

## **Pownal Budget Committee**

### **Mallet Hall**

**March 25, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**Members present:** Chairman Wyatt, Kim Best, John Green and Kathy Hogue

**Members absent:** Carlene Harvey and Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. There were four members present and a quorum was established.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Minor amendments were made to the minutes of March 18, 2015 and they were approved.

**Public comment:** none

**Selectmen comment:** George Anderson was present but provided no comments.

#### **Presentation of proposed budgets:**

**Planning Board:** Chair Ron Hodsdon presented the planning board budget with the following notes.

- Proposed expenditures for 2015/2016 are \$3,300, the same as the previous year.
- Expenditures this year to date are approximately \$1,800.
- The board is working to present the remainder of the ordinance changes at the June Town Meeting.

**General Government:** Administrative Assistant Scott Seaver presented the general government budget with the following notes.

- The general government proposed expenditure total has decreased by approximately 1.5% from last year. However, 2015/2016 compensation packages are still under review.
- The selectmen are investigating a natural gas generator for town office and public works usage during electric outages.
- The Town office entrance requires replacement with one option being a concrete monolith.
- The road commissioner will be a Durham employee and Pownal will contract that official's services as a percentage of our road distance to the two towns total distance.

**Human Services (General Assistance):** Administrative Assistant Scott Seaver presented the general assistance budget with the following notes.

- Propose budget expenditures are \$4,500 the same as last year.
- The selectmen are investigating contracting out general assistance administrative support services.

**Debt Service:** Administrative Assistant Scott Seaver presented the debt service budget with the following note.

- Debt service has decreased by approximately 1.5% from last year.

**Pownal Center Water Association:** Administrative Assistant Scott Seaver presented the PCWA budget with the following notes.

- Propose budget expenditures are \$700 the same as last year.
- Wells are tested quarterly with the results being consistent over time.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00PM for the cemetery, public safety and public works budgets.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM