

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, May 14th, 2012 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 4/24/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2012
 - Tax Sale Policy (Continued)
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Tom Beatty and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Joe Blair, Road Foreman; and George Miller from the Poultney American Legion.

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

Approval of Minutes: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of 04/24/12. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: George Miller from the Poultney American Legion was present to follow-up on an earlier request to conduct a coin drop benefiting the American Legion Youth Baseball program. Discussion followed about the State regulations (statutes) for coin drops. Jeff King made a motion to approve the request for the coin drop provided that the Legion meets the requirements provided by Statute for coin drops. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried. The coin drop will take place on Saturday, May 26th.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Pike will begin paving either on Wednesday or Thursday the following sections of roads: VT Route 140, Morse Hollow Road, Meadow Lane and Bird Street. Rosenthal mentioned that the Town will receive, from the Agency of Transportation, \$ 120,000 for the Class 2 Paving Grant Program to be used for VT Route 140.
- 3) The Endless Brook Rd reconstruction project continues.
- 4) The High Risk Rural Roads signage project for East Main Street to Middletown Springs has been completed on the Poultney side of VT Route 140.
- 5) Copies of the Public Works Emergency / Non-Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement was distributed, reviewed and discussed. The information was prepared by Susan Schreibman from the Rutland Regional Transportation Planning Council. Ms. Schreibman will have equipment rates at a later time. Jeff King made a motion to adopt the Mutual Aid Agreement. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6) Copies of a letter from Terry Williams dated May 11th requesting that the Town post a sign "No Through Trucks" on the Ruby Road were distributed and discussed. The Board discussed the precedent of banning certain types of vehicles (trucks) on certain roads. If the request was granted other residents would be requesting the same thing. Trucks travel throughout the Town and Village through residential areas all of the time. The Board considered if applying that logic, it would require specific truck routes throughout the Town and it would be next to impossible to develop them. The consensus of the Board was to reject the request on those grounds. As far as weight limits go, there is a guide to weight limit regulations identified prepared by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Rosenthal was unsure of the guidelines but will look them up at a later time.

7) Copies of a letter from the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District regarding the Easy Lawn Hydroseeder that was purchased by the Agency of Natural Resources for joint use by Town Highway Departments for erosion control projects. The District was requesting a fee of approximately \$ 100 - \$ 200 a year for maintenance. Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the request. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) The re-draft of the Tax Sale Policies was not presented at this time.
- 2) The Town and the Village are still awaiting the revised Incentive Agreement from Efficiency Vermont for the new Municipal Street Lighting Initiative.
- 3) The Town will receive an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant in the amount of \$ 33,420. The grant is a pass through to the Lake St. Catherine Association.
- 4) Property valuations for State owned land in the Town of Poultney was distributed. There was a slight increase from last years values in the amount of \$ 13,400.
- 5) Copies of the FY 2012 Education Fund reconciliation dated May 1, 2012, from the Vermont Department of Education were distributed. The Town's last payment to the School District will be reduced in the amount of \$ 50,773 due to an overpayment by the Department of Education.
- 6) Copies of the State Quarterly Report for Solid Waste for the period between January and March 2012 were distributed.
- 7) Copies of a letter to Nan Downes from the Poultney Rescue Squad regarding a request for service on March 17th that was not answered by the Squad were distributed.
- 8) Copies of the Poultney Recreation Financial Report for the period between July 1, 2011 and May 14th, 2012 were distributed.
- 9) Information was distributed, prepared for the Town Listers, regarding a quote for linking the Listers computer with the Bookkeepers computer. No action taken at this time.

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

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beattie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th (same time, same place).

Meeting adjourned.
S/Jonas Rosenthal