



TOWN OF DRESDEN

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MINUTES

Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors Meeting
JUNE 21, 2022

MEETING TIME—5PM AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER- 5:01pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by John Razasa

3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Allan Motioned to accept the minutes as written, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS

Allan Motioned to accept, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous

AP Warrant(s) # 61,62

Payroll Warrant(s) # 60

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

6. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Board- No Report Given
B. School Board Reps- No Report Given
C. Broadband Committee- The committee met after the annual town meeting and there was a long discussion on expanding the committee's charge to include not just broadband but also technology, which would include the town's communication efforts, website, social media present, etc. Daniel asked the Selectboard for guidance on the website as there has been comments in recent about the usefulness of it. It was agreed that Daniel will contact current webmaster Lauren Haven to see what could be done and if that didn't prove fruitful the town could explore more robust redesign options.

7. SELECTBOARD REPORTS

- A. Transfer Station- Everything is moving along well. There has been an increase as of lately of people bringing items.

- B. Town Office- This is the slower time of year for the office now that the town meeting and budget is done. The 2021 tax liens will be filed this coming week, Ann Pierce reports that this is the lowest number of liens in the 10 years she has been doing them.
- C. Roads- Allan report that Bob Noonan has been in town and taken care of a number of Beavers, especially in the area of Indian road. The town is getting ready to have ditching and other road work completed this summer. There's a chance the town might be able to borrow Richmond's roadside mower.
- D. Fire Department- No Report Given
- E. Water Department- No Report Given

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tax Acquired Properties- Daniel thought with the end of June approaching there would be more to report but there has been little change since last meeting. There are couple of items in the works that will discussed at a later date.
- B. McFadden Road- At the previous meeting Daniel forwarded a message from property owners on the McFadden road asking the town to do work on the upper section of the road, past where work usually stops. It was decided that while it is a town way the town closed it to any maintenance many years ago and the town does not want to change that.
- C. 2022 Salt Bid- Previously the State Salt bid price was report as \$83/ton and Portland COG has come back now with a price of \$67.27/ton. **Allan Motioned to accept the Portland COG salt price, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous**
- D. Pownalborough Hall Rental Policy- Daniel report has had no success locating the policy for renting out the building. After discussion Daniel will continue to search or write a new policy as the one we have is probably out of day. Item tabled until next meeting

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Midcoast Humane Society Contract- **Allan Motioned to authorize Daniel to sign the agreement for FY23, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous**
- B. Budget Recap- Daniel reported with everything being voted on at town meeting and election day the municipal budget is now set at \$1,157,865, which is a decrease from the previous year of \$8k or so. However, the school and county budget make the overall budget up over \$60k. Also report by Daniel was that at the annual town meeting he omitted an article for the bond payment. This was due to creating its own department in the budget and is easier fixed with a special town meeting before the commitment. We may also need a special town meeting to approve carry forwards.

10. CITIZENS CONCERNS

Lisa Hewitt- She wanted the board and Daniel to know that the Pownalborough Hall policy is saved on the server. Also that last year the town voted the give the Selectboard to carry forward budgets lines going forward.

Shari Lilly- She wanted to express her thanks and appreciation from the Library Trustees for the town's support and donation.

Gary Bleu- He wanted to remind the Selectboard that the budget committee has not received audit report in a timely manner for a number of years, this being the first year it was not done in time for the town meeting. He would like the board to explain why we continue to use this auditor. John Rzasz thanked him and said they would consider it.

Don Gleason- Speaking for the Broadband committee, he reiterated most of what was talked about during the committee report.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Allan Motioned to enter executive session at 5:49pm per Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 13 405-6A and 6E, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous

- A. Legal Update Discussion
- B. Personnel Discussion

Allan Motioned to leave executive session at 6:24pm, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous

12. ADJOURNMENT- 6:25pm