

Pownal Budget Committee

March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Bo Chesney, Gennifer Giuliano, John Green, Matthew Roy, Brian Stornelli

Excused Absence:

Andy Wyatt

Guests:

Selectman Andy O'Brien

1. A quorum was established (5 of 6 committee members present). The meeting was called to order by John Green at 7:00 PM.
2. Andy Wyatt's draft minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The Public Comment period was skipped as no members of the public were in attendance.
4. Selectman O'Brien noted that a Freedom of Access Act informational session was being sponsored for all Town officials on March 26. All Budget Committee member have completed the State of Maine on-line training course.
5. The Committee discussed an appropriate CPI (consumer price index) goal for this year's budget cycle and unanimously voted for a 2% figure.
6. Road Commissioner Clarke presented the initial Public Works budget request (not including salaries) which results in a 2.3% increase. The road commissioner responded to several questions concerning the budget that resulted in minor reductions. Those changes will be reflected in the overall Public Works budget to be provided at a future meeting.
7. The next meeting is set for March 24, 2020, 7:00 PM at Mallett Hall. Fire Chief Jesse Peters will present the initial Public Safety budget and the Cemetery budget will also be discussed.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Green (for Andy Wyatt)