

Pownal Budget Committee

March 27, 2013

Minutes – Unapproved

Committee Chair Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Members Present: Andy Wyatt, Kim Best, Kathy Hogue, John Green, Carlene Harvey, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest

Guests: Ron "Hutch" Hodsdon, Jesse Peters

Minutes: Minutes of February 27 were reviewed and approved without changes.

Public Comment – None

Selectmen's Input – None

Presentation of Proposed Budgets:

Planning Board : Hutch Hodsdon presented the proposed planning board budget. Significant points included:

- Legal expenses for proposed ordinance review are in a separate fund that carries over from year to year
- An Ordinance enactment vote is not expected at this year's town meeting. Rather as sections are revised, public hearings will be held with the plan to vote on all changes at some future town meeting
- Impact fees to cover planning board subdivision review costs were discussed with the planning board to consider such changes going forward
- The budget is essentially flat from the previous year. Proposed expenses totaled \$3,300 with income estimated at \$300 for a request from taxation of \$3,000. This compares with the \$2,700 taxation request approved last year

Public Safety – First View: Jesse Peters presented the proposed public safety budget. Significant points included:

- The budget is similar from the previous year. Proposed expenses totaled \$90,522 vice \$88,948 from last year. The public safety budget does not generate income.

- Brunswick Dispatch Service is increased by \$682 to cover inflation and a new terminal service fee
- Life and disability insurance premiums have increased \$100.
- Natural gas pricing has resulted in a \$404 reduction for heating the fire station.
- Equipment and supplies show a net decrease of \$37
- Fire department personnel compensation was discussed in light of a proposal to increase pay. Two proposals are under consideration; a straight 5% cost of living increase and an skills based increase. The sense was that the proposals should be reviewed by a compensation committee as previous pay issues have been.
- Jesse agreed to return next week to discuss issues that committee members may want to revisit

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 3 at 7:00pm Mallet Hall

Committee Chair Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Green