



Minutes of Meeting
Monday, July 15th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Members Giddinge and Morris were present. Mr. Fauver had previously noted he would be absent.

Minutes of July 1 Meeting: Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to approve minutes as written. SO VOTED.

Assessors Agent Donna Hays- present to discuss land values...She noted that baseleots need fair treatment, probably best left to the revaluation to figure out through their market research activities. Need to do as part of reval with plenty of notice. CMP right of way values can be determined with information from other towns. Mr. Morris liked the way Durham does it using a variable value based on the number of acres. Seaver will get CMP values from other towns for next meeting. Discussion regarding disparity between "antique home "and new homes. Ms. Hayes noted this too will be taken care of during setting of classes and values in a revaluation process. The Board will look to set ROW value at next meeting. Mr. Morris noted that in the case of the reval, he would not want to simply adopt what the contractor states for land values. Ms. Hayes noted that the contractor will do a study and come up with market rates. She cautioned that if the Board didn't want the contractor to do it right, then they town shouldn't do it, as it would be a waste of money. Questions for Ms. Hayes:1. Can we identify unbuildable lots as defined in ordinances and not assess them for a base lot. She noted yes. 2. Can the baseleots be set on 2.6 acres, as that is the requirement under zoning (YES). 3. Can we create a Utility land value (YES)

Ms. Hayes noted that her annual work is basically done, and she will be ready for commitment to be set by end of first week of August.

Public Works- Shane Bennett was present to report in. He noted that Hodsdon Road was being fine graded and binder would be placed Wednesday. He also noted that one area might need more gravel on shoulders than originally thought. He is working with grader operator to alleviate that need. Mr. Morris asked what part of the project was not getting paved. Mr. Bennett noted the entire project was being paved. Mr. Giddinge asked when chip sealing was being done, Bennett noted that should be started by the end of July.

Beaver Dam –It was noted that Mr. Giddinge and Mr. Bennett had met with Scott Lindsay of the state in regards to beaver dam on Chadsey Road. He is proposing a project to help lower the water level to the level the beaver require. Mr. Crain was requesting that the town step up to help with cost of project. Mr. Giddinge will contact the biologist to notify him that the Town would decline to participate as it would be expending public funds on a private project.

Lac Megantic – Seaver requested permission to put a link on the Pownal web site to offer the public the ability to contribute to the effort to help our Canadian neighbors recover from the train wreck. Motion to approve by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED

MMA Election Ballot – Seaver presented ballot for vice president, and since no one knew the candidates, no motion for a vote was made.

MMA GA Guidelines – Due to changes in the state budget, amendments to the guidelines are required. Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to approve the amendments as shown. SO VOTED

It was noted that the state had notified Mr. Bennett that the Town would receive 9000 less in URIP funds in this fiscal year. This will need to be adjusted prior to commitment

Warrant #3....Motion by Mr. Giddinge to Approve, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Warrant #6 Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Warrant # 4 Motion by Mr. Morris to approve, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED

Warrant #5 Motion by Mr. Morris to approve, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge SO VOTED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm