

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
December 5th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. All members were present.

Payroll Warrant #37 – moved to pay as presented by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant #38 – Moved to pay as presented by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO Voted.

Minutes of 11-14-2016 Motion to approve as written by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. So Voted with Mr. Giddinge abstaining.

Public Comments – None

Department Head Reports - Road Commissioner noted that this storm had caught forecasters by surprise, and they were still out clearing the roads. He presented some bills that he had not gotten in today, and had a few more from Crooker. It was determined that the board will meet Monday, December 12th at 4:15 to review and pay those bills. He noted that he had found better pricing on diesel fuel from Dead River as opposed to Dennis Burke. He will request a written pricing structure from Dead River. Under drains were being done on Brown Rd today and expected work to resume on Lawrence Rd tomorrow. He had gotten a call from a landowner on Brown Road regarding water backing up onto his property and will check that out. Mr. Anderson noted that culvert at 64 Chadsey Road was in need of cleaning. He presented a quote for guard rails on Brown Road that will be an extra. Maine Line Fence pricing of \$5,100.00, Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED. Mr. Giddinge noted that ditches and shoulders on Brown and Lawrence Rd needed to be done. Road Commissioner stated that Crooker knows this and will be at it this week.

Discussion regarding Tiny Houses – Hutch Hodsdon and Liza Nichols were present to discuss planning board discussion regarding tiny houses. Many questions asked regarding building code and the size. Liza noted that it is not the intention to rewrite zoning to allow, but that they may be allowed now as a stick built home. Discussion on where they would be allowed, such as trailer parks, but that do not meet definition of modular home or mobile home. More discussion to follow at upcoming meetings.

Conservation Commission – it was noted that Ruth Hannan had resigned from the Conservation Commission. The board requested a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Ruth.

Impact Fees- Discussion on impact fees, their origin, and how the ordinances could be amended. It was noted that some fees will need to be expended in the 18/19 fiscal year in order to avoid refunding them to those who paid them. Discussion on how and when they could be used. Noted that it takes a town meeting vote to expend the funds.

Mr. Morris noted that he had had conversation with Mr. Hyde of Poland Range Rd. regarding the condition of the road.

Raymond Assessment – it was noted that Delores Raymond had notified the town that she was not being assessed for enough property. Mr. Giddinge noted that had researched the subdivision plan and that she was correct. The assessment will be corrected for next year.

Town Forestry Plan – Mr. Giddinge noted that Jeremy Stultz had contacted him that it was time to update the forestry plan for town land, that the state would pay for this. Motion by Mr. Morris to update, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

MDOT speed sign – it was noted that the town had received an invitation to obtain a speed sign that records data. There is no cost, other than maintenance, as long as info is shared with local law enforcement. He will notify MDOT that we would like to participate.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM