

To: Ginifir Giddinge, a resident of the Town of Pownal, Cumberland County, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Pownal in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Pownal Elementary School, 587 Elmwood Road, Pownal Maine on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 through 5 as set out below.

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Jonathan Morris. He read a dedication for James Boyle and Lois Saunders. He proceeded to Article 1 and opened the floor for nominations. Selectperson O'Brien nominated Alan "Bo" Chesney. Selectperson Curry seconded. There were no other nominations and the floor was closed. Mr. Chesney was elected moderator by written ballot. He was sworn in to the office and commenced with the meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote in favor of approving the Town of Pownal 2021 Comprehensive Plan (Exhibit A) or to see what action the town will take.
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o Yes o No

Dick Hogue motions to approve Article 2 as written. Seconded by Jesse Peters. Tom Godfrey proposes an amendment. Mr. Chesney states it's out of order and can only vote the article up or down. Paul Schumann asks if the Comprehensive Plan is an ordinance. The answer is no so an amendment is in order. Mr. Godfrey is impressed by the amount of work. Had not had a chance to read the full plan but could not find any provisions for ongoing updates, amendments, ways to implement and recommendations. He moves with the understanding that the approval of the Comprehensive Plan includes provisions for ongoing oversight by an identified body answerable to the Select Board and allow for periodic amendments and additions as needed to incorporate new data and analysis and provide for steps to execute in the plan and insure their incorporation in town policies and ordinances. Seconded by Donna Brown. Mr. Chesney reread the motion. Mr. Godfrey stated approval is understood that the Select Board can take appropriate steps to appoint a body and make reports. Mr. Schumann proposes to amend the amendment. Rather than using the word "understood" he proposed the Select Board can "direct". Kathy Hogue stated there were 3 public hearings and that was the time to make changes. There is a statement in the plan that states the Select Board will strategize and oversee the plan. The committee did look at the 2006 plan and approximately ¾ were completed. Janet Lynch spoke that ordinances should be passed pursuant to the plan. The plan is a foundational document we are voting up or down. Chair Morris clarified that the Comprehensive Plan is a vision statement; compiled by a series of meetings and focus group work done by the committee. It is a guide for the Select Board and other boards and committees to use in their decision-making process. The Select Board has been using the last plan as a starting point. There are provisions in the

new plan that charges the Select Board that any conversations concerning Municipal change is guided by the plan. The town is represented in the book. It is not a decision-making document. The committee has done a wonderful job submitting the data. Mr. Chesney stated that only ordinances are voted up or down. Mr. Schumann doesn't think the original amendment or amended amendment is casting. Trying to define guidance. In the 2006 plan it was recommended that the fire station be replaced. In 2010 the needs assessment recommended the fire station be replaced. Now in the 2021 plan it recommends the fire station be replaced. He doesn't recall having detailed discussions. There needs to be meaningful discussions.

Marcia Bowen asked if we make changes would we need to have a public hearing to approve the plan at a future town meeting. Mr. Chesney advised yes. If amended we would need to hold a public hearing. Mr. Godfrey is it necessary that the motion made be framed as an amendment of the plan or can it be an understanding that we want to continue to work on the plan with committees. Pressures in town are increasing; there is more residential building, water supply demands. A static plan may not be responsive to these demands.

Christine Watson stated on page 10 of the plan in the goals and strategies it states ongoing provisions for oversight and quoted the text.

Janet Lynch stated the plan is a foundation document and we should craft ordinances pursuant to it.

Mr. Chesney stated ordinances go to a public hearing and are presented at town meeting. Doug Robbins stated putting in place a committee of oversight. One for everyone to participate in. Amendments are not necessary. He supports continued vigilance on all of us.

Mr. Chesney called for a vote on the amendment to the amendment. Mr. Godfrey seconds the amendment to the amendment. To clarify the motion Mr. Chesney read it: approval of the plan is to direct the Select Board for ongoing oversight by an identified body answerable to the Select Board and allow for periodic amendments and additions as needed to incorporate new data and analysis and provide for steps to execute in the plan and insure their incorporation in town policies and ordinances. Mr. Chesney calls for the vote. The amendment to the amendment fails.

Mr. Chesney states we will now address the original amendment to the article. Holly Morrison stated the discussion is redundant. All details are covered in the goals and strategies. Mr. Chesney calls for the vote.

Amendment to the article fails

Mr. Chesney reads the original article and calls for the vote.

Article 2 passes.

ORDINANCES

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the "Town of Pownal Animal Control and Welfare Ordinance Definitions", as Adopted at Town Meeting, June 17, 2019" as set forth in the document "Town of Pownal Animal Control and Welfare Ordinance Definitions", as Adopted at Town Meeting, June 17, 2019. Proposed Revisions for Special Town Meeting, February 14, 2022, Definitions #11, #14 Part 1, 2 and 3, #15 and #16 (Exhibit B) or to see what action the town will take.

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Yes No

Dick Hogue motions to approve Article 3. Seconded by Jesse Peters

Mr. Hogue stated the only change was to correct a spelling error and change the word mammal to animal. He initiated this request after responding to some calls and found the definition to be limiting. The change was sent to MMA and they stated the change would be more inclusive and help with enforcement. There was no further discussion.

Article 3 passes

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Pownal Compensation Ordinance” as set forth in the document “Town of Pownal Compensation Ordinance” adopted at Town Meeting, June 17, 2019 changing it to the “Town of Pownal Compensation Policy” (Exhibit C) or to see what action the town will take.

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Yes No

Dick Hogue motions to approve Article 4. Seconded by Jesse Peters.

Paul Schumann asked if someone could comment on the significance of the change.

Selectperson Curry stated the ordinance is tied to CPI and limits the flexibility for wage adjustments. In this competitive labor market, the Select Board feels the need to have flexibility. The budget would still be a line item at Town Meeting for approval. Mr.

Schumann asked if changes to the policy would reside with the Select Board? In the past it was done at Town Meeting. Chair Morris stated the ordinance was enacted in 2003 and it’s a rigorous formula based on CPI plus a combination of an evaluation scale of 1-4. We are asking to grant the Select Board the authority to set compensation based on the current market and not the algo rhythm. The only change is we would not go to the town. Mr. Schumann commented that in the past there have been some enthusiastic discussions and is a Special Town Meeting the best place to make this change. There was no further discussion.

Article 4 passes

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Pownal Article 8, Public and Private Roads Ordinance” as adopted at Town Meeting June 17, 2019 as set forth in the document “Town of Pownal Article 8, Public and Private Roads Ordinance”, June 17, 2019. Proposed revisions for Special Town Meeting, February 14, 2022, Appendices D, E, F and G. (Exhibit D) or to see what action the town will take.

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Yes No

Dick Hogue motions to approve Article 5 as written. Jesse Peters seconds.

Selectperson O’Brien stated this amendment makes the drawings match the wording.

There was no further discussion.

Article 5 passes

Chair Morris spoke of the incredible amount of work putting the Comprehensive Plan together and asked for a round of applause for those on the committee. Those in attendance were asked to stand for recognition.


Chair Morris noted we have hired a professional planner to help us address the demands.

**Dick Hogue motions to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Jesse Peters.
The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm**

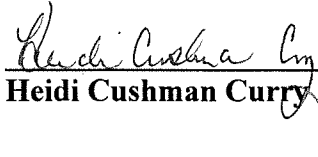
Given under our hands this 28th day of January, 2022 by the Pownal Select Board:



Jonathon Morris, Chair



Andrew O'Brien



Heidi Cushman Curry