

Town of Pownal
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 26, 2021
6:30 PM Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order-In Person Meeting @ 6:30 pm by Chair Jon Morris

Members Present: Jon Morris, Heidi Curry
Town Administrator: Becky Taylor-Chase
Road Commissioner: Dick Clarke

II. Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrant

AP Warrant

Selectperson Curry motioned to accept A/P Warrant #8 in the amount of \$4833.01. Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 2 No 0

Selectperson Curry motion to accept A/P Warrant #9 in the amount \$289,636.63. Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 2 No 0

Payroll Warrant

Selectperson Curry motioned to accept Payroll Warrant #7 in the amount of \$5971.15. Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 2 No 0

III. Minutes of Previous Meetings

• **Minutes of July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Selectperson Curry motioned to accept the minutes as written. Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 2 No 0

IV. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

None

V. Department Head Reports – Submitted Electronically

(Department head reports can be viewed on their respective website page(s))

- **Select Board**

Selectperson Curry attended the Planning Board meeting with the final approval to the NB Solar Project and attended the tax commitment meeting.

Chair Morris noted he needed to get an MMA username and password so he could research recent correspondence issued.

VI. New Business

- **Oath for Deputy Animal Control Officer**

This was voted on at the 7/12/21 meeting. Signatures only were needed

- **Oath for Orion Breen**

Chair Morris motioned to accept the oath for Orion Breen for the Planning Board. Selectperson Curry seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 2 No 0

- **Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing Dates in September**

Discussion ensued about possible dates. Location will be Mallett Hall on the 2nd and 4th Monday in September with the regular Select Board Meeting to follow. Public hearing will be from 6-7 pm and regular meeting will start at 7 pm. Twenty-five rough drafts will be available with a suggested 100 final copies. The town administrator will confirm dates with Kathy Hogue.

- **August 4th Morning Closure for Town Hall**

Both the town administrator and deputy clerk are attending trainings during the morning of August 4th and the town hall will need to close and open at noon. Board members present were fine with this closure.

- **ZOOM Meetings**

Chair Morris raised the questions regarding what the technology would look like, how would we network and how would we do ZOOM meetings effectively. Currently we have issues with ~~sound echo and participants being able to hear. This format may not work without investment~~ in equipment. Board is hesitant to invest until the acoustics are better. Ginny Giddinge mentioned have sound buffers for each individual person. The conversation shifted to increasing in person participation and holding an event to get the community involved. Chair Morris suggested having a harvest pot luck tied into a Sherry Dietrich Day. Have it at Mallett Hall on the day of the cleanup – September 25th and have a “farm to table” theme for the pot luck. Town Administrator Chase will coordinate with the Mallett Hall Committee and Recreation Committee on the date. Proposed Time would be 1pm to 4pm for cleanup with pot luck to follow and possible music. Will discuss further at the August 23rd meeting and will invite both committees to the meeting. Select person Curry suggested having a calendar of events for the winter prepared for the meeting. Chair Morris mentioned adding a clause to the tax bill about learning about the tax commitment process. Selectperson Curry mentioned collecting emails when residents come to the town office to send out email notices.

VII. Old Business

- **NBD Solar Decommissioning escrow**
 - **Need contract – contact town lawyer – Heidi**

The town lawyer advised that a decommissioning bond is needed. This would act as an "insurance policy" and the town would collect on the policy when the solar farm is decommissioned.

- **Acoustics for Dewitt room**

Funds that may help pay for this project are not available until this fall – possibly this October. Melanie Sachs sent 2 emails referencing this and Town Administrator Chase will forward those emails to the board.

- **Sexton for Mallet Hall**

Money from the Mallett Hall Committee will be used for this position.

- **Recording Secretary for Planning Board & Job Description**

Christine Watson submitted a job description. Selectperson Curry would like to post the job. The position was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting and was clarified it was strictly a recording position and may expand next year for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair Morris would like to post the job for recording clerk and post on our website, at the Post Office and Short Stop. Contact Brunswick Times Record about placing an ad for free in the paper. Discussion about pay rate was decided at \$15-\$20 based on experience. The job will be posted for a couple of weeks to see if there are any applicants before expanding the ad.

VIII. Correspondence

The Select Board needs to follow up on the sale of the property on Elmwood Road to Orion Breen. They need to review the minutes of previous meetings to determine the course of action regarding the sale. This will be on the August 23rd agenda.

Chair Morris had conversations with residents regarding the mil rate and about state monies.

IX. Any Other Business

None

X. Adjournment @ 7:25 pm

Chair Morris moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectperson Curry seconded the motion.

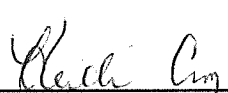
Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 2 No 0



Jon Morris

Andy O'Brien



Heidi Curry

