

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
August 26th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Fauver had previously notified the chair he would be absent. Present were members Morris and Giddinge.

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

Payroll Warrant #15 – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve. SO VOTED

Freeport RSU Study – Mr. Jack Turcotte, who has been hired by the Freeport Town Council, was present to brief the board on what his activities for the Town Council will be, and how he hopes to present a report. He briefed the board on his background. He asked if the Board had any particular issues that they wanted him to be aware of as his study progressed. TG-feels Pownal benefits from a larger district by having access to different professional positions. JM noted that Pownal prior to the RSU, Pownal had special legislation passed to become a single town SAD. They both noted that over the years Pownal had contracts for tuition with both Greely and Freeport. TG noted that Pownal residents feel they have no say in what transpires because of the weighted board representation and voting. TG noted he attends a lot of budget meetings at the RSU, feels the board members are conscious of many budget issues. JM noted that prior to RSU, school budget votes were at town meeting and were by line item. Mr. Turcotte noted that in smaller towns, such a Pownal, long range planning is more concrete. Mr. Morris noted that he hears that Freeport is getting tired of “carrying” Pownal in the RSU. TG noted that with a valuation spike less money comes to the RSU on behalf of the town of Pownal. Mr. Turcotte mentioned that Freeport could well lose educational quality if on its own. Mr. Morris noted that he would prefer tuition to Yarmouth. He also noted that Freeport on its own would be Class C for athletics. He also felt that the high school renovation bond would have passed if it had not included the new athletic fields. After more discussion Mr. Turcotte noted that he would be calling again for town information for the report. The Board thanked him for coming and listening to them.

Minutes of previous meeting – Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve minutes of August 5th. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Chief Peters – discussion regarding horse event the previous weekend, and how fees may be charged for such events, along with events at the State Park. He noted that he would like to issue a letter of support for Bradbury Mountain State Park in their application for rescue equipment to slide into the utility RV that they have. So noted by the Board. Chief will supply the board with a copy of the letter. Chief Peters present a draft schedule of charges for special events. The board concurred with his charges but cautioned to not be lower than anyone else in the area. Chief will go over these with the Manager of the park.

Foreclosure notices – Seaver noted that some notices were late in going out and would not affect the process. They will go out this week.

Revaluation – Seaver was asked to arrange a meeting with the Assessors agent and reps from the state tax office in the next few meetings.

Policy Book Review – Seaver will bring forward various policies to review at each meeting in the future.

Off premise catering permit – Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Abatement/Supplemental tax bills – Motion to abate and supplement taxes as laid out in letter from Donna Hays by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Code Enforcement Office Hours – Ms. Skelton requested changing the night the office is open for Code Officer from Monday (630 to 8) to Thursdays (530 to 7) beginning October 10th. Motion to approve by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

A newsletter will go out prior to the September 15th due date for taxes.

Notice given of a seminar put on by Jensen Baird Gardner and Henry. The Board would like to attend. Seaver will notify the firm.

Mr. Morris asked Ms. Skelton of progress on the Volvo garage. She said the paperwork is in progress on her desk.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30.