

Minutes of Meeting

Pownal Board of Selectmen

Monday, August 13, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Mr. Fauver. Also present were Selectmen Mr. Giddinge, Mr. Morris, Road Commissioner- Shawn Bennett, Fire Chief- Jesse Peters, Office Clerk -Kim Best, Citizens - Ruth Broene, RickBroene.

Minutes of meeting 7/30/2012 was motioned to approve as written by Mr. Morris and 2nd by Mr. Fauver, So voted

Payroll Warrant # 9- motion to approve by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. So voted

AP Warrant # 10 – motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. So voted

Public Comments – Ruth Broene is interested on being on the RSU 5 board, Mr. Morris suggested that she talk to past board members about being on the board and also to the Impact group and ask question of what people want or need from the board. It was motioned by Mr. Giddinge to appoint Ms. Broene to be an RSU 5 Board Director for 1 year of the 3 year term, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. So Voted

Note: If Ms. Broene is still interested next year, she will go through the proper channels to be elected for the remainder 2 years of the 3 year term.

Department Head Reports –

Mr. Bennett gave a proposal to the Board of Selectmen for a part time Truck Driver/ Laborer. His justification of this is with his new "Shared Road Commissioner" he is unable to do operational tasks that he has performed in the past such as; operating the grader, excavator or dump trucks as needed when needed. Vacations also come into play, there are projects that can not get done when you only have a two man crew due to safety issues for example you can not set up a work zone with only two people.

The position he is requesting is part time working 18-20 hrs. per week April through November and be on call for plowing operations from November through April. He feels it will be a cost savings along with the shared Road commissioner position, it equates to a savings to the town of approximately \$28,000 for the current year with no reduction in services provided.

Within the discussion it was noted that the position will need to be well documented. Also discussed was maybe having the crew take the whole week off for vacation on holiday weeks like 4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day to lessen the impact of vacation through out the summer. Mr. Bennett also noted he has a couple of people with longevity that will qualify for more time off soon.

In addition, the need to establish a policy on accumulation/carry-over of comp time was mentioned.

The motion was moved by Mr. Giddinge to approve an 18hr a week part time Truck Driver/Laborer, @ a salary of up to \$14 per hour April through November and on call for plowing operations from November through April, 2nd by Mr. Morris. So voted

Mr. Peters stated that the new Fire Truck as arrived and is in service. They have been doing training and accompanied N Yarmouth a couple of times for training since they had a building they were burning.

The warrantee is still being worked on, Jon has sent a letter inquiring but has not heard back from them at this time but will follow-up and send Mr. Peters a copy.

Forestry Truck – Gardiner as put it out to bid again, they have been in contact with Mr. Peters asking for \$45K but Mr. Peters denied and will put in a bid for the \$40K. That has been mailed to the town of Gardiner but the bid does not open until August 17th.

Mr. Peters had someone inquire about the old tank truck and once to be contacted when he was ready to get rid of it. Mr. Peters noted to scrap the tank he could get .35 a lb., cut up .50 a lb. Mr. Morris asked how much is the chase worth on the truck. It was also suggested to put it up to bid along with the furnace again and see what they get.

Capital Projects – Mr. Fauver noted that they needed to have a workshop to discuss the committee charge. They will meet at 6pm for a workshop before their regular meeting on August 27th. Mr. Fauver asked that Mr. Giddinge and Mr. Morris email suggestions ahead of the meeting to be better prepared. Mr. Fauver will e-mail the capital Projects group to give them a heads up.

Paint Bids – It was noted that both bids came in after the due date. Moore paint has put in a bid for 30K +/- for all combined bids. Pat Chasse of Inside Out Painters bid is \$14,800 with a side note that he would do the whole building for \$18,500. Mr. Fauver suggested that we get more references from Mr. Chasse and to ask what his start date would be if selected.

Mr. Giddinge stated we have not received any bids for the ramp work but he will pursue a couple of people he knows. With talking to Mr. Boyles, the outside curb needs to stay; it has received an award for its design.

Mr. Fauver stated that Jon Hogue is interested in being on the conservation committee and stated that there is room for another person. It was recommended by Mr. Giddinge to have him come to the next meeting to discuss why he would like to be on the committee.

Mr. Giddinge has been in contact with Senator Stan Gerzofsky about road funding available. He has Mr. Bennett to prepare a proposal so that Mr. Giddinge can give it to Mr. Gerzofsky, he states that there is still funding in the budget for this year that he wants to pursue for the Town of Pownal.

Mr. Giddinge also pursued Maine Natural Gas for a donation to put towards the new fire truck but was denied.

Mr. Giddinge has had some concerned citizens about not getting their tax bill. We had an issue with the stamps purchased in Yarmouth, they were .20 stamps instead of .47 but they are all out now. Also, many has questioned about the percentage going up for municipal and school percentage going down. He noted that Mr. Seaver calculated it differently from the past as a heads up to the other selectmen.

Meeting Adjourned 8:14pm

Topics for next meeting:

Waste Zero – for August 27th meeting

Jon Hogue – for Sept 10th meeting

To do list

Kim –

Draw up appointment papers for Ms. Broene,

Contact Pat Chasse for references and start date if selected.

