

*Pownal Budget Committee*

April 20, 2016

MINUTES

Approved as  
written  
5/4/2016

Present: Kim Best, John Green, Kathy Hogue, Andy Wyatt

Excused: Carlene Harvey, Andy O'Brien

Guests: Paul Schuman, Rodney Richard

1. Andy called the meeting to order, 7:03pm.
2. Minutes of April 6, 2016, were approved with some corrections.
3. No public comment.
4. No Selectmen's input.
5. Presentation of proposed budgets:
  - a. Capital projects: Paul and Rodney presented their spreadsheet recommending that request \$150,000 at Town Meeting (same as last year).
    - ♦Three other warrant articles recommended by the Selectmen:
      - i. \$14,188 has been recommended for exhaust systems for 2 Fire Stations
      - ii. \$194,750 for Dump Truck
      - iii. 1.5 million dollar estimated bond for road reconstruction
  - b. Compensation/Scott:
    - i. There will be a slight minimal salary change in the Public Works Line. Overtime will stay pretty close to the same as last year.
    - ii. The Road Contract with Durham has not yet been settled – the \$3,000 increase is a guesstimate at this time.
    - iii. Change in salaries is reflected in this budget to address changes in personnel in the office. When Rose leaves in December, her position will be replaced with a 34/week employee. In mid/late 2017, the roles will change and Scott would become Deputy Clerk with new person becoming Administrative Assistant. Scott would be clerk but also would continue training/mentoring the new person.
  - c. Solid Waste/Andy: We are seeing an increase in tipping fees; not sure why, tonnage is up but bag sales are down. Scott will order as few bags as possible to offset this tipping fee increase. The Selectmen will be recommending \$94,521 for this warrant article.
6. NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2016 – 7:00pm;  
Agenda: Planning Board, Recommendations for town Meeting Warrant, PBC narrative for Annual Report, determine if further meetings are needed.

Meeting adjourned, 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hogue