

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting – February 24th, 2014

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

Payroll Warrant #61 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve as presented. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant #62 – Moved by Mr. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve as presented. Question regarding the number of Freeport Rescue responses. SO VOTED.

Minutes of previous meetings – motion by Mr. Morris to approve minutes of February 10th, 2014, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED Motion to approve minutes of January 27th by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED

Heidi Curry – driveway/stop sign issue – Mrs. Curry noted the issue with not being able to get a business permit due to the intersection of Elmwood and Allen Rd. Mr. Bennett noted that he had just today thought of a possible issue with the slope leading to a potential stop sign west bound on Allen Road. It was noted that the cost of the project to place 4 way stop signs is \$5,600. Mrs. Curry noted that her experience with MDOT has been very positive. MDOT has offered a grant program that would pay for half of the cost. The two new stop signs on Allen Road would include solar powered red flashing lights. Mr. Morris wondered why there was no such equipment installed at Allen and Fickett Road. Bennett noted that was not an MDOT project. Mr. Bennett noted that MDOT has had engineering look at this project and the Town should go with their engineering recommendations. Mr. Giddinge noted he was hesitant to spend town money on an intersection in an effort to allow a business to start up. Mrs. Adams noted that the intersection is dangerous now, as many vehicles a day miss the turn onto Elmwood and back up blindly. She felt the town is being presented with an opportunity to improve a bad situation. Mrs. Curry noted she was prepared to split the 50% of the project with the Town. Mr. Morris asked the other board members if they would be in favor of the project if there was no cost to the town. Mr. Giddinge noted that he would like a safety report from both Mr. Bennett and Fire Chief Peters. Mr. Curry noted that if it was the only way to expedite the project, that they would pay the remaining 50% on their own. Mr. Giddinge asked Bennett and Peters to report back, and invited the Curry's to return to the March 10th Board Meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works provided draft update of Road Maintenance Program. Mr. Morris asked what part of Chadsey Road could be reclaimed, if any, and left gravel. He noted the Woodman Road project in New Gloucester. Mr. Bennett reviewed his draft budget with the Board, and will return for the March 10th meeting.

Fire Chief – No Report.

Administrative Assistant – Seaver noted that the audit had been received and copies provided for the Board to review. He noted the cost this year was well under the \$10,000 budget at \$7,450. He noted foreclosure notices had gone out and foreclosure date is April 8th. Seaver will be attending a budget and check reconciliation class in Bangor on April 3rd. Will be proposing a 500 dollar item in the budget for pest (mouse and ant) control. Recycling efforts in Pownal amounted to a 51.27% recycling rate.

Town Land Sale – Mr. Giddinge noted that letters had been received from the Conservation Commission, Historical Society, the Fire Chief and Mrs. Dewitt. He noted some concerns by the Conservation

Commission and Historical Society. He felt most concerns could be rectified with deed restriction at time of sale. Seaver was asked to come up with some basic deed restrictions for the transfer. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to place the item on the Town Meeting Warrant, and to hold a public hearing in accordance with the Town Land Sale Ordinance. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Town Meeting Date- the Date for Town meeting was suggested to be June 16th, 2014. Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve that date. SO VOTED.

RSU Options – Mr. Giddinge noted that an opinion of time frame had been requested of Mr. Cole, regarding Pownal having time to complete a withdrawal petition to match the voting day in Freeport. Mr. Morris complimented Lisa Demick for her commitment and involvement in the issue. He also noted that Pownal having no access to a middle school could be a further issue. He noted that he had been attending the meetings of the Advisory Committee.

Road Postings – Road Commissioner requested that certain roads be posted seasonally. Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to approve the postings. SO VOTED.

Historic Mill Property – Mr. Fauver noted that he had talked with Mr. Feagle, the owner of the property as to whether he would be interested in selling, he noted that he would be more interested possibly in a land swap. Mr. Fauver noted that he would look into this. The Board suggested that CEO Skelton take a look at the property as to the feasibility of it being able to support a dwelling.

Pine Tree Waste – the board reviewed the 3 year renewal option for Solid Waste pickup and transport services with Pine Tree. Moved by Mr. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to approve of the three year renewal at the present cost for the first year, with inflation factors for the next two years. SO VOTED.

Grant for Ramp – Mr. Fauver noted that he will be attending a meeting of the Grant Committee on Thursday to explain the request and to provide any informational comments needed.

Pay per Bag Fees- it was noted that the Pay per Bag fees should be reviewed again this summer.

Little Free Library – Mr. Morris reported that this was being constructed as an Eagle Scout Project and was pending approval by Pine Tree Council.

Meeting on March 3rd – the Board set a meeting date for Monday March 3rd for a workshop on the Compensation policy and to also review certain Budget Items prior to Budget Committee meeting on March 5th.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.