

Pownal Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Board met in workshop session with the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Committee at 6 PM.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. All members were present.

AP Warrant #68 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Anderson to approve as presented. So Voted.

Minutes of previous meetings – Motion by Mr. Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Giddinge to approve minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> as presented. SO VOTED.

Public Comments – Angela Horne was present to request that the flags on the speed limit sign near her home be removed. She suggested that they be placed on the speed limit sign near the school. The board will ask Road Commissioner to remove the flags.

Joseph Peterson was present to request that the town research the status of the old school house lot at Chadsey and Allen Road. He believes that the lot should have reverted to his ancestors when the town was no longer using it as a school house lot. Mr. Giddinge noted that he had done some cursory research and found reference to a “sliver” of land alongside the school house lot. Mr. Giddinge asked Seaver to research back to tax bills for Maude and Joe Ryan some 25-30 years ago.

Department Head Reports – AA Seaver noted that he would be out of the office Thursday. He also noted that the office would be closed on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> until 1 pm while he and Rose were at mandatory elections training at Portland City Hall. He also noted that the audit would be conducted on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Request to place Town Meeting Article for Playing Field Funds – Mr. Giddinge noted a letter that stated that the Town of Pownal had voted to place an article requesting 25K on the June Town meeting warrant. He noted that no vote had been taken as yet. Mr. Morris requested that an article be placed as a gesture of accommodation towards better relations with the RSU and the Town of Freeport. Mr. Giddinge noted he didn't feel the article had any possibility of passing, and was not in favor of placing an article on the warrant. Mr. Anderson was not opposed to the project, but was opposed to the town placing an article at town meeting. Mr. Morris requested that the article be placed. Mr. Morris voted in favor with 2 (Anderson and Giddinge) opposed. Mr. Giddinge will notify the committee of the vote.

Personal Property Assessments – motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Anderson to not assess personal property at this time. Mr. Morris noted that Assessors Agent Hays was in favor of doing it. Motion to not assess passes 2 in favor with 1 opposed (Morris).

Solid Waste Budget – Andy Wyatt was present to present the Solid Waste Budget. The budget increase was 3.13 %. Selectmen approved of the budget and asked that it be presented to the Budget Committee.

Compensation Budget – Seaver noted that the formula calls for the cost of living portion to be the Northeast urban index, which for the past year was zero. He will base the compensation on that and the scores from evaluations. He will forward that spreadsheet to the Board Tuesday.

Correspondence – reference made to Mrs. Horne’s email to the board.

RSU #5 warrant for Budget Validation Referendum – Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris to sign the warrant for posting. SO VOTED.

Motion by Mr. Giddinge to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:45 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to exit executive session at 9:17 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris to meet Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6 pm at Mallett Hall, the purpose to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.