

Pownal Budget Committee
March 30, 2016
Draft Minutes

The Pownal Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 18:59 hrs. March 16, 2016, with all members present.

The secretaries report was accepted with minor spelling changes.

There was no public comment.

Selectmen's Input:

Tim Giddinge added after A.A. Seaver's presentation.

Presentation of budget proposals:

Scott Seaver Presented the proposed budgets as follows

General Government:

Workers Comp may go down as a rebate is expected for the current year.

Audit has gon from \$7500.00 to \$10,000.00 due to the necessity of help dealing with GASPE rules and regulations.

He then went over each line item, noting increases and decreases.

Scott gave an overview of his plan to replace himself upon his retirement, how it would work, and the payroll increase necessary to put into motion.

Discussed the CEO working more hours than in past years.

Increase in unemployment, due to the Bureau of Labor Standards pointing out that our firefighters needed to be covered by law.

Mallett Hall:

Up approx. 2%

Will probably expend the rest of this years Maintenance budget for the ramp, stairs and floor mats.

Touched on needed repairs to old selectman's office. Yet to be determined the exact extent of work.

Generator maintenance is included in general maintenance budget.

PCWA:

No change in budget amount. Some building maintenance to be done this year.

Debt Service:

Our debt service is down 6.79%

Public works is looking at evaluating the excavator to weigh replacement vs. refurbishment.

Human Services:

A \$50.00 increase over last year.

At this point, Tim Giddinge brought up that Capital Projects will likely be looking for a road construction bond.

He mentioned that the town's insurance would increase due to coverage for salt pollution of private wells.

The next meeting is to be held April 6, 2016 at 19:00hrs., with the presentations being Cemeteries, Public Safety and Public Works.

With no further business to come before this meeting it was voted to adjourn at 19:46 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew O'Brien