

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday - November 12, 2012 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 10/22/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2013
- 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, Marli Rupe and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; and Joe Blair, Road Foreman.

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

Approval of Minutes: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2012. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: None at this time.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) FEMA forms requesting reimbursement for the Ames Hollow bridge abutment project were completed and mailed to the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT). Copies of letters to Tiffanie Fortier from AOT regarding summary of costs and request for reimbursement dated November 6th and November 9th were distributed. Rosenthal also requested an inspection of the bridge project.
- 2) A spring of water in the Lewis Road was uncovered and repaired (drained and ditched with new road materials added). The other project by the intersection of the Lewis Road and the Gorhamtown Road will be scheduled later in the week.
- 3) A maintenance agreement between the State of Vermont and the Town of Poultney for a Safe Routes to School Project (SRIN(25) was reviewed and discussed. Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the maintenance agreement. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried. The project for replacing safety signage will occur next spring 2013. Most of the signs are located in the Village and a similar agreement will be signed by the Trustees at their next meeting.
- 4) A letter signed by the residents of Town Hill Road in East Poultney requesting LED street lighting was received, distributed and discussed. Rosenthal mentioned that the Board supported a past policy for adding street lights at intersections, curves and roads with high speeds. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve a street light nearest to the intersection of Town Hill Road and Route 140.
- 5) The old chip truck was sold.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Rosenthal reminded the Board of the November 26th Evergreen Road alteration inspection (site visit) will be at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM for the hearing at the Town Office. Information from Neal Vreeland regarding a Town Highway Alteration request from the Vermont Structural Slate Company and the Taran Brothers, Inc. for the Evergreen Road was distributed a second time.
- 2) Rosenthal attended the State Transportation Board public hearing in Rutland on October 25th. The purpose of the hearing was to gather public comments about transportation related issues.
- 3) Letters were mailed on November 1st requesting partial payment agreements from delinquent taxpayers with multiple years. Discussion followed. Responses are due back by December 1st,

2012. The consensus of the Board was to send partial payment agreement letters to delinquent taxpayers owing one year after January 1st, 2013.

4) Rosenthal will be meeting with a representative from Weatherization Works on Thursday to discuss the Town Hall Energy audit conducted last Spring. The purpose of the meeting will be to go over items needed for making energy efficiency improvements. Quotes for the improvements will be sought. Weatherization Works is the same company that is constructing about \$ 5,000 in energy improvements at the Senior Citizen Center. The Town and the Young at Heart will share the cost of those improvements to the Town owned building.

5) Copies of the State Police Contract for the period between November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 were distributed and discussed. Rosenthal mentioned that the contract came after the last Board meeting. Rosenthal mentioned that the contract was within the budget that the Board approved last January. The Board supported the work of the State Police and our local Constable. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve and sign the contract with the State Police. Marli Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) There will be a Community Programs Application Workshop for Municipalities sponsored by the USDA on December 5th at the USDA Service Center, in Center Rutland.

7) Information from Ida Mae Johnson regarding an Agreement with the Vermont Community Foundation to establish the East Poultney Preservation Fund within the Vermont Community Foundation was distributed. Copies of a letter from the Town to the Foundation was also distributed. The basis for the letter was to establish how the funds will be used for the preservation of the East Poultney United Baptist Church and the St. Johns Episcopal Church. The Foundation would manage the investments. In Ida Mae Johnson's words "the purpose of the Fund was to create a panel of citizens who value the community's historic heritage who would act as the eyes to keep track of what repairs and upkeep needed to be undertaken". The Town Manager (and future Managers) would serve as a permanent representative to the Fund.

8) A letter from Aaron Kerber of the Poultney Fire Department was received requesting authorization to allow several Fireman to use the Town Constable Tahoe vehicle for transportation to assist Hurricane Sandy victims in New Jersey. Discussion followed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the request provided the Town Manager seek assurance from its insurance carrier (VLCT) that the Town is covered under its insurance policies. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty 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. Marli Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

S/Jonas Rosenthal