

Pownal Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2012

unapproved

Members Present: Andy Wyatt, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Kim Best, Mary Ann Hodsdon, Kathy Hogue, John Green, Carlene Harvey
Absent: Jeremy Willis
Public: Shawn Bennett, Jesse Peters, Jamie Welch

1. Andy Wyatt called the meeting to order 7:00 PM. A quorum was established
2. Review of March 28th minutes were reviewed with a couple of changes made, under capital projects change 14k that was budgeted last year to 14k was not spent from last year. Under General government change less town reports to fewer town reports. A motion was made by Jan Pieter and seconded by Andy Wyatt to approve the March 28th minutes.
3. Public comments: none
4. Selectmen's input: none
5. Budget Proposals:

- a. Solid Waste – Jamie Welch from the solid waste committee supplied a spread sheet of the proposed budget for fiscal 12/13 in comparison to this year's budget, solid waste hauling will still be done by Pine Tree Waste. The overall budget has increased a bit from last year due to production of bags. There are a few lines removed from the budget due to no longer needing them in the budget, NY Landfill has not billed us in a couple of years now. He also noted the more recycling we do will reduce the assessment fees; we are the 3rd highest in reduction which means more people are recycling. As the assessment fees go down it was mentioned that we may be able to look at bag prices again. Pownal Pride day will be early May, we will have a roll off for metal, the committee is hoping for another good turn out on metal, they collected 12.25 tons last year @ around \$2 a ton and this year they are expecting about \$2.30 a ton. *230 per ton*
- b. Public Works – Road Commissioner, Shawn Bennett presented us with a spreadsheet with proposed budget for 12/13 with comparison over/under to this year. Most areas are staying status quo with a few increases and decreases. Some of the increases, liquid deicers, we are testing a new product called Ice B Gone; this mixed with salt reduces 1/3 of the salt put out. It helps the salt stay on the roads longer and it is environmental friendly. Salt *brine* water used to pre-treat the roads uses 2/3 less salt. *in pre treating* Two of the older trucks need new spreader controls, they are leaving *pits* piles of salt on the roads and the spreader controls will fix that. Fleet maintenance increased, this includes both equipment and trucks that need

repairs. Oils and fluids increased due to the increase cost of oil. Crack/^{chip}~~chip~~ sealing increased, roads to looking to be done are: Lawrence rd (Elmwood to Tryon), Hodsdon Rd to Loring lane, Ficket Rd and Brown Rd. By doing this, it will extend the life of the roads by 7 to 10 yrs.
Paving/Rehabilitation: increased to ^{surface} seal the new roads (Poland Range and small part of Lawrence rd). There were a few decreases, nothing significant only that equipment rental was moved to debt services and in diesel hoping the prices do not go up. Over all there is a 2.75% increase in the overall budget for Public Works (if equipment rental was still included it would have been a 5% increase)

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday April 18th at 7pm, agenda will be budget proposals for cemetery; (Kathy stated that per Lorraine, the cemetery contact, says they will be asking for the same amount of money as the past.), Planning Board, Mallett Hall, Compensation, Payroll taxes and other
7. Andy Wyatt moved to Adjourn, Carlene 2nd. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Best