

# Pownal Budget Committee

**June 2, 2020**

## **Public Proceeding Minutes**

**Approved**

### Members Present:

Gennifer Giuliano, John Green, Matthew Roy, Brian Stornelli, Andy Wyatt

### Absent:

Bo Chesney (sick)

### Guests:

Andy O'Brien and Jon Morris of the Select Board, Town Administrator Melissa Henes

1. A quorum was established (five committee members logged in). The meeting was called to order by Chairman Green at 7:05 PM.
2. Mr. Wyatt provided draft minutes of the May 27, 2020 meeting. Mr. Stornelli moved to approve as written. Ms. Giuliano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The Public Comment period was skipped as no members of the public were in attendance.
4. Select Board input: None.
5. Town Administrator Henes presented a Trio-generated view of the compensation component of the FY 2021 budget requests for several departments.
  - a. There was good discussion regarding the health care insurance line, which shows an increase of \$14,650. There are six town employees eligible for this insurance. The amount presented for this line allows for the highest-cost scenario where all six eligible employees would select the family coverage option. At this time, we expect four of the six employees to select family coverage and the other two to select single coverage. Ms. Henes will consult with the town attorney for advice and will forward that to the committee.
  - b. The line for Stipend is unchanged at \$19,500. The committee dissected that as covering stipends for the Assessor's Agent and Select Board positions. Chairman Green would like to include discussions on this at the next meeting.
6. Mr. Wyatt informed the committee that no new information was available regarding the costs for bag production/distribution from WasteZero. Their office staff did not return calls for information about current inventories and recent invoices. Given that lack of information, Mr. Wyatt recommends going with the 'best guess' value of \$8500 for pay-as-you-throw bags.
7. Chairman Green provided a budget overview spreadsheet for years 2016 through 2020 and the proposed budget for 2021. This was a helpful view to allow the committee to see the budgets over that period. As it stands currently, the 2021 budget represents a \$101,241 decrease from current year, primarily driven by reducing the appropriation into the capital projects fund to \$1.
8. The next meeting is set for Tuesday June 9, 2020, 7:00 PM via zoom.com. Chairman Green will provide the agenda and a URL for the meeting.
9. Mr. Wyatt made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Stornelli seconded. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

\* Bo Chesney \* John Green \* Gennifer Giuliano \*  
\* Matthew Roy \* Brian Stornelli \* Andy Wyatt \*

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Wyatt