

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
August 5th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All members were present.

Payroll Warrant- Motion by Mr. Fauver , 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve as presented. Question on accrued vacation pay that Seaver will look into. SO VOTED.

Accounts Payable Warrant – Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve. SOVOTED.

Minutes of Previous Meeting- Motion by Mr. Giddinge to approve, 2nd by Mr. Morris with one correction to the acreage schedule. SO VOTED.

AA Report – Seaver indicated that Ms. Rollins had submitted a letter of resignation to accept a full time position in the line of work she had previously been employed in. Advertisement will be prepared. He presented an ESTIMATE of fund balance as of 6/30/2013. He noted he will be taking some vacation days prior to Mrs. Rollin's departure. He noted that the new counter computer had arrived and was installed. Next Board meeting will be held on August 26th, and he requested permission to pay any invoices that would incur interest charges in the meantime. Motion to grant permission by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Freeport RSU Issue – Mr. Fauver noted that he had stopped and chatted with the Freeport Town Manager regarding how to resolve the issues with the RSU. Both felt it a good idea to get the 3 boards (Durham, Pownal and Freeport) should get together to understand the issues. At this point no petition has been circulated. If one is presented to the council, they have no choice but to fund the study laid out in the process. Seaver noted that he had spoken with Ken Cole regarding Pownal's need to understand the issues of the process. Mr. Fauver suggested that the three councils should be responsible and work as a team.

Tax Rate and Overlay- Mr. Giddinge noted that since there was increased valuation this year, and RSU issues will dictate an expense increase in the next fiscal year along with decreased revenues, he suggested an overlay of about 120K. Mr. Fauver noted that would be within the guidelines of the town's fund balance policy. Mr. Morris felt there was no fiscal responsibility to not use the fund balance. Mr. Giddinge felt the town does show fiscal responsibility. He felt the overlay needed to be used as a tool to stabilize the tax rate. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to set overlay at 110K. NO SECOND. Motion by Mr. Morris to set the tax rate at \$34.75 which would set overlay at approx. 92K. 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Date for quarterly meeting with Durham – suggested dates were in the week of 8/19. Seaver will respond to Durham AA.

Maine Natural Gas – consensus was to NOT lock in on set pricing for natural gas.

Council of Government parks and rec land mapping – Mr. Fauver will contact COG and see if this is a duplication.

Collector/Junkyard – research will be done into the difference between a collector license and a junkyard permit.

Mr. Fauver will contact Andy Wyatt to see where in the process of reviewing pay per bag prices the solid waste committee is.

Mr. Fauver also noted that the fire fighter grant for rescue equipment had been approved for payment. Seaver will forward an invoice.

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.