

Pownal Budget Committee

February 27, 2013

Minutes – Unapproved

Committee Chair Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Andy Wyatt, Kim Best, Kathy Hogue, John Green, Carlene Harvey

Guests: Scott Seaver, Tim Giddinge

**Minutes:** Approval of minutes for the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was tabled – to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

**Public Comment** – None

**Selectmen's Input** – None

**Presentation of Proposed Budgets:**

- a. **General Government:** Most items in general government remain the same as last year. We are seeing small increases in Mapping, Training, Office Supplies, and Insurances due to increased costs beyond the town's control. There is a large savings in Legal fees due to a smaller scheduled work load for the town's lawyer. A line item has been added for Elections due to the cost of leasing the voting machine. Finally, a line item was added for Audit/ Town Report. This is a book keeping decision as Audit/Town Report has been included in Legal Fees in previous years.
- b. **Human Services:** All Items in Human Services remain funded at last year's amounts. Welfare (General Assistance) has not spent any monies to date this year and we hope for a second year of low spending from this line. Thank you to the "Keep Pownal Warm Fund" for helping those in need!
- c. **PCWA:** The request for this year remains the same as 2012-2013. The plan is to bring this fund to \$15,000. for future maintenance and repairs.
- d. **Cemeteries:** This presentation was tabled 3/27.
- e. **Mallet Hall:** Most items in this request remain the same as 2012-2013. Small increases are being seen in Electricity, Janitorial Services, Security, and Licenses/Fees (Extinguishers) due to increases in costs beyond the Town's control. We are seeing a 25% savings in Heating due to switching to natural gas. In 2012-2013 the line item for furnace cleaning was dropped due to the change in heating fuels; however it has been reintroduced due to other costs of maintaining the current system.

- f. **Debt Service:** Although debt service is usually a constant based on bonded articles approved at prior town meetings we are seeing a reduction in the request due to the fact that the Bond Bank negotiated a better rate on one of our bond.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday March 20, 2013 7:00pm Mallet Hall

Committee Chair Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Harvey