

**Town of Pownal
Select Board Agenda
Monday, May 8, 2023 5:30 pm
Public Hearings & Regular Meeting**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearings:
 - a. **Planning Board: Land Use Ordinance Town Warrant Articles**
 - b. **Select Board: Town Meeting Warrant Articles**
- IV. Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrant
 - AP Warrant # in the amount of \$.
 - Payroll Journal # in the amount of \$.
- VII. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - April 11, 2023 Executive Session
 - April 24, 2023 Public Hearings & Regular Meeting
- VIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

(Department head reports can be viewed on their respective website page(s))
- IX. Department Head Reports
 - **Select Board**
- X. New Business
 - Town Owned Property Sale Request: Map 8, Lot 9
 - Amendments to Town Meeting Warrant
 - Laptop Purchase for the Communication Center
 - Volunteer Form – Jenna Shue
 - Spirit of America Award
- XI. Old Business
- XII. Correspondence
- XIII. Any Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment



POWNAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**Chief Jesse Peters
429 Hallowell Rd.
Pownal, Me. 04069**



05/04/2023

Select Board,

Currently our run count stands at 60. Last year at this time we were at 52. As of late, we have been very busy. We had the structure fire at #78 Merrill Road on Easter Sunday. That fire went to the equivalent of 4 alarms! Definitely one of the largest fires in Pownal's recent history. We had 24 pieces of apparatus, plus 5 other trucks providing coverage to our neighbors from as far away as Portland and Scarborough. We used between 60,000 and 80,000 gallons of water along with 30 gallons of class 'A' foam. We used an additional 2500 gallons of water on field and brush fire that was ignited due to the high winds that day. Over 80 firefighters and support staff were directly involved, plus another approximately 15 people providing coverage. Through our tight relationships with our mutual aid partners, we were able to mount an aggressive attack on the rapidly progressing fire and stop it before it could extend past the first few feet of the house. Unfortunately, we were unable to save the barn.

Additionally, we have responded to a chimney fire, two woods fires, a mutual aid request to Durham, several EMS calls, and a couple of calls related to the recent wind storm.

We have hired a new Junior Firefighter, Charlie Vadakin. He is very enthusiastic, and has already responded to a few calls and assisted with maintenance. We also will be interviewing a second Junior in the upcoming week.

The SCBA's had their annual inspection and service performed in April. All are still in good working order. The compressor/fill station needs a few gauges replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Jesse Peters

Town Administrator Report
May 8, 2023

After the first public hearing of the Town Meeting warrant, I spent time making edits and following up on the exhibits for one of the land use ordinance articles. I updated the website to include the edits. I worked on the ballot proof with ES&S and got the Municipal ballots ordered for the upcoming election.

On May 1 we welcomed Kathryn Levesque as our new Deputy Clerk. Kathi previously worked for the City of Augusta and we are happy to have her join our team. She has had a busy week getting settled in and we thank the community for welcoming her. Most of my focus has been on her training and will continue to be my focus for the upcoming weeks.

Here are a few other items of focus these last 2 weeks:

- New Employee onboarding
- Website posting
- RFP coordination for the Future Facilities Committee and Economic Development & Sustainability Committee
- Counter coverage

Respectfully,
Becky Taylor-Chase
Town Administrator