

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
POWNALBOROUGH HALL
Wednesday, March 4th, 2020
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

SELECT BOARD: Trudy Foss, Gerald Lilly, and Allan Moeller Sr.
STAFF: Michael Henderson
PUBLIC: Suzie Lilly, Gary Blau, Shari Lilly, Pean Lilly, Lissa Bitterman, Dwight Keene, Dave Probert, Steve Lilly

1. CALL TO ORDER – First Selectman Trudy Foss called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Third Selectman Allan Moeller motioned to approve the minutes. Second Selectman Gerald Lilly seconded the motion and all approved.
4. APPROVE AND SIGN PRESENT WARRANT – Allan Moeller asked about Greenwood EV bills. Michael handed bills to Allan. Gerald asked why \$50 was spent on bottled water and mentioned that it would be more affordable to buy water at Sam’s Club or purchase a bubbler. Allan noticed there was an error on insurance and stated that it should read \$575.00. Motion to approve Warrant 23 with the \$200 correction. The Warrant total now read \$197,871.63. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
 - Trudy asked that all questions be held until the end of the meeting.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. SOLID WASTE CONTRACT – Lissa Bitterman from EcoMaine attended the meeting but had computer issues. EcoMaine is based in Portland and owned by 20 municipalities, serving over 70 communities. There are 3 facilities that are used to combust solid waste (waste → energy) and then utilize the ash for landfill. EcoMaine provides solid waste and recycling. It also provides various services to all member communities. 5013C and ISO certified at all 3 facilities. 3 full time solid waste educators. 1 ton of trash = 1 barrel of oil in energy. 90% space reduction with 14 megawatt output at full capacity. Dave Probert asked where is the facility and capacity? Lissa Bitterman responded that the facilities are located in Westbrook, Portland, and Scarborough – hoping by 2048 to have 274 acres. Gerald asked if the price was at \$73. Lissa responded that yes, contracts open from 1-20 years consumer price index increase cost at 7% cap. Works well with Riverside disposal as they have a good relationship. Tours available and prices are looking to increase to \$75.50 on July 1, 2020. Dave asked where PineTree sends their waste – either Old Town or Orono. Gerald asked if Lissa could send a contract and she said yes she could.
 - b. ASSESSING AGENT – Allan recommended working with David Ledew. Gerald mentioned that Ledew costs \$11,000 for full services. Wilson-Hennessey was \$7,500 but increased to \$9,600. Allan motioned to contract with David Ledew for \$11,000, Gerald seconded the motion and all approved. Allan told Michael that the Select Board would give

feedback on the contract draft by Friday the 6th with plans to sign next week. Gerald is hoping the new assessor can start before April 1st.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. COMMUNICATOR – Trudy explained that Henry Lyons has proposed a rate increase from \$150 to \$200 monthly. Gerald stated that the Town Office could take on this responsibility to save costs. Dwight Keene is strongly in favor of this, stating that the quality may improve. Gerald mentioned decreased frequency of Communicator mailings but Dave Probert responded that he appreciates receiving them monthly. Shari mentioned that Henry does not email the communicators when asked. Allan motioned for the Town Office to take on responsibility of editing the communicator. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved. Allan asked that the Town Office post that notices should come to the Town Office.

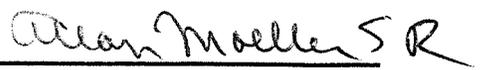
7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads – Allan stated that the roads are getting muddy and he was received complaints about East Pittston Road. Gravel roads are expensive in the spring. Bob Anair took down trees on Glasheen, Popp, Reed Rock, and Ludwig roads. 4 days of work for \$100 per hour.
 - b. Fire Department – Allan said the Fire Truck Committee met recently. They are trying to find a truck but prices are as high as \$350,000. The town needs to have public hearings and must define exact specs. Someone is interested in the tanker and there will be another meeting soon. Trudy mentioned maybe taking \$100,000 from surplus. Allan stated he didn't believe this could happen by the next Town Meeting but maybe we could hold a Special Town Meeting before 2021. Gerald asked if purchasing a used truck is an option and Allan said more updates are coming but it's still too early. Steve said 3 other departments are interested in buying the tanker truck. Rockwood is in great need.
 - Fire Chief Steve Lilly said that recent tests have gone well. Allan asked what it would take to use 540 Gardiner Road as a training burn site for the Fire Department. Steve said that an asbestos abatement would be needed before any training burns. Allan asked that the Town please reach out to DEP for structure burn training.
 - c. Transfer Station – Allan mentioned that the Sand/Salt shed is bowing out.
 - d. Town Office – Trudy motioned to change bank accounts per Michael's recommendation. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
8. CITIZENS BUSINESS – Gary Blau asked if the survey pertaining to the Town Meeting can be posted on the website. Allan said we are working on it.
 - Gary asked if the Town had installed a light for the flag pole yet. Allan said we are working on it.
9. ADJOURNMENT – Gerald motioned to adjourn. Allan seconded the motion and all approved at 7:55PM.

APPROVED BY



Gerald Lilly



Allan Moeller Sr.

Trudy Foss

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