

Pownal Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

July 10th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All members were present.

The Town Clerk opened the meeting and called for nominations for the election of Chairman of the Board for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Morris nominated Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. No other nominations and Mr. Giddinge was elected chairman.

Payroll Warrant – Mr. Anderson moved to approved payroll warrant as presented. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

AP Warrant (16-17) – moved to approve as submitted by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. SO VOTED

AP Warrant (17-18) – Motion by Mr. Anderson to approve as presented, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED

Minutes of July 26, 2017 meeting – moved to approve as written by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Public Comment – Christine Watson wondered when continued work will be finished up on Lawrence Road. Mr. Giddinge explained the schedule. He noted other roads and Lawrence Road would be finalized over the next several weeks. Angela Horne was present to ask if any other ideas had surfaced for the use of the impact fees as of yet. Mr. Giddinge noted that none had as of this point.

AA Report – Seaver noted that courtesy letters prior to lien notices have gone out for taxes unpaid as of June 30, 2017. He reminded the board he will be on vacation from the 14th returning to work on the 31st. Rose will be filling in for Melissa for ½ day on Tuesday, July 18th. Melissa will be in training the first week of August. Upcoming Board meetings are scheduled for Monday, July 31; with a possible meeting later in that week to set the tax commitment; and August 14th and August 28th.

Chief Peters reported that he checked into the gas shutoffs as requested. Both he and Maine Natural Gas determined that our services are well protected and do not need the auxiliary shut off. He also noted that all ladders were tested and passed. Wardens Report web site is back online. He will be on vacation from July 21 to August 1st.

Loader Backhoe Bid Award – Mr. Giddinge explained the 4 bids that were received. The employees tried all machines and favor the Cat. The salesman from Nortrax (John Deere) was present to explain his product. Mr. Morris wondered which would be best utilized. Mr. Giddinge felt he needed to toss strength to the machine recommended by the crew. Cat offered the better trade in, with the net about the same. Motion by Mr. Giddinge to award bid to Jordan Milton for \$74,500 and to negotiate the cost of a front mount broom with them. 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Road Commissioner – Mr. Morris asked how that search was going. Mr. Giddinge noted that 2 applications had been received and felt there was no rush to fill the position. Seaver noted that the ads would be renewed later in the month.

Annual Appointments – Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris to appoint **Scott Seaver** to the following positions: Administrative Assistant; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Treasurer; Registrar of Voters. SO VOTED. Separate papers were signed for each position.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint **Melissa Henes** to the following positions: Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Municipal Motor Vehicle Agent, and Moses (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) Agent. SO VOTED. Separate papers were signed for each position.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, 2nd by Mr. Morris to appoint **Ryan Keith** to the following positions: Code Enforcement Officer; Electrical Inspector; Licensed Plumbing Inspector and Building Inspector. SO VOTED. Separate papers were signed for each position.

Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris, to appoint Donna Hays as Assessors Agent. SO VOTED.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint Leslie Searfoss as Health Officer. SO VOTED

Motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint John Rankins as Animal Control Officer. SO VOTED.

Moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint Alan Bradstreet as Ecomaine representative. SO VOTED.

Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint Jonathan Morris as Ecomaine representative (alternate). SO VOTED 2 in favor one abstained.

Moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint Rosemary Whitney to a three year term on the Conservation Commission. SO VOTED

Moved by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Anderson to appoint Sherilynn Dietrich to a three year term on the Conservation Commission. SO VOTED.

It was noted that there is a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Coastal Humane Society – Annual contract with the Coastal Humane Society in Brunswick. Moved by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Date for Special Town Meeting – Seaver requested a tentative date be set if a special town meeting was to be held this fall regarding the Tax Rebate Ordinance. Discussion ensued as the benefits of a special town meeting as opposed to the regular town meeting next June. No Action Taken.

Correspondence was reviewed.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.