

Town of Pownal
Budget Committee
27 March 2018

The 27 March 2018 meeting of the Pownal Budget Committee was called to order at 1803 hrs., with Andrew Wyatt, Chair, John Green, Kim Best, and Andrew O'Brien present. Carlene Bennett was absent.

The minutes of the 15 March meeting were accepted with one correction.

There was no public comment.

There were no comments from Selectmen. Selectman George Anderson joined us at 1816hrs.

Scott Seaver, Administrative Asst. and Melissa Henes, Clerk presented the following budgets, of which I will note changes over last year's budget.

General Government:

Training: An increase to assist Melissa with the transition to Administrative Assistant. Also to assist in training a new clerk.

Audit: Auditing services are going to bid, so a lower cost is anticipated.

Tax Maps: any costs associated will be covered by this year's budget. Ryan and Melissa are working on changes and should be ready for print soon.

Election Supplies: An additional \$950.00 is added to deal with costs associated with ranked choice voting.

Cable/Internet: As most operations of the office use internet, an increase in internet speed is needed to efficiently service residents, at an increased cost.

Professional Services: As Trio is no longer supported by Microsoft, a new module will need to be purchased.

Computers: A new computer for the Road Commissioner, new software and service increase.

Wellness Program: YMCA membership for fulltime employees. 50% paid by town.

Overall increase to General Government: \$8,152.00 or 3.09%

Mallett Hall:

Generator Maint: A new line item at \$400.00

Electricity: Down \$200.00

Heating fuel: An increase due to the temperatures this winter, and more space is being heated to avoid building problems.

Overall increase to Mallett Hall Budget: \$400.00 or 1.88%

Human Services/ General Assistance:

No Change over last year's budget

PCWA:

Scott explained the needed repairs to the building, as well as the need for a different generator. This is estimated to run around \$20,000.00 and will be a separate article on the warrant.

With no further business to come before this meeting it was voted to adjourn at 1847hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew R. O'Brien