

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting of April 17th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. All members were present.

AP Warrant #69 – Moved by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve for the amount of \$252,842.71. SO VOTED.

Payroll Warrant # 68 – Moved by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve in the amount of \$3883.57. SO VOTED.

Minutes of April 3rd, 2017 – Moved by Mr. Anderson to approve as written. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Paving Bid – Shawn Bennett of All State Materials was present to check on the status of the award of paving/cold mix bid. He noted that All States was the lone bidder. After discussion and explanation of the products, he will check with the Road Commissioner and would like a letter of intent so that the work can be scheduled immediately following town meeting.

Joint Road Commissioner Contract – Seaver noted that a 30 day notice to the Town of Durham was necessary to stop the contract. The contract expires on June 30th. Mr. Morris suggested waiting until after Town Meeting to see what the thoughts of the town were and to have the budget in place to hire a Road Commissioner. Mr. Giddinge will discuss further with Durham to see what their wishes as far as notice are.

Conservation Commission – a letter of request was received to improve the roadways within the Elmwood Road Cemetery so that they are safe and usable as a walking trail. A quote from Albert Blackstone of \$3000 was received. They suggested using Impact Fee funds to fund the project. Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to place the item on the Town Meeting Warrant. SO VOTED

Tax Credit Program – a proposed program to give a tax credit to elderly homeowners in the Town of Pownal was discussed. Seaver presented a draft ordinance which would tie qualification to the State of Maine Tax Fairness Credit program, would require that a homeowner has owned and lived in the homestead for a period of 10 years, and that the primary owner be 70 years of age. More discussion will be held, but the board was generally in favor of presenting the Ordinance to Town Meeting in June.

PCWA – it was noted that Catherine DiPietro has submitted her resignation as the tester for the water system. The Board thanked Cathy for her time dedicated to the PCWA testing. A thank you will be drafted along with a token of appreciation. The Board will find a suitable replacement for Ms. DiPietro and notify the PCWA.

MDOT – notice has been received of the closing of the Poland Range Road Bridge around May 1st for the replacement of the decking. It will be closed for about 2 weeks. Seaver said he had sent copies of the notification to the Sherriff's Department, the Transportation Director of RSU5 and the Fire Chief. He had been notified of a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 9 am at the site, and has notified the Road Commissioner of that meeting.

ISO – has notified the Code Officer that they will be conducting an audit in Pownal to determine if the Fire Safety rating for the community will change any.

Road Postings – Mr. Morris was wondering when the road postings would be released. Seaver contacted Mr. Beaumier and was told they would be down the end of this week.

Spirit of America Award – Mr. Morris will contact the representative and submit a candidate.

Pine Tree Waste Contract – Seaver noted that the contract expires on June 30th. A contract extension letter had been received from Pine Tree Waste which would keep the cost for 17-18 fiscal year at the same costs as 16-17, with a cpiu escalator for the next two years. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to extend the collection contract for 3 more years in accordance with the offer letter. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Royal River Conservation Trust – Mr. Giddinge apprised the Board of his meeting with Alan Stearns at the old mill site, and how conversation shifted to town land on Elmwood Rd.

With no other business to attend to, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.