

Town of Pownal  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

6:00 pm Board met in workshop session with Assessor's Agent Donna Hays and Mike Rogers from the State Property Tax Division.

Regular meeting commenced at 7:50 pm. All members were present.

Payroll Warrant – motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fauver to approve. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED

Minutes of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Giddinge to approve as written. SO VOTED.

Susan Peters asked about the Fire Department using town properties for public functions. She was advised to contact the Recreation Committee.

Chief Peters noted that he was attending the Planning Board workshop in the morning to suggest regulations regarding fire ponds or cisterns in large subdivisions. He is suggesting a 10,000 gallon capacity.

AA Report – Seaver training he had gone to at Trio in Bangor. He also noted that reminder letters for foreclosure accounts had gone out and had only a few left to pay. He noted upcoming training for Rose regarding Trio Accounts Payable and Payroll posting along with Rapid Renewal Downloads. He noted he will be out of the office on April 17<sup>th</sup> and has a planned vacation July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Compensation Policy – was reviewed. Board decided to scratch the section on carry over pay. Mr. Giddinge suggested taking the changes that remain to town meeting, with further changes to be via committee. Seaver will prepare the draft for town meeting vote.

Public Works – Mr. Bennett reviewed changes to the Public Works budget which brings it in at an increase of 4.88% not counting compensation. Seaver noted that the compensation budget could be finalized prior to the next meeting. Bennett noted that he had cut back on areas trying not to cut the chip seal budget. He deleted the repairs to the salt shed. The Board approved of the cuts and sent the PWD Budget to the Budget Committee. Mr. Giddinge noted that with highway and debt service, the town's budget had seen a drastic increase since 2008. Mr. Morris agreed stating that the Town Budget is built upon reality and necessity while the school budget is built upon philosophy. Mr. Bennett also noted that he had made arrangements for a speed detector to be loaned to the town for a week. It is presently set up in front of town hall.

It was suggested that more be done to collect email addresses for bulk mailings.

Tree Growth Application – was received prior to 4/1/14 from Clifton Foster. The Board passed this along to Ms. Hays.

GA Reimbursement – Mr. Morris noted that the town had been notified that the amount of expenses to qualify for 90% reimbursement from the state had increased to \$56,760.

Parcel of land- Mr. Fauver noted that he had received a list of possible town parcels that could be considered as favorable parcels to swap in exchange for the old mill property off of Hodsdon Road. The Board will consider this at the next meeting.

Project Graduation – request for funding from the Class of 2014. Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fauver to table until next meeting. SO VOTED.

Stop sign project – emails from MDOT were reviewed. Mr. Bennett will be in contact with MDOT regarding the reimbursement process.

Employee Evaluations – the Board will meet in executive on this matter next Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Mallett Hall.

Joint meeting with Durham Selectmen and Freeport Town Council will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:00 at Mallett Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.