

Pownal Budget Committee

Mallett Hall

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2019

7:00 PM

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

Members absent: none

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. All five committee members were present and a quorum was established.

Minutes from previous meeting: The minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, with one change that under second view of the Public Safety budget "capital" was misspelled.

Public comment: Casey Karlsen, a potential new member of the committee was present.

Selectmen comment: Selectmen Jon Morris noted that a May meeting, including the committee, was in the planning stages to discuss a Tax Incremental Financing district for the expected improvements to Central Maine Power property.

Presentation of proposed budgets: The following budgets were presented:

Administration Assistant Melissa Henes presented the second view of the **Administrative** and **Public Works** budgets that included increases due to the proposed family health insurance coverage change.

Melissa also presented the second view of the **Compensation** budget and noted that the additional information from the animal control officer was outstanding. Jon stated that he would speak with that individual.

Andy Wyatt presented the **Solid Waste** budget and noted that a proposed 30% increase in the cost of trash bags would be needed to cover the increased costs incurred by Ecomaine. Committee members agreed that there was no alternative to the 9.02% budget increase primarily driven by market conditions for recyclables.

Other Discussion: John followed up with his research concerning the consumer price index. There are four indexes applicable to Pownal; Urban National, Northeast, New England and Boston and that Bureau and Labor Standards guidance was to use the more general, rather than specific, information.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM to determine the committee's budgetary recommendations to the Town Meeting warrant and review draft wording for the annual report narrative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

Committee Secretary