the services of an Animal Control Officer. Mr. Giddinge noted that John Rankins had volunteered to take the position. Discussion at next meeting (December 19th.)

Mr. Fauver felt that it is time to bring the PCWA into compliance with what was agreed upon at its inception. Mr. Giddinge will look into what is needed to bring this about.

Performance Appraisals – Mr. Giddinge suggested an executive session on Monday December 12th to discuss personnel matters.

Snowmobile Trail – Mr. Giddinge asked if other board members had looked at the marking for relocation of snowmobile trail. Motion by Mr. Gidding, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve of relocation. SO VOTED.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:40 pm by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. So Voted.