

**Town of Pownal
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 6, 2018**

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Jon Morris, George Anderson, Shawn Bennett & Administrative Assistant Melissa Henes.

Jon was asked by the Boy Scouts to start off the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Payroll Warrant

Selectman Anderson moved to approve Payroll Warrant #10. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

III. Accounts Payable

Selectman Anderson moved to approve AP Warrant #11. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Selectman Anderson moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2018 5pm Meeting, July 16, 2018 5:30pm Meeting & July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

V. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

The Board opened up a discussion between the Code Enforcement Officer and Mr. Albert regarding a follow up from the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Mr. Albert expressed his concerns for the Town. Mr. Keith expressed his side of the situation. The Board expressed their intent to come to common ground between the two parties.

VI. New Business – Set Tax Rate (Taken out of Order)

Scott Seaver presented the Board with the carry forward amounts. Selectman Anderson moved to approve carry forward amounts of: \$10,000 for general government, \$20,000 for Public Works, \$14,000 for Fire Department, and \$1,500 for Mallett Hall. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3- Yes 0- No.**

Administrative Assistant Henes and Scott Seaver presented the worksheets to calculate the Tax rate. They suggested the Board approve a tax rate of \$18.00 which would fund the overlay \$18,203.84. Selectman Anderson moved to set that tax rate at \$18.00 per thousand dollars of evaluation. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion: It was noted by Mr. Seaver that the overlay would come in higher than the \$18 thousand dollar amount because of two Land Use penalties that would be collected in addition to the regular taxes.

VII. Department Head Reports

Fire Chief – Nothing to report

Road Commissioner- Dick gave his report to the Board. He gave an update on Chadsey Road. He mentioned getting in contact with Dwight Edgerly regarding the work on lower Lawrence road. He had the crew remove a large rock from Libby Rd. He discussed the culvert replacement on Poland Range Rd, work on Allen Road was complete. He expressed his thoughts on applying for a grant for obtaining a larger generator for the pump house. He shared citizens' concerns with the stripping on Merrill Rd and putting a speed limit sign on the speed sign.

Old Business – Chadsey Rd: The Board inquired with Dick about Chadsey Road. Their question was what the final surface of the Road was going to be come September. Dick's plan was to get it to the point where they can put down a base coat of pavement down by fall.

Town Clerk – Melissa gave the Board her report. She updated the Board on publicly posting the job position. She gave them an update on sending out the website update. The Board was provided with new calendars. It was by Board consensus to move the August 20th meeting to the 27th. She gave the Board an update on the amount of 30- day notices that were being sent out.

VIII. Old Business

Town Junkyards – The Board noted the couple of yards in town that the Code Enforcement Officer has visited and there has been no movement by either resident. They requested Junkyards be put on the next agenda and asked the AA to research junkyard ordinances.

MDOT Meeting Route 9 Update- Jon gave the Board the update on the meeting with the MDOT that State will not put a crosswalk in because of the speed. That stretch of road has been approved to have a speed study done as well as a turn lane study.

IX. New Business

Recycling – There has been increasing concern and costs regarding recycling. Mr. Bradstreet provided the Board a write up to give to the public regarding recycling. The Board instructed Melissa to send it out with Reminders from Town hall and to make it a feature in the next Town newsletter.

Comprehensive Plan Update- Jon gave the Board an update from the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He spoke about how the turnout has been their focus group meetings.

Ordinance Review Committee- The Board asked for a charge for the committee be written up and presented at the next Board meeting.

X. Correspondence

Mr. Dater the Town of Pownal's planner asked for a salary increase. The Board unanimously agreed to increase Mr. Dater's salary.

FEMA sent in new Flood Plain maps. The Board asked to forward it onto the Planning Board.

XI. Any Other Business

None.

XII. Executive Session with the Road Commissioner

Selectman Anderson moved that the Board enter into executive session pursuant to 1. M.S.R.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter with the Road Commissioner at 8:29pm.

The Board and Road Commissioner exited executive session at 8:50pm

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm