

Pownal Budget Committee

Mallett Hall

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2019

7:00 PM

Members present: Chairman Wyatt, Kim Best, John Green and Andrew O'Brien

Members absent: none

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. All four members were present and a quorum was established.

Minutes from previous meeting: The minutes of May 7, 2018 were approved unanimously.

Public comment: No one from the public was present

Selectmen comment: Jon Morris was the lone selectman present. Speaking for the Board he requested the following:

That the Budget Committee take the lead role in establishing the municipal budget and that the committee complete that process by the end of March.

Presentation of proposed budgets: This was the kick off meeting for the committee and no formal presentations were made.

Other Discussion: The general budget process was discussed with the following results.

Andy Wyatt was elected chairman.

John Green was elected secretary.

The schedule of presentations was approved.

The Committee was amenable to Selectman Morris' request of the lead role in the budget process. There was discussion regarding what rules/guidance was available in applicable Town Charter, or other documentation.

What would be a reasonable increase in the department budgets was discussed. Although not voted on, the consumer price index (CPI urban) for 2018 was felt to be a good starting point. John took an action to report at the next meeting what the 11 month CPI for 2018 was, as the full year figure was not available.

Also discussed was how did Pownal compare to surrounding, and other Cumberland County towns in their mill rates (full value). John took an action to report those figures at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the General Government, Human Services, PCWA, Mallett Hall and Debt Service proposed budget presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

Committee Secretary