

Pownal Budget Committee

Mallett Hall

April 18, 2012

7:00P.M.

Members present: Kim Best, John Green, Carlene Harvey, Mary Ann Hodsdon, Kathy Hogue, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Andy Wyatt

Members excused: Jeremy Willis

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Andy Wyatt
There were six members present and a quorum was established.

Minutes from previous meeting. There were a number of changes:

Under Solid Waste – change ~~\$2.30~~ per ton to **\$230.00 per ton**

Under Public Works – Change sentence "Salt water to **Salt brine** used to pretreat the roads uses 2/3 less salt **in pre-treating**.

The next sentence should read "they are leaving pills **piles**."

A treatment suggested should read Crack/ship **Chip**.

The sentence under Paving/Rehabilitation should read: "increased to seal **surface** the new roads."

Selectmen's input: None at this time

Budget Proposals:

Cemetery Commission – The commission is asking for \$1,000. from taxation for the 2012/2013 budget. At this time there is no formal request to the selectmen nor is there any written plan from the Cemetery Commission on the use of funds from the timber harvest.

Pownal Center Water Association: At this time the budget is within the limits of the past two years.

There may be a change in the request at town meeting because the selectmen are looking at reestablishing a "sinking" or contingency fund. This fund would cover emergency costs - for example a new pump for the wells. This plan was established when the original contract was written. The fund has been used to cover operating costs.

There is no plan to continue water purge and testing during the 2012/2013 year.

Debt Service: Debt service is higher for the 2012/2013 year. This year includes the first full payment on the "roads bond" the lease agreement on the fire truck.

Selectmen are also looking at the purchase of a road grader as recommended by the road commissioner. If the decision is made to purchase, financing of the grader would be included in this fund at town meeting. Purchasing could be a lease/purchase option or a bond.

Compensation: Compensation includes the Administrative Office positions, the Selectmen, the Road Commissioner and Employees and the Fire Chief. The only portion of the firefighter's compensation that is in the "Compensation Line Item" is social security and Medicare. Their hourly compensation comes from with-in the Fire Department budget.

The administrative salaries are down slightly because two part time positions have been combined into one part time position.

Road crew salaries for the 2011/2012 budget year did not include as much overtime because of the mild winter. The 2012/2013 budget includes estimated overtime for the road crew.

Planning Board: The Planning Board budget is reduced for the 2012/2013 year. Planning Board will "roll over" a \$3000. unexpended amount from attorney fees. They are requesting \$500. for the 2012/2013 year in budget category Attorney fees.

The request for printing of Code Books has been eliminated, as the town Administrative Assistant has agreed to have the three needed books printed.

The proposed income is \$600. The planning board will be asking for \$3200. from taxation for the 2012/2013 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hodsdon