

Pownal Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. Mr. Anderson arrived at 7:20.

Payroll Warrant – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Giddinge to approve Payroll #8 as presented. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant #9 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Giddinge to approve AP Warrant #9 as presented. SO VOTED.

Minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup> – Motion by Mr. Morris to approve as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED.

Town Meeting minutes were tabled to next meeting.

Michael Albert was present to discuss access to a field where he wanted to utilize horse trails. He has been told a culvert and driveway permit were needed by Road Commissioner. Does not feel he should need to pay for culvert as field was accessible prior to road being raised 3 years ago. Mr. Beaumier will review the location with Mr. Albert.

Mr. Albert also requested that in a newsletter that state fireworks statute be quoted as to fireworks near farm or boarding animals being banned. Seaver will look in this and publish an appropriate statement.

Department Head Reports – Road Commissioner Beaumier presented sheet of activities for the weeks upcoming. He noted that he had been reviewing Lawrence and Brown road plans with engineer and contractor. He felt the Town could do the Brown Road culvert as a replacement for maintenance. He also felt that Crooker could start work within 3 weeks.

AA Seaver noted that the Revaluation numbers were all loaded in trio. He noted that a glitch in accessing the photos from the remote computers had come up and Trio is working on it. Other than access to the photos, the data transfer was successful. He noted that RJD had conducted about 108 interviews and reviews with taxpayers in the past week. For the most part the process was amicable and fair. Many taxpayers noted that though they may not totally agree with value, the process was good. He noted the elevator was out of service and would be for the next few days. He also noted all map/lot file cabinets had been moved to main office and CEO was not located in space in selectmen's office. He noted that office closed on Labor Day. He also noted he will be at elections conference 9/21 and 9/22.

Approval of Bond Offer – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris to approve and sign the commitment letter from Maine Bond Bank. SO VOTED.

Approval of change of location for election in November – Seaver noted that he would like to use the PES for the presidential election in November. The form was to present a change of location to the Secretary of State. Motion to approve change of location by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED. Mr. Morris requested that plenty of notice be given to voters.

CEO Contract with North Yarmouth – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Anderson to approve annual contract for CEO services with North Yarmouth. SO VOTED.

Tax Rate – after much discussion regarding size of overlay, motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris to set the tax rate at .01650 mills per thousand value, contingent on any issues arising prior to August 4<sup>th</sup>. This will provide an overlay very close to the same as last year. SO VOTED.

Discussion ensued regarding tax bill for Cong. Church Parsonage.

Mr. Giddinge noted that MMA was looking for volunteers to serve on Maine Natural Resource's Council, and to serve on committee working on abandoned and paper roads.

With business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.