

Minutes of Meeting
May 5th, 2013

Pownal Board of Selectmen

Meeting called to order at 7:05. All members present.

Payroll Warrant #72 – Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

AP Warrant # 73 – Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

AP Warrant #74 – Seaver explained this was for Harris (Trio) Annual license fee and it would expire soon. Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Minutes of previous Meeting – Motion to approve as amended to reflect the fact that Mrs. Rollins was now licensed to process all motor vehicle transactions. Motion by Mr. Giddinge. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Public Comment – none

Dept. Head Reports – Mr. Bennett reported that the Hodsdon Rd. project was well underway. Mr. Giddinge noted he had been asked about why a compactor was rented. Bennett reported that the heavier machine gives much better compaction than a plate compactor.

Discussion led to CIP budget lines and replacement time frames for pickup trucks. Bennett noted that most replacements are guided by time, mileage and history of repairs. If electrical issues have been a problem, he would replace quicker. He noted that mileage is not the most important factor. He noted that leasing is being used in larger communities as a way to guarantee a certain time frame such as a 5 year buyback. Other towns keep them until junk. Mr. Giddinge noted that he was not against the revised CIP plan, just needed to have discussion regarding it. Andy Wyatt wondered what effort was made to collect residual data on replacement concerns. Bennett noted that any vehicle that is out of warranty is a concern. It was noted that current p/u would be less than 90k miles at 9 years of age. Mr. Giddinge also noted concern that thermal imaging cameras had shown up on the list. He felt that as a single unit, they did not meet the CIP test of \$10k. If separated, they could be purchased out of operating budget funds. They were purchased through a grant, could be pursued again.

Land Value – Discussion regarding the value that CMP assigns to the land it owns in town. Seaver will check with other towns.

Sale of Town Land – Discussion regarding town land adjacent to the Dyer property (formerly Dewitt). They will be advised that since the time frame in the policy does not allow for the process prior to town meeting, that this would be an issue for the next town meeting.

Pownal Elementary School – Mr. Giddinge noted that the Pownal Elementary School had received an “A” in the Governors listing of school grades. A letter of compliment will be sent to the School Staff.

Selectmen's report for Annual Report was discussed. Mr. Giddinge noted that it might be a good idea in the future to not only dedicate the report, but to also have recognition of a Citizen of the Year for volunteerism.

Mr. Giddinge noted that the recreation committee was investigating the Hodsdon Rd. Mill site as a good site for a park. The will be working on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.