



**Town of Pownal
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2011**

Selectmen Present: Timothy Giddinge, Chairman, Fred Fauver, Jonathan Morris
Municipal Officials Present: Road Commissioner Shawn Bennett, Fire Chief Jesse Peters,
Administrative Assistant Justin L. Poirier
Public Present: None

Motions Made at the Meeting

- ❖ **Motion** to accept the Mallett Hall budget as amended by Mr. Giddinge, **seconded** by Mr. Fauver; **vote** 3-0-0 in favor.

Call to Order

Chairman Giddinge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

- Minutes of April 25, 2011 – **Motion** to accept the minutes as submitted by Mr. Morris, **seconded** by Mr. Giddinge; **vote** 2-0-1 in favor.

Warrant #44

- Warrant was received and a **motion** was made by Mr. Giddinge to accept the warrant in the amount of \$33,236.19 as presented, **seconded** by Mr. Fauver; **vote** 3-0-0 in favor.

Consent Items - None

Discussion with the Public for Items Not on the Agenda - None

Guest Speakers – None

Department Head/Committee Reports

- Road Commissioner
 - Mr. Bennett discussed a late fee that was charged to the Town for a late lease payment several years back. He talked to company and they agreed to waive \$500 or the \$700 fee.
- Fire Chief
 - Mr. Peters stated that he has still not heard back from the cellular tower company about installing his equipment.
 - There was a discussion about charging groups for events that use Fire Department services so that the Town could cover the volunteers under the Town's workers compensation policy.
- Administrative Assistant
 - Mr. Poirier submitted the RSU ballot and bond referendum notice of election documents for the Boards approval.

- Conservation Commission –
 - Ruth submitted a plan suggesting that the Town should survey a parcel of Town owned land and then use any potential timber harvest monies from the property to offset having the property surveyed.
 - Mr. Morris said that he agreed and he thought that the Town needed to begin working on these Town owned lands so the Town knew exactly what it had. He said this would help in determining their value to the Town so they could either be sold or managed and used.
 - Mr. Fauver disagreed and thought this goal could be accomplished by walking the property and if there turned out to be a dispute about boundaries a surveyor could be brought in later.
 - Mr. Giddinge expressed concern about paying someone nearly \$1,000 to walk the land even before it was surveyed.
 - Mr. Fauver agreed to walk the parcel before the Conservation Commissions June meeting and report back his findings.

Written Correspondence

- Submitted into the record.

Unfinished Business

- CMP Corridor Upgrade – discussion took place about the letter received from CMP about their obligation to fix any damage to the roads. The BOS asked Mr. Bennett to read over the letter and let them know if he would like to have a bond.
- Tax Acquired Property – The BOS reviewed a couple of examples of warrant articles and policies that Towns have giving the BOS authority to dispose of tax acquired property.
 - Mr. Giddinge expressed support of developing a policy and not blanket authority for the BOS.

New Business

- Waste Hauling – The BOS discussed the necessity of having the Town's waste hauler pick up trash on some of the Town roads that had only one or two houses on them. The BOS agreed they were going to ask those residents to put their trash at the end of their roads.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin L. Poirier, Administrative Assistant