

Pownal Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting – May 21st, 2012

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm. All members were present.

AP Warrant #83 was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Fauver to approve as presented. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Payroll Warrant #82 was reviewed. Mr. Giddinge asked why OT. Road Commissioner noted use of rented crack sealing machine on Friday. Motion to approve payroll as presented by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED

Minutes of Meeting of May 14th, 2012 – Motion by Mr. Morris to approve as written, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Public Comments – None

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief – Jesse Peters reported new truck will be in town next week. He noted that Minuteman Fire Equipment would like to use the vehicle to show at a fire equipment show in Massachusetts for 3 days. Consensus was that as long as there is no cost to the Town of Pownal this was ok. Chief Peters noted that there will be warrantee work on some lights that will need the truck to return to Massachusetts. This will also be at no expense to town. The Chief asked what the board felt about the utility truck that will be becoming available from the City of Gardner and whether the board was considering an article to be placed upon the warrant for this town meeting. Mr. Fauver asked if this was a “must have” vehicle. Mr. Peters noted that it was very important for covering Bradbury Mountain for fires and first response for rescues, also for wires down type of calls and transporting flagging equipment. Mr. Fauver moved that an article be included in the Town Meeting Warrant to raise up to \$40K from Taxation in support of the purchase of a used Utility Truck for the Fire Department. 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. Motion was approved 2-1 (Morris opposed).

Road Commissioner – Shawn Bennett was present. Noted that the state would be doing an overlay on Allen Road from the intersection of Rte. 231 to the intersection of Elmwood Rd. He also noted that the bridge span previously inspected by DOT had been moved to a 12 month inspection cycle. He noted that Royal River Surveyors had completed the survey work on Hodsdon Rd and the file had been sent to engineers. He noted that details of paving had changed as the pavers needed to work a different time frame. Mr. Morris noted he had issues with flagging on some road projects that he passes, and hoped this would improve. The Pownal/Durham shared position was discussed and he noted that he, Seaver and Janet from Durham had met and a meeting was scheduled with the two Boards next Tuesday at 6 PM. Mr. Morris suggested that goals and measurable steps of success included in the documentation. Seaver and Bennett will work on this. Mr. Giddinge asked how the “target salary” had been determined. Bennett noted that was from reviewing the MMA Salary Survey for towns the same combined population and also comparable lane miles to maintain.

Admin Asst – Scott Seaver noted that Kim Best would be out of town until the first week of June. He will be working to wrap up the town report by middle of next week. A review of all financial reports will be done for June 4th. Reminder of the School Budget meeting Wednesday May 23rd and the flag pole dedication ceremony on Sunday May 27th from 2-4 pm.

Public Hearing called to order for two proposed ordinances at 9:40 pm

Ordinance exempting Active Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Tax

And Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance.

Seaver noted that he felt there were less than 10 vehicles that would be excise exempt under the first ordinance. He also noted that the official that was coming to speak on the PACE ordinance was unable to attend, but had sent frequently asked questions, which Seaver handed out. With no public comment the public hearing was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Selectmen's report for town report was reviewed and will be worked on some more.

Revaluation Funding – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to include a warrant article requesting funding of \$20K to begin a fund to conduct a property revaluation in the future. SO VOTED.

Dedication Page – Mr. Morris is working on dedication page. Seaver will be sending him some info.

Executive Session – motion by Mr. Giddinge to enter executive session to consider appointment to the Planning Board. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED at 9:10 pm. Session was exited at 9:18 pm.

Motion by Mr. Giddinge to appoint Matthew Chipman as an alternate to the Planning Board. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

