

Pownal Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Mr. Giddinge. Also present were Selectmen Morris and Fauver. Also present were Chris Marshall and John Titus from Burns & MacDonnell.

Payroll Warrant 23 – On motion by Mr. Fauver and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris the payroll warrant of \$7252.17 was approved on a vote of 3-0.

Accounts Payable Warrant #24 – moved by Mr. Fauver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Giddinge to approve. So voted 3-0. Mr. Giddinge noted payment to T Dater for work on light and noise ordinance.

Minutes of 9/12/11 – Motion by Mr. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fauver to approve. So Voted 3-0.

Maine Power Reliability Program – Chris Marshall and John Titus were present to update the Board on progress on this project which includes transmission line expansion and also expansion of substation. Mr. Morris had some concerns he had relayed to Mr. Marshall. Of note was an email from Larry Benoit to Mr. Poirier. Mr. Marshall noted that he didn't think the information had been conveyed correctly. He did note that he was not aware of any public complaints in Pownal. Mr. Giddinge noted that the email to Poirier had been reviewed at a previous meeting. Mr. Marshall asked who should get correspondence. It was determined to correspond with Mr. Seaver and also with [Selectmen@pownalmaine.org](mailto:Selectmen@pownalmaine.org). Mr. Morris noted a historical archeological site with a historic old apple tree that appeared to be marked for cutting. He had met with surveyors who noted they would mark it well and have CMP take a look at it. Foreman of cutting crew said it had to go. Mr. Fauver noted it is an aging tree, in its decline, and would never reach the wire height. Mr. Marshall has requested that CMP safety people take a look at the situation and will arrange a meeting with Mr. Morris regarding this. Mr. Morris also noted a concern by the Fire Chief regarding the thick layer of wood chips being utilized in some areas, and the proximity to the gas pipeline with a fire danger. Mr. Marshall noted that the use had been cleared by CMP safety people along with the Fire Marshalls Office.

Department Heads Reports – Seaver noted a few planned absences in the next two weeks, a cut back in the hours of the cleaner at Mallett Hall. He also questioned the board regarding interest in investing in an electronic ballot machine for the upcoming presidential election. Seaver noted that he will speak with the election warden and some ballot clerks to identify any problems. Seaver also noted he will be attending the MMA conference on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

General Correspondence – Had been received from Neal Allen at GPCOG regarding economic development. It was decided to invite him to the meeting after Columbus Day.

Request from Mark Stevens of the New Gloucester Board of Selectmen regarding any guidelines for appointing people to committees and boards. Reminder of Thursday night seminar by Jensen Baird in South Portland. Those attending would meet at Town Office at 530 pm. Mr. Fauver said he would be meeting with Jim Briggs regarding a lighting ordinance.

It was noted there was a request, as in past years, to trap on town property. Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Morris to allow John Hadley to trap on town property. SO VOTED 3-0

Mr. Fauver noted Seaver was checking into some sort of administrative form for initiating changes in the tax maps.

Seaver will email Hutch Hodsdon and Dick Hogue regarding the availability of the CMP noise study.

Newsletter items were discussed.

New Business – Abatement Request - Michael & Virginia Albert – application reviewed by the Assessor. Upon her recommendation, Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fauver to grant an abatement as recommended, in the amount of \$29,180 in taxable value. SO VOTED 3-0.

Municipal Valuation Return – due to state offices by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Motion by Mr. Fauver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Morris to approve the 2011 Municipal Valuation Return. SO VOTED 3-0

Elevator service contract – Motion by Jon Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fauver to execute service contract with Otis Elevator. SO VOTED 3-0

Painting contract- Seaver will contact Moore Painting for info on getting the job started this fall.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Mr. Fauver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED 3-0

Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen 10/3/2011  
A true copy attest:

Scott W. Seaver  
Town Clerk, Pownal Maine