

**Town of Pownal  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 8, 2019  
7:00PM – Mallett Hall**

**I. 6:00pm – Public Hearing – Building Property & Maintenance Ordinance**

Chairman Morris moved to open the Public Hearing up. Selectman Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote 2- Yes 0- No.**

Chairman Morris gave a brief overview of what the ordinance entails and how it came into existence.

Chris Snow of Tuttle Rd spoke about people dumping things off on other people's property or on the side of the road. He also informed the Board that it is more expensive for Pownal residents to bring things to the Freeport Transfer station.

Chairman Morris spoke to the need to use it as an enforcement tool.

Robert Payson of Hodsdon Rd spoke about some terms that may be seen as objectionable. He spoke to the few sections that we noted as objectionable.

Russ Schmidt of Poland Range Rd spoke about the enforcement from the Code Enforcement Officer and the Select Board. He would like to see a clear procedure lined up to take the interpretation of the ordinance out of the equation.

Bill Schmidt of Poland Range Rd spoke about the definition of a "Nuisance Condition."

Chairman Morris moved to close the public hearing at 6:36pm. Selectman Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote 2- Yes 0- No.**

**II. 6:30pm – Public Hearing – Food Sovereignty Ordinance**

Chairman Morris moved to open the Public Hearing up. Selectman Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 2- Yes 0- No.**

Chairman Morris gave the overview of the Food Sovereignty Ordinance which was to allow and encourage agriculture in town.

Discussion on a few clarifying points were brought up.

Chairman Morris moved to close the public hearing at 6:45pm. Selectman Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 2- Yes 0- No.**

**III. Call to Order – 7:00pm – Pledge of Allegiance**

Members present: Jon Morris, George Anderson and Administrative Assistant Melissa Henes.

**IV. Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrant**

Selectman Anderson moved to approve AP Warrant #67. Chairman Morris seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 2- Yes 0- No.**

Selectman Anderson moved to approve Payroll Warrant #65. Chairman Morris seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 2- Yes 0- No.**

**V. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Selectman Anderson moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019. Chairman Morris seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 2- Yes 0- No.**

**VI. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items**

Bill Schmidt presented to the Board his analysis of the CMP proposal and asked that the Board reconsider the support for CMP. He believes Pownal has been deceived. He also requested that the Administrative Assistant compile the information regarding a citizens petition.

**VII. Department Head Reports**

- Fire Chief- Chief Peters provided an electronic copy of his report
- Road Commissioner- Mr. Clarke reported that the MDOT speed limit has been approved for the reduction by the State Park from 50mph to 45 mph. He noted that crew attended a training regarding stream crossings. He spoke to the MMA Risk Management obligations that needed to be completed. He is currently working on Road concerns and working on setting goals for the crew.
- Town Clerk – Ms. Henes spoke about finishing up her and Molly’s goals for the upcoming year. She noted that nomination papers were still available until April 11<sup>th</sup>. She noted that out of 97 recycling bins that we bought from ECO- Maine we have 8 left in the office. She spoke about the upcoming trainings that she and Molly will be attending. She also spoke about her and Molly’s efforts to improve the communication from the Town Office to the general public. Chairman Morris asked that they find a way to reach the public who do not have means of viewing updates electronically. Lastly, she noted that the office will be closed on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> for Patriots Day.

**VIII. New Business**

- John Mann Town Property Survey – Sending this out to a Title Attorney. – Ms. Henes asked that the Board approve to send this to be consulted by a Title Attorney to define the ownership of this disputed Town owned parcel.
- Committee Appointment – Casey Karlsen: Budget Committee – Chairman Morris moved to appoint Mr. Karlsen to the Budget committee for an indefinite term. Selectman Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 2- Yes 0- No.**
- Updating letter to MMA Legal. – The Board signed off on the updates to who could contact MMA legal.
- Set up Joint Meeting with Budget Committee and CIP to discuss TIFs – The Board scheduled this joint meeting to be held Tuesday May, 21, 2019 at 7pm.

**IX. Old Business**

- 66 Verrill Rd – Set Bid terms & Finalize Bid Date – The Board needed more information on this and asked to table this until April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Impact Fees- Ms. Henes provided the Board with an update about Impact Fees and noted that \$402.00 needs to be expended from Recreation by June 2020.
- Final review of Marijuana Establishment Ordinance- The Board ok’d the final draft to be brought to Public Hearing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**X. Correspondence**

- Letter from Mr. Payson- The Board addressed Mr. Payson’s concerns during the public hearing.

**XI. Any Other Business**

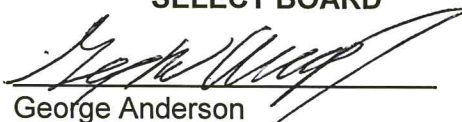
Chairman Morris noted that he received 5 compliments for the Road Crews fast work on a tree removal.

**XII. Adjournment**

Selectman Anderson moved to adjourn at 8:30pm.

**SELECT BOARD**

  
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Jon Morris

  
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George Anderson

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Shawn Bennett