

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, March 25th, 2013 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 03/11/13
- 3) Nancy Bell - Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Birdseye Wildlife Refuge
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2013
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor & Tobacco Licenses
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty, Frank Fressie and Jeff King. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Joe Blair, Road Foreman; Nancy Bell from the Conservation Fund, Jane Lazorchak from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, Mark Teetor, Poultney Planning Commission; Susan Moore and Pat Traverse. Arriving at a later time in the meeting were Fire Department Officers, Tim Kerber Chief, Bill Jones, Greg Mulholland, Medric Petty, Nate Bourn and Scott Williams.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King 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 3/11/13. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Acquisition of the Wagner Lands: Nancy Bell from the Conservation Fund and Jane Lazorchak from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department: The Conservation Fund is seeking to acquire 2,865 acres of which 1,440 acres are located in Poultney and wishes to transfer the property to the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The Conservation Fund is taking the lead negotiating with the landowner to acquire all of the Yankee LLC lands. Nancy Bell described the benefits for the transaction and the purpose which is to conserve the area from future development. Jane Lazorchak from Fish & Wildlife spoke of the purpose and the opportunity to expand the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area. Questions from the Selectboard members, the public and the agencies followed. The Conservation Fund is seeking a letter of support from the Selectboard for the transaction including a letter from the Poultney Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will meet this Wednesday and will add this topic to its agenda. Nancy Bell offered to coordinate a public informational meeting to discuss the proposed transfer of property and its proposed purpose. Ms. Bell will work to set up a meeting date and place and get back to the Town Manager with the information.

Public Comments and Concerns: None at this time.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) The highway crew continues to fix pot holes on various roads.
- 2) The Town received the remaining FEMA share for the Ames Hollow Bridge abutment project in the amount of \$ 14,631.09.

Fire Department Equipment: Tim Kerber, Fire Chief presented the Selectboard with a proposal to purchase a 1985 ladder truck from the Vermont Fire Training Academy. The truck extends 85 ft and had extensive repair work on the truck this past year. The truck would be used primarily for fires at a College dorm. The Department acknowledges that training will be needed to operate the vehicle and the latter. Tim Kerber also discussed selling 2 old utility trucks. In addition he requested permission to spec out a new fire truck to replace the 1993/94 International

truck. This truck is used primarily as the lead attack truck and may need extensive work to be re-certified for service. A new truck may be in the cost range of over \$ 400,000. Discussion followed regarding seeking used equipment rather than purchasing new equipment. The Board requested a list of the existing equipment and the condition of the equipment. Tim suggested that a visit to the Firehouse to look at the equipment would also be useful in the discussion. No date has been set for the meeting

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the February Financial Reports prepared by Susan Kasuba were distributed.
- 2) Correspondence regarding delinquent tax account # 150154 was distributed. The request was referred to the Board of Abatement. A hearing date for April 8th has been scheduled by the Town Clerk.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: Several renewal Liquor License applications for Stewarts, S. Gallagher Enterprises and the Lake St Catherine Country Club were presented. The Stewarts's application also included a Tobacco License. Jeff King made a motion to approve the applications as presented. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried with Frank Fressie abstaining from approving the Lake St. Catherine Country Club application citing a conflict of interest.

Board Orders: Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Tom Beatty 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**