

**Poultney Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting**  
**Monday - January 28, 2013 - 6:30 P.M**  
**Poultney Town Hall**  
**Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 01/14/13
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Budget FY 2013
  - Budget FY 2014
- 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. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty, Jeff King, and Marli Rupe. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Joe Blair, Road Foreman; Andrew Orr, William Ringer, Jr., Ida Mae Johnson and Ernie DeMatties.

**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 January 14, 2013. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** Andrew Orr was present to discuss the snowmobile access within the Village and the D & H Rail Trail. He has looked into leases from other rail trails within the State. Rosenthal provided him with a copy of a lease between the Village and the Agency of Transportation. Rosenthal mentioned that he found no Towns along the D & H rail trail that have ordinances regarding snowmobile access or snowmobiles in general. Rosenthal also mentioned that he has requested, from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, to place an e-mail requesting towns to send copies of snowmobile ordinances to Poultney if they exist. Andrew Orr reiterated his concern for access and noise within the Village. Rosenthal asked what the Town should address in an ordinance for snowmobiles. Ernie DeMatties stated that the local Snowmobile Club puts in a lot of time an effort to maintain trails and to request its members to be considerate of other property owners who grant permission to access their land for snowmobile use. Mr. DeMatties mentioned that if the Town were to institute an ordinance regulating access to the Rail Trail then he would also request that the ordinance address all having access and not just snowmobiles.

**Road Report:** The following was reported:

- 1) Rosenthal has not advertised for sale the old loader.
- 2) Copies of the Highway Expenditure Budget through January 21 were distributed.
- 3) Rosenthal mentioned that he made a small change to the contract for engineering services from the firm of Lamoureux & Dickinson for the East Poultney Green and Thrall Road pedestrian bridge project.
- 4) Rosenthal distributed a revised copy of the loan payment schedule (dated January 18th) for Highway equipment.
- 5) Joe Blair mentioned that the highway crew has been plowing and sanding roads as needed. Equipment maintenance has been ongoing between storm events.

**Town Manager's Report:**

- 1) Copies of the December Financial Report, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the General Government Expenditure Report through January 21 were distributed.
- 3) Copies of the Fire Department Budget for FY 2014 was distributed. The budget request was for an additional \$ 2,300. The increase was primarily for insurance, heating fuel, equipment repairs and gas and oil.

4) Rosenthal had to request for an extension for FEMA projects from the Vermont Emergency Management before the end of the month. There is a backlog of projects that the State has been unable to process. Poultney's paperwork was mailed in on November 6th and November 9th. The Town did receive a partial payment for the Ames Hollow Bridge project. It was inspected on December 3rd. The Town is just waiting for the final approval.

5) Copies of a letter from Peter Robinson regarding the pedestrian improvement project for the East Poultney Bridge and the Green. Rosenthal will meet with Mr. Robinson in the next few weeks to review the project.

6) Rosenthal met with representatives from Casella Waste Management regarding their Zero Sort Recycling program and a revenue sharing model. Information about the program and a ten year contract for services were distributed and discussed. The Town would lease a new compactor unit and container for all recyclables to be placed in. This would eliminate two of the recycling boxes at the Transfer Station. The representatives stated that the Town can expect to see an increase in recycling and reduce the tonnage going to landfills. The cost to handle recyclables is cheaper than waste going to the landfill. The Town will lease the compactor and box at a monthly cost of \$ 210 per month. The estimated annual rental cost would be \$ 2,520. The savings may come if the Town reduces the waste stream going to landfills. Rosenthal will look into the lease or sale of the two boxes that the Town would be eliminating. Discussion followed. Ida Mae Johnson was unsure as to how the materials would be sorted at the Transfer Station and how Casella Waste management would handle the sorting of the products. Jeff King made a motion to approve the contract with Casella Waste Management. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7) Rosenthal mentioned that the Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant for 2013 was ready to be submitted to the State. Rosenthal attended the Town of Wells Selectboard meeting to get approval of the joint application between the Towns of Wells and Poultney. The budget may be adjusted slightly as a result of the meeting between Ann Bove from the Department of Environmental Conservation and representatives from the Lake St Catherine Association. Discussion followed. The grant is due by February 6th. Marli Rupe made a motion to approve the grant application. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8) FY 2014 Budgets for General Government and Highway Department: Copies of the proposed budgets were distributed and discussed. The proposed Highway Budget of \$ 664,716 represents an increase in the amount of \$ 12,892 (1.98 %) from FY 2013. The General Government Budget of \$ 1,085,939 represents an increase in the amount of \$ 8,021 (.74 %) from FY 2013. Jeff King made a motion to approve the Highway Budget in the amount of \$ 664,716 and the General Government Budget of \$ 1,085,939. Marli Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9) Copies of the 2013 Warning (for FY 2014) were distributed. The Warning item for the proposed real estate purchase for the vacant property at 76 Main Street was discussed several months ago. The asking price is \$ 65,000. The property would be developed for a parking lot. The 2 grant opportunities for the project includes the Agency of Transportation Park & Ride Program and the Vermont Downtown Program. Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Warning. 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.

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

Meeting adjourned.  
**s/Jonas Rosenthal**