

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, February 13th, 2012 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 01/23/12 & 1/30/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
 - FEMA Update
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2012
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Other Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty, and Jeff King. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Tim Kerber, Poultney Fire Department Chief and Bill Jones, Assistant Fire Chief.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes of 01/23/12 and 01/30/12. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Both Tim Kerber and Bill Jones spoke to the Board about purchasing a 2004 used brush truck (from Silver Key, Inc.) to replace the 1988 brush truck. They described the issues of rust on the frame and the tank. Both Tim and Bill have researched used equipment at different web sites and they believe that purchasing this used equipment can still serve the needs of the community at a lower cost than purchasing brand new equipment. The cost of the used brush truck is \$ 55,000 (with a down payment of 1/3rd). Tim and Bill mentioned that they missed the opportunity to purchase a fairly new used crash truck as well. Discussion followed about the equipment replacement fund and the schedule of estimated purchases. The equipment replacement could be entirely funded through the Public Safety Equipment Replacement Fund. Jeff King made a motion to purchase the brush truck following the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief from the Public Safety Equipment Replacement Fund. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Roads are sanded when needed.
- 2) The Town has received the first installment of FEMA aid for damages to selected roads from Tropical Storm Irene in the amount of \$ 38,998.
- 3) Rosenthal will look into construction guidelines for driveway entrances.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the Selectboard and Town Manager's Report for the Town Report were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the estimated costs and savings for the Efficiency Vermont and Central Vermont Public Service municipal streetlight replacement project were distributed.
- 3) Copies of the Calendar Year 2011 State Solid Waste Transfer Station Report were distributed.
- 4) Copies of the new CPI rate increase for the 2012 Solid Waste Disposal Costs from Cassella Waste Management were distributed. Disposal costs for transportation will increase by 3.046 %. The rate announcement came in after the Town Budget was adopted (January 31st).
- 5) Copies of the Agency of Transportation Standard Grant Agreement for the East Poultney Bridge (pedestrian facilities) project STP EH12 (1) were distributed and discussed. Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the Town. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Jeff King made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss pending litigation. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. After further deliberation by the Select Board Tom Beatty made a motion to leave executive session at 7:40 P.M. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff King made a motion to authorize the Town Agent to settle the pending litigation at an amount within his discretion. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

s/ Jonas Rosenthal