

Pownal Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
June 26th, 2017

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

Payroll Warrant #85 – Motion by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve as presented. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant #86 – Moved by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve as presented. So Voted.

Minutes of June 19th, 2017 – Motion to approve as presented by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge. SO VOTED.

Minutes of June 19th 2017 Annual Town Meeting – Minutes to approve as written by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Public Comments – None

AA report – Seaver Reported that the assessment work was coming along with the possible setting of a tax rate by the 14th of July, however a lot depends on Mrs. Hays timing of entering info into the computer, and the ability of the State to adopt a budget. He noted the Office would be closed both the 3rd of July and the 4th of July. He reminded members of the meeting schedule for the next three months. He noted that he had started to check into names of folks to be on both the Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Ordinance Review Committee.

Tony Donovan was present to give presentation on the possibility of a train stop in Pownal should the passenger rail service extend from Yarmouth to Lewiston and/or continue to Danville, Bethel and on to Montreal. The Board questions many aspects and Mr. Donovan explained that there is a state study being conducted now that will look at where stops should be located. He noted that Pownal is a possibility due to the presence of the Pineland campus and the need of commuters to get to work there. He would like to do a more focused public meeting later in the fall at Mallett Hall. He will contact Seaver to make arrangements.

Town of Durham – it was noted that a letter had been received from the Town of Durham noting that the joint Road Commissioner arrangement would not be in force after June 30th. Mr. Giddinge noted that to date no resumes for Road Commissioner have been received. Mr. Giddinge volunteered to act as point person for the Public Works Department. Mr. Morris noted that the board should be kept apprised of weekly work plans and activities. He questioned who will be overseeing paving projects. Seaver suggested that an engineer could be contracted to oversee and inspect. Vacation time was discussed and how it might be scheduled in the future.

Wages for 17-18 Fiscal Year – Seaver presented official wage listing for the upcoming fiscal year. He noted that these are the rates that the budget used for Town Meeting. Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve wages. SO VOTED.

Tobacco Free – a letter was received asking the Town to consider including tobacco into the marijuana moratorium. The board took no action.

Backhoe bids are due at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 29th. The will be reviewed and sent to the Board at the next available meeting.

Correspondence from E. Stone on Goss Lane – Mr. Giddinge had sent PWD over to address the issues on Goss Lane.

Maine Natural Gas – Mr. Giddinge noted a letter from Maine Natural Gas regarding the availability of Excess Flow Valves for installation on the service lines. The Board requested that the Fire Chief review the letter and possibly meet with Maine Natural Gas to determine the need and the cost to install at the various Town Facilities.

Policy Changes – Melissa Henes was present to go over issues she has found with various policies and the need to amend or rescind various policies.

Assessors Policy – all of the items in this policies are covered under the Assessing Software and State Statutes. Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to repeal the assessor’s policy. SO VOTED.

Mallett Hall Brochure Policy – Moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Giddinge to repeal. SO VOTED.

Impact Fee – Tabled

Municipal Employment Policy – Tabled

Purchasing Policy – Tabled

Resignation Policy – Tabled

Treasurer’s Warrant Policy – Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve as presented. SO VOTED.

Fund Balance Policy – Tabled

Fee Schedule – Moved to approve as presented by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Select board Responsibilities and Bylaws – Tabled.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.