

Pownal Select Board Minutes
November 27, 2023

Board: Jon Morris, Katherine Day, Andy O'Brien

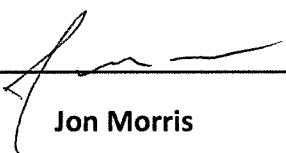
Town Administrator: Becky Taylor-Chase

Public Present: Dick Hogue, Jesse and Susan Briggs Peters, Matt Welch, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest

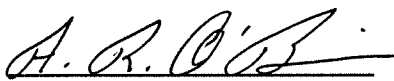
- I. Chair Morris called the meeting to order, 6:30pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. FY24 AP Warrant #13 in the amount of \$328,461.23 was approved.
Payroll Journal #203 in the amount of \$8,637.69 was approved.
- IV. Minutes of November 13, 2023, Executive Session and Regular meeting were approved as written.
- V. Public Comment / non-agenda items
 - a. Jesse Peters reported that Robin Holden who grew up in Pownal and works at DeWalt entered the town of Pownal Fire Department into a raffle and they won! Prize, \$2,300 worth of DeWalt equipment. Chair Morris said thank you to Robin, Jesse will send a note.
- VI. Department Head Reports can be viewed online.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Federal ARPA Grant – we still have almost \$100,000 to designate by the end of next year.
 - b. A site walk by Irving has been scheduled for December 4 regarding PCWA generator project and Cumberland County ARPA funds.
 - c. Special Town Meeting warrant draft was read by Chair Morris for review. Warrant articles are good to go. Becky reported that she will post the exhibits.
 - d. Mallett Hall Building & Grounds committee: Andy O'Brien reviewed the charge rewritten by Jan Pieter. He said it looked good but we might want to update it annually. Chair Morris suggested that this committee have more of a planning role for future use of Mallett Hall, such as a community center, renovating the old selectman's office, etc. It may be necessary to have a maintenance/ handyman person to take care of the building and smaller projects using contractors for the more specific work, like electrical or plumbing. Jan Pieter agrees and also made the point that communications will be key to the success of the committee. Chair Morris suggested that we re-write the charge to include more forward-thinking ideas – Jan Pieter and Kathy Hogue will work on that and present to the next Select Board meeting.
 - e. Town Funds Investment Policy: Bo Chesney will bring information to the next SB meeting – the Budget Committee is doing some research on this – we will need a policy created based on his recommendations.
 - f. BEAD Grant) Broadband Equity Access & Deployment) Becky checked out the process to gather more information about Fidium for Pownal. The process requires that we apply for the grant first. The Board agreed to pursue this further – Becky will access the paperwork, but it was agreed that the grant writing could come from Town Planner.

- VIII. Old Business: Jon asked if Matt and Dick would be willing to find a Christmas tree for the town hall – they will pick one out and have Matt Nielsen bring to town hall.
- IX. Correspondence: Received a note from Florence Lusk (Bradbury Mountain Arts) thanking the Board for their help with the DeWitt Room for their show.
- X. Any other Business: Chair Morris reported that he had spent some time in Augusta looking for documentation regarding the land swap done with Bob McMann’s parcel on Route 9. There is no survey and the abutting land owned by Bradbury Mountain State Park is mostly wetland and swamp. For a small concession, would they give it back? We will need the extra acreage/frontage for the plans for the new Public Works / Fire Station project.
- XI. Meeting adjourned, 7:10pm.

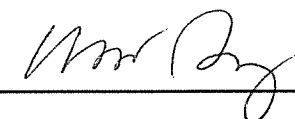
Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Hogue / Deputy Town Clerk



Jon Morris



Andy O'Brien



Kate Day

