

Pownal Board of Selectmen

Minutes of May 18th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. All members were present.

Payroll Warrant #75 – motion by Mr. Morris to approve, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant #76 – Motion to approve by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

Minutes of previous meeting – motion by Mr. Morris to approve as written, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED.

Public Comment – Patrick Christensen of Leighton Road was there to request that the residents of Leighton Road be kept informed of and tree cutting or heavy ditching that might be being done on the road. He noted that Leighton road is rather unique and was interested in keeping it that way. Mr. Giddinge noted that while the Board would not want to micromanage the new road commissioner, they would also make sure that communication is open. He did not want to be in a position where the road commissioner or the Board was arguing about different road maintenance theories with the residents.

Russell Schmidt requested to know how the Board felt about the direction of the planning board, of which he is an alternate member. He noted that there seemed to be conflicts internally on the board, and with the CEO. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Giddinge noted different issues with the Board over the years. Schmidt noted inconsistencies in the way individuals are treated when applying to the Board. Mr. Giddinge noted that there is a lot of work to be done, and any conflict only delays it. Discussion regarding backlots and single lot division were entered into.

Department Head Report – Seaver noted that budget finalization was in progress, and request input from the board over the holiday weekend on draft items for the town report and warrant. It was decided that the Board would hold a meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 26th to review the warrant prior to it being printed in the warrant. Seaver noted that disclaimer would be printed in order to notify folks that what they are reading may NOT be the final version.

Tax Abatement – Arris – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to abate the tax amount of \$124.95 on the Arris account. SO VOTED.

Use of Public Lands Policy – Seaver noted that while there were several towns that had adopted policy regarding specific parks or parcels of land, he could not find one that restricted us of town owned land in a general fashion. It was felt that if target shooting became a problem, the effected resident should contact either police or game warden.

RSU 5 Warrant – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve the warrant for posting. SO VOTED.

Fall Special Town Meeting – consensus was to tentatively schedule September 21st for a special Town Meeting in the event one was warranted. (After consideration with the Planning Board, this was changed to November 16th).

List of Projects – the following items were discussed as needing board review or involvement: Impact Fee Ordinance; Ramp Project; Revaluation education.

Road Commissioner – newly hired Road Commissioner will be invited to next meeting. The Board decided to hold a chip seal proposal for the new Road Commission to review at that time.

Questions raised about Lil Library project. Mr. Morris will again contact girl scouts on this. Also brought up that Girl Scouts were working on hand painted trash cans and would like to know where on town property one could be placed. Mr. Morris will speak with them on this also.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.