

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, March 26th, 2012 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 03/12/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
 - FEMA Update
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2012
 - Tax Sale Policy
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor & Tobacco Licenses
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty, Jeff King, Frank Fressie and Marli Rupe. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager and Joe Blair Road Foreman. Dale Kerber, Town Constable arrived at a later time in the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 03/12/12. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: None at this time.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Mud spots continue to be worked on.
- 2) Joe Blair and Jaime Lee will complete the update of the bridge and culvert inventory by the end of the month. The sign inventory will be completed as well.
- 3) The Hampshire Hollow bridge (B # 27) abutment project and the Morse Hollow Road embankment stabilization project have been completed. The cost of the repairs totaled \$ 3,400. At FEMAS request, a hydraulics study will be conducted for the Watkins Hill Rd culvert project.
- 4) The Homeland Security Grant for new radios for three (3) Highway Department trucks should be ready by Friday, April 13th.
- 5) The Rutland Regional Transportation Planning Council has recommended to the Agency of Transportation that Bridge # 2 on VT Route 140 be placed as its # 1 priority for a new candidate status.
- 5) New Operator Training Certification for underground storage tanks is due by August 31, 2012. The Town UST Permit Renewal expires on June 1, 2014.

Town Constable Report - Dale Kerber: Dale distributed copies of his Activity Report for the period of February 27 through March 25th. Discussion followed. Dale Kerber mentioned that he has been approached about taking ownership of a fully trained State Police dog. The dog could be used for the Towns of Fair Haven and the Town of Poultney. The cost of the animal would be minimal with a private Police Dog Association picking up any larger costs in the event the dog was hurt in the line of duty.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the February Financial Reports prepared by Susan Kasuba were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the Expenditure Reports for the General Government, Highway Department, and the Fire Department dated March 22, 2012 were distributed.
- 3) Copies of past Board Tax Sale Policies (2008 and 2002) were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Rosenthal will re-draft a policy for consideration at the next Board meeting. Rosenthal reviewed several tax payer accounts that have not paid anything in two (2) consecutive years and

recommended that tax sales be prepared for the following: James Avery, Mark Ballantine, CR Beach, Christopher Carvey, David DeTurk, Niclas Gardner, John Matutat and Michael Giletta, and Ruby Construction. Other accounts will be reviewed however a lot of research will be required before these accounts will be ready for tax sale. Jeff King made a motion to begin tax sale proceedings for the above mentioned accounts. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Other topics for tax sale discussion involved trailers. Several tax sales are currently scheduled for April 13th at the Town Office.

4) The Poultney Transfer Station Certification has been approved by the Agency of Natural Resources, Solid Waste Management Division. The Certification period expires December 31, 2021.

5) An application was submitted to the Lake Champlain Basin Program on behalf of the Town of Poultney (Lake St Catherine Association) and the Town of Wells and the Lake St Catherine Conservation Fund. The purpose of the grant is to provide direct one-on-one outreach to lakefront owners to increase their understanding of their impacts on lake water quality. Discussion followed regarding the grant activities. Jeff King made a motion to support the grant application in the amount requested of \$ 7,300. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) Copies of a letter from Melissa Downes dated March 26th expressing concern and disappointment in a non-response by the Poultney Rescue Squad request for service on March 17th. Ms. Downes has requested that the Board seek a response to her concerns. The letter was forwarded to the Poultney Rescue Squad as well. Discussion followed. The Board directed the Town Manager to seek a response from the Rescue Squad.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor & Tobacco Licenses: The following applications were received:

<u>Liquor</u>	<u>Tobacco</u>
Full Belly Deli	
Midway Oil (2 Shops)	Midway Oil (2 shops)
Back to Vermont	
Compass VT., Inc.	

Jeff King made a motion to approve the above mentioned Liquor and Tobacco Licenses. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

s/ Jonas Rosenthal