

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

Monday - July 23, 2012 - 6:30 P.M

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 7/09/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2012 & FY 2013
 - Set FY 2013 Tax Rate
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes
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Vice-Chairman Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Ed Lewis, Frank Fressie, Marli Rupe and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager and Joe Blair, Road Foreman.

Adoption of the Agenda: Marli made a motion to adopt the agenda. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Rosenthal mentioned that he omitted the discussion for bidding propane, diesel, and # 2 heating fuel oil. Tom Beatty made a motion to add under the heading of Town Manager's Report and to approve the minutes of July 9, 2012 as amended. Marli Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Mary and Frank Pond have expressed their displeasure about the roadside mowing on the Blissville Road.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) The tractor used for roadside mowing needs a few parts before the mowing can continue.
- 3) The wing wall construction specifications for the Ames Hollow Bridge, prepared by the Dufresne Group engineering firm, have been modified. The Stream Alteration Permit has been approved. The abutment and wing wall construction is a FEMA project.
- 4) Ditching continues on the Pond Hill Ranch Road.
- 5) A few small washouts have occurred during some heavy rainfall. These have been repaired. A few trees came down as well blocking as many as 5 roads during these storm events.
- 6) Copies of a letter from Clare McLaughlin, Grants Specialist in the Contracts and Grants Unit of the Agency of Transportation dated July 3, 2012 were distributed. She reviewed the files at the Town Office and stated in the letter that she found them to be in compliance with State and Federal standards. Also they were in compliance with OMB regulations.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the June Financial Report, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the proposed Tax Rates prepared by Rosenthal were distributed, reviewed and discussed. The proposed rates using the Grand List dated July 23 were as follows:

General Government	\$.3137		
Highway Department	\$.2065		
Homestead School	<u>\$ 1.4993</u>	Non-Residential School	<u>\$ 1.4872</u>
Total	\$ 2.0195	Total	\$ 2.0074

The Total Homestead Rate would decline by .051%

The Total Non-Residential would decline by 2.74%

Total Taxes would decline by \$ 107,550.

Ed Lewis made a motion to approve the tax rate as discussed and to adjust the rates if necessary provided the Grand List is adjusted on July 24th. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Competitive Energy Services received a few bids for # 2 fuel heating oil and did not recommend locking in the rate at \$ 3.24 per gallon. There were no diesel bids and several propane bids. The propane bid was a \$ 1.54 per gallon.

4) The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation sent a letter dated July 19th notifying the Town of its intended planned stewardship activities for the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

S/Jonas Rosenthal

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
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Monday - August 13, 2012 - 6:30 P.M

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- 2) Approval of Minutes: 7/23/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2013
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn