

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Tuesday - November 12, 2013- 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 10/28/13
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2014
 - Conservation Fund
- 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: Tom Beatty, Jeff King and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager and Ron Kelley Road Foreman.

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

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes 10/28/13. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: None at this time.

Road Report:

- 1) The Morse Hollow project has been completed.
- 2) Ditching and gravel replacement continues on several roads.
- 3) Drug pre-screening drug tests have been performed for the new hires.
- 4) Loss Prevention specialist Wade Masure from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns will be making a return site visit to review the changes at the garage and the transfer station.
- 5) Rosenthal reviewed the title to the Raymond property for the purpose of road re-classification. There was no mention of a Town Highway or Town Highway acceptance.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) The Town insurance renewal packet has been submitted to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.
- 2) Leaves, appliances and tires will be scheduled for pick-up at the transfer station within the next several weeks.
- 3) The Conservation Fund is seeking to close on the purchase of the Yankee property on December 20th. Copies of the Notice of Intent to Convey Interest in Real Estate (the glebe lands) and the Quitclaim Deed from the Town of Poultney to the Conservation Fund were distributed. A map showing the location of the glebe lands, prepared by Mike Bradley, was presented. The entire file is on the counter at the Town Clerk's Office for inspection. The Selectboard must appoint an agent for the purpose of signing the Quitclaim Deed and the Vermont Property Transfer Tax Return. This action can be done at the Board meeting to be held on December 9th.
- 4) Rosenthal met with Herb Durfee, the Town Manager of Fair Haven, to discuss the possibility of contracting for additional police coverage for Poultney. Mr. Durfee will discuss this topic with their Town Selectboard at their next meeting.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: Rosenthal brought before the Board a proposal to purchase the corner lot owned by Champlain Oil located at Main and Beaman Streets instead of the 76 Main Street lot, at the request of several community service organizations in Town. Discussion followed on the proposed uses for the property. The property is considered the

gateway to the community and could be a nice improvement and asset to the community. The price Champlain Oil is seeking is between \$ 110,000 and \$ 115,000. Several community groups including the Poultney Rotary, the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Poultney Development Corporation have made financial commitments to assist with the purchase. Several more organizations, individuals and companies will be contacted for this project. The goal is to raise between 40 - 50 % of the purchase price. Uses include a municipal park & ride and parking lot. Several grants can be applied to develop this property. They include the Agency of Transportation's Park & Ride and the Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund (DTIF). No matching funds are required for the Park & Ride Program and the DTIF requires at least a 50 % match. It may be possible for the Park & Ride program to match the DTIF program. Further investigation is needed. Discussion followed. Jeff King made a motion to place this item on the ballot with the goal of raising locally approximately 40 - 50 % of the purchase price from other groups, organizations, individuals and businesses. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal