



Town of Pownal, Maine
Minutes of Special Town Meeting Warrant
September 25, 2019

To: Kathleen Hogue, a resident of the Town of Pownal, in the County of Cumberland, and the State of Maine.

MUNICIPAL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Pownal, Maine qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Pownal Town Office located in Pownal, Maine on Wednesday, the 25th of September A.D. 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Articles 1 - 4 as set out below, to wit:

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that citizens will be able to register to vote September 25, 2019 from 7:00 PM to close of the meeting, for the purpose of registering new voters and correcting the current list of voters.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside over said meeting.

Selectman O'Brien moved to appoint Alan "Bo" Chesney. Selectman Anderson seconded the motion. Mr. Chesney was sworn in as Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town – owned property located on Hodsdon Rd; Map 7 Lots 43 & 45 by sealed bid these parcels and upon the terms and conditions determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town.

Dick Hogue, Loring Lane moved to approve Article 2 as read. Paul Schuman, Hodsdon Rd seconded the motion. Discussion: Rodney Richard, Lawrence Rd inquired about how it came about. Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd expressed the land should be sold for more than just cost. Chairman Morris explained the reasoning for the cost. Rodney Richard, Lawrence Rd asked about improvements on the lot. Town Administrator Melissa Henes explained that there were none that we were aware of at this time without a survey of the land. Aaron Latty, Hodsdon Rd explained that lot 45 had an existing well on it but was not in good working condition. Ronald Hodsdon, Hodsdon Rd gave the room background information on lot 45. Dick Hogue, Loring Lane spoke to the Conservation Commission wanting to keep Town owned lands. Liza Nichols, Lawrence Rd spoke about the property and the value of the property. Tim Giddinge, Upper Minot Rd spoke about the properties not be developable. Jill Piker, Hodsdon Rd asked to review the process more if the lots were buildable or not. She encouraged the Town to wait until the surveys have been complete and the title claim has been resolved before the bid goes forward. Aaron Latty, Hodsdon Rd spoke about the surveys. John Bowdren, Hodsdon Rd spoke on behalf of the Planning Board and explained the Planning Board may never have been notified of the interest in the sale. Kathy Hogue, Loring Lane spoke about the Recreation Committee not getting notified. Aaron Latty, Hodsdon Rd spoke about the deeded access there was onto his property. John Bowdren, Hodsdon Rd spoke about the paved driveway. Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd explained that he felt the lot had a lot of value to someone. Rodney Richard, Lawrence Rd explained he felt this was hurried and not comfortable proceeding. Chairman Morris gave the process and that everything was done according to the procedure put in place. Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd inquired on how to move forward. Richard Kinney, Hodsdon Rd felt more information needed to be provided first and issue clarified before they could vote on this item. Rodney Richard, Lawrence Rd moved to amend the motion to allocate money for a survey. Ronald Hodsdon, Hodsdon Rd seconded the motion. Discussion: Paul Schuman, Hodsdon Rd inquired about how much money and where was it going to come from. He expressed his concern for the validity of the amendment. Moderator Chesney reviewed the amendment and voted it out of order. Amendment died.

Liza Nichols, Lawrence Rd expressed that Special Town Meeting was an inappropriate place to bring up disposing Town owned property and that it should go to Annual Town Meeting. Tim Giddinge, Upper Minot Rd asked if there was a guarantee of the property not being buildable. Paul Schuman, Hodsdon Rd felt it was better if it could be used by an abutter. Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest wanted to make sure it did not change the character of Pownal. Aaron Latty, Hodsdon Rd stated that the parcel that was just sold could never be subdivided as they did not have the road frontage to do so. Paul Schuman, Hodsdon Rd commented on finding the right value for the property. Chairman Morris explained the restriction and gave the room the clarification of some of the points being brought up. Article 2 failed.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Project Fund to purchase the following capital items:

1. Purchase of a new pickup truck
Select Board recommend up to: \$50,000.00
 2. Replacement of the Mallett Hall Roof
Select Board recommend up to: \$22,125.00
- Total Up to:* \$72,125.00

Dick Hogue, Loring Lane move to pass Article 3 as read. Tamara Bowdren, Hodsdon Rd seconded the motion. Discussion: Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd questioned the amount of money. Rodney Richard, Lawrence Rd asked someone to speak to the truck. Selectman O'Brien explained the truck piece. Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd questioned why now and what we appropriated at Town Meeting. Chairman Morris explained the situation and what led us to this meeting. Tamara Bowdren, Hodsdon Rd inquired about the Capital Projects spreadsheet on the website was not the same. Paul Schuman explained it was an old copy on the website and that they would get it updated. He explained that the Capital Projects Plan was based on a zero salvage plan. Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd inquired about the net price of the truck. Selectman O'Brien explained they had the old truck looked at and the Town would be given nothing in trade. Alan Bradstreet, Lawrence Rd inquired about the Mallett Hall roof and what the emergency of it was. Rodney Richard, Lawrence Rd explained how the roof transpired. Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Hallowell Rd explained the need for the roof and how it became a critical issue to be addressed as soon as possible. Liza Nichols, Lawrence Rd inquired about what portion of the roof. Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Town Treasurer to allocate up to \$2,100.00 from the Pownal Center Water Association sinking fund to survey the water lines.

Dick Hogue, Loring Lane moved to pass Article 4 as read. Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Hallowell Rd seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectman O'Brien spoke to the need for this Article. There was discussion of what is around us and explanation of the water system itself. Chairman Morris gave the clarification on the article that the Town does not need to ask for funds to be spent but that the Board was trying to be as transparent as possible. Tim Giddinge, Upper Minot Rd explained the sinking fund was set up for maintenance of the facility. Chairman Morris explained there was not enough money in the regular operating budget to cover the cost. This is more of an emergency need before the State starts with their project in the intersection. Selectman O'Brien explained that it was better for the Town to expend \$2,100.00 than \$4,000.00 to repair something should a problem arise. Andrew Wyatt, Elmwood Rd asked if the Town was going to be replenishing the sinking fund balance at Annual Town Meeting. Article 4 passed.

Adjournment

Chairman Morris moved to adjourn Special Town Meeting, September 25, 2019 at 8:09pm.

A true copy of the warrant.

Attest:  , Melissa Henes, Town Clerk