

Pownal Budget Committee  
March 16, 2017  
MINUTES

Present: Kim Best, Andy O'Brien, Andy Wyatt  
Excused: John Green, Carlene Harvey  
Guest: Tim Giddinge, Selectman  
Notetaker: Kathy Hogue

1. Quorum established. Selectmen approved Michael Morin as new Budget Committee member.
2. Minutes of May 4, 2016, approved as written.
3. Public comment: None
4. Selectmen's Input/Tim
  - a. After reviewing our experience with sharing Road Commissioner's with Durham, it was decided to hire a Road Commissioner for Pownal. We will continue to work with Durham to share equipment and resources. This will show an increase in compensation.
  - b. With the office transition in place, there will be an increase in this line, as planned. In addition, other increases that will affect this year's budget include filling our sand shed; the school's budget; and a bond payment.
  - c. Discussion regarding cemeteries. We have been allocating \$2,000 per year, but it really doesn't "pay the bills" for the cemetery. Since we have had difficulty in the past getting an itemized expenditure list from the Cemetery Commission, Tim will ask Scott Seaver if he can put together a detailed report based on last year's expenditures. A \$5,000 budget may be a more realistic figure.
  - d. Our fund balance is healthy and will use some of that to reduce taxation.
  - e. Because of a good amount of new construction in town, our mil rate is up.
5. Roles within the committee
  - a. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to elect Andy Wyatt as Chair of the Budget Committee. All voted in favor and Andy accepted.
  - b. Secretarial duties will be shared by all as follows:
    - Tuesday, March 28 / Andy O.
    - Tuesday, April 4 / Kim
    - Tuesday, April 18 / John
    - Tuesday, May 2 / Michael
6. Determine meeting schedule – we will meet Tuesday's at 7:00pm as follows:
  - a. March 28 / Gen'l Govt, Human Services, PCWA, Mallett Hall, Debt Service
  - b. April 4 / Cemeteries, Public Safety, Public Works
  - c. April 18 / Planning Bd, Solid Waste, Compensation, Capital Proj, Annual Report
  - d. May 2 / Recommendations, Narrative, Presentation @ Town Meeting, Additional meetings?

Meeting adjourned, 7:30pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Hogue