

**Town of Pownal
Select Board Minutes
Monday April 12, 2021
6:30PM Regular Meeting**

I. Call to Order – Zoom Remote Meeting

Member Present: Jon Morris, Andrew O'Brien, Heidi Curry & Town Administrator
Melissa Porter

II. Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrant

Selectwoman Curry moved to approve AP Warrant #66. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

Selectwoman Curry moved to approve Payroll Warrant #67. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Selectwoman Curry moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2021 as written. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

Selectwoman Curry moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 30, 2021 – Public Hearing & Special Meeting as written. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

Selectwoman Curry moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 5, 2021 – Executive Session & April 8, 2021 – Executive Session as written. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

IV. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Richard Hogue, Loring Lane – Informed the Board he has 2 candidates for Deputy Animal Control Officer (ACO). The Board asked for Mr. Hogue's recommendation. Selectman O'Brien moved to appoint Matt Nielsen as the deputy ACO. Selectwoman Curry seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

Kathy Hogue, Loring Lane – Inquired with the Select Board about contracting with North Star Planning regarding reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

Bill Schmidt, Pine Grove Road – Discussed with the Board a moratorium on the CMP substation project.

V. Department Head Reports – Submitted Electronically

(Department Head Reports can viewed on their respective website page(s))

- Select Board: Selectman O'Brien reported he attended the reconstruction meeting for the Poland Range Road Multi Plate project and attended the bid opening for wheel loader.

VI. New Business

The Select Board had a lengthy conversation regarding the CIP Warrant Item Approvals. Selectwoman Curry moved to approve the appropriation of \$152,000.00 for Capital Projects as well as the expenses for the following items: \$170,000.00 for the Wheel Loader, \$220,000.00 for a new dump truck, \$42,000.00 for extrication equipment, & \$138,591.00 for the Poland Range Road Multi Plate. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

VII. Old Business

- Decision on Headlight Acoustic Repair – The Board had a brief discussion regarding this. The Board agreed to defer this to the Mallett Hall Building and Grounds Committee.
- Review current Town Meeting Warrant: The Select Board reviewed the warrant. Selectwoman Curry shared what she learned from MMA regarding Town Meeting. Selectman O'Brien moved to change the secret ballot election back to an open town meeting to be held outdoors on June 19, 2021 at 12:00pm with a rain date of June 26, 2021. Selectwoman Curry seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**
- North Star Planning Decision: The Board had a lengthy conversation regarding the contract with North Star Planning. Selectwoman Curry moved to contract with North Star Planning. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: Administrator Porter inquired about how much the Board wanted to contract with them. Selectman Curry amended her motion to include up to \$10,000.00 for FY 22. Selectman O'Brien seconded the amendment. Discussion: Administrator Porter again pointed out that \$10,000.00 amounted to \$833.33 a month for services. She advised to come up with a number on a monthly basis for service as North Star Planning recommended. Selectwoman Curry rescinded her motion and amendment. Selectman O'Brien rescinded his second to the original motion and his second to the amendment. Selectwoman Curry moved to contract with North Star Planning in the amount up to \$18,000.00 for FY 22 in the amount of \$1,500 a month. Selectman O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**
- Donate Life – Flag for the month of April: The Select Board discussed this agenda item. Selectman O'Brien expressed that he doesn't believe it is good practice to fly anything except the American and State Flags.

VIII. Correspondence

Chairman Morris reported he received the correspondence regarding the FOAA request. He reported he spoke to Scott Seaver. Mr. Seaver and Chairman Morris will be in the office at 3pm on Wednesday. He also reported he has spoken to a number of residents.

IX. Any Other Business

None.

Chairman Morris moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A to discuss personnel matters. The Board entered executive session at 8:21pm. The Board exited executive session at 8:53pm.

Chairman Morris moved to accept the offer of temporary help from Scott Seaver. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. It was voted to accept Scott's offer, 2 to 1 with Ms. Curry being the dissenting vote.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Morris moved to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 8:59pm.

Recorded by: Melissa Porter, Town Administrator

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