

Pownal Budget Committee

February 24, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes **APPROVED**

Members Present:

Bo Chesney, Gennifer Giuliano, John Green

Excused Absences:

Brian Stornelli, Andy Wyatt

Guests:

Selectperson Andy O'Brien, Town Administrator Becky Taylor-Chase

1. A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Green at 6:40PM.
2. The review/approval of the minutes of 4/29/2021 was deferred until our next meeting.
3. There were no public, or Town Official comments.
4. The election of the committee chair and secretary was deferred until our next meeting.
5. The remote access policy was discussed, approved unanimously and the signed/dated policy given to the Town Administrator. At least 7 days notice was requested when a committee member cannot attend a meeting to provide sufficient time for the extra public notice requirements by the Town Administrator.
6. The committee will meet on Tuesdays for our FY 23 budget hearings, with tentative dates of 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19 and 4/26 with a degree of flexibility for other Tuesdays understood.
7. Chairman Green provided a spreadsheet of historical audit information (attached) and noted increased surpluses as a percentage of the operating (expenditure) budget and some large revenue and expenditure variances. After an extended discussion of the subject, the general consensus was that further discussion would be beneficial for the full budget committee, selectboard and capital improvement planning committee.
8. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3/8 and this meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.