

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
April 2nd, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by the Chairman. All members were present.

Payroll Warrant # 69 – was approved on motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED

AP Warrant # 70 – Motion to approve as presented by Mr. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED

Minutes of March 19th, 2012 – Motion to approve by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. So VOTED 2-0-1 (Mr. Fauver abstained)

Public Comment – Jim Briggs was present to give the board a report on the activities of the Freeport Community Services and encourage them to support a budget request. It was noted that the budget request will be up to \$4,500 this year. He cited the activities of the senior center and the teen center. He noted that fuel assistance usage was down a bit this year.

Department Heads – Fire Chief

Chief Peters noted that there was about \$1000 balance in the fire truck purchase fund and he would like to use that to purchase a Jaffrey valve for the new truck. The Board acknowledges this to be a suitable use for those funds. He questioned how much money was in the fire dept impact fee account, as he would like to use that to purchase a nozzle for the new truck. The board agreed this was a good use; however an article for town meeting would be necessary to utilize impact fee money. He noted that some people have contacted him to let him know that they have saved money on homeowners insurance due to the better rating of the fire dept. It was noted that this should be put in town report.

Road Commissioner Bennett discussed when to take down road posting. It was determined to leave the dirt roads posted, leave parts of Lawrence Rd. posted, also Brown and Hodsdon Rd. He also noted that he and Mr. Fauver had had a meeting with Burns & Macdonald, and Cianbro regarding road damage and how to efficiently do the repairs needed, and who would ultimately be responsible. Mr. Morris wanted to make sure that something was memorialized that would point to whom was ultimately responsible. Mr. Bennett discussed how the arrangement with Durham was working out, and will be checking with MMA regarding a simple interlocal agreement that would keep the insurance people happy. Mr. Fauver felt a fund for maintenance of equipment used jointly would be necessary. Mr. Bennett noted he has started a detailed spreadsheet of time and equipment shared.

Marstaller Property – David Marstaller was present to discuss disposition of disputed property. Mr. Giddings noted that the town's attorney had determined that the town has no title in the property and suggested that it was Mr. Marstaller's property. He advised

the town to issue supplemental real estate billings to Mr. Marstaller, to which he agreed was fair. Seaver will prepare these for the next meeting. The value of the lot will be at raw land value with no base lot.

William Crain – Beaver Dam

Mr. Crain was present to discuss his letter and the issue with the beaver on his property. He noted that the area had been designated as “No Trapping”. Many suggestions were tossed around regarding how to solve the issue. Mr. Bennett noted that at this moment there was no big issue. Mr. Crain and Mr. Bennett agreed to work together on the issue.

Federal Surplus Property Agreement – renewal of the agreement allowing the town to purchase federal and state surplus property was signed by the chairman.

Articles for inclusion into the town meeting warrant –

1. Cemetery funds from the harvest of timber.
2. Veterans excise exemption ordinance
3. PACE ordinance
4. PCWA – sinking fund

It was also noted that the needs assessment report should be in town report this year. Mr. Morris asked if the sale of any town owned land would be in the warrant this year. Mr. Fauver had spoken with Conservation Commission and noted that they were willing to look at a limited number of lots for recommendations for usage. Mr. Fauver felt this could be done prior to town meeting. Mr. Giddinge felt it was a dangerous precedent not to look at all lots, and to put land out to bid. Seaver and Mr. Fauver will work on developing a warrant question for this purpose.

Public Works Department Budget

Mr. Bennett presented his budget and discussed area that could be scaled back. Some changes were suggested and he will bring back the amended budget at the next meeting.

Mr. Fauver noted he had spoken with State Rep regarding ACO training. He also asked if the letter requesting review of the speed limit had been sent to MDOT (Seaver noted it had). He asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Hyde acknowledging it had been sent.

Motion to enter executive to discuss employee evaluation made by Mr. Giddinge at 9:45 pm. SO VOTED. Session exited at 9:54 pm

Motion made by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to increase the wage of the deputy clerk to \$12.50 per hour. SO VOTED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Seaver", written over a horizontal line.