

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, March 10th, 2014 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Organizational Meeting
 - Appointments
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes: 02/24/14
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns:
 - Stone Valley Presentation regarding Transportation Alternatives - Sidewalk Study
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2014
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor & Tobacco Licenses
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Ed Lewis, Tom Beatty, and Jeff King. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman; Jaime Lee (Rutland Regional Planning Commission) and Jim Donovan, consultant to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Corey Davenport arrived at a later time in the meeting.

Organizational Meeting: Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal called for nominations for Selectboard Chair. Jeff King made a motion to appoint Ed Lewis as Chairman. Tom Beatty seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to nominate Tom Beatty as Vice-Chair. Ed Lewis seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of 02/24/2014. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Jim Donovan, Landscape Architect from Broadreach and consultant to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, spoke regarding a bicycle and pedestrian scoping study for the Stone Valley Scenic Byway. Jaime Lee from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission was also present to provide background information regarding the study for the those municipalities in the Route 30 Byways corridor. The purpose of the study is to provide the Agency of Transportation with information to determine if a bicycle pathway is feasible. The purpose of the Byway is to help promote economic development, tourism and market each town. Mr. Donovan asked questions regarding potential bicycle space along Route 30. Discussion followed. Rosenthal provided engineering drawings from a scoping study done in 1998 for VT Route 30 South from Poultney to Wells. Rosenthal also referred Mr. Donovan to Tom Roberts, District 3 Administrator from the Agency of Transportation, to a 1990 or 1980's plan for a Route 30 North lane widening project to accommodate bicyclists.

Appointments: A letter was received from Corey Davenport expressing his interest in being appointed to the Board of Listers. Jeff King made a motion to appoint Corey Davenport to the Board of Listers. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other appointments: Rosenthal mentioned that Mark Teetor sent an e-mail earlier stating his interest in being re-appointed to the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board. On page 6 of the Town Report - Appointments, the following motion was made: Tom Beatty made a motion to appoint all those listed on page 6 with the following exceptions: Ed McHale, Tracy Carris and Fred Maslack, and to eliminate the positions of Lumber Inspector and Fence

Viewer if those positions can be eliminated under current statutes. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

- 1) The road crew has been thawing culverts, plowing, sanding and salting roads when needed.
- 2) A recent delivery of diesel puts gas and oil slightly over budget. More diesel will be needed later in the spring.
- 3) Additional salt deliveries puts the budget over for this item by \$ 6,000.
- 4) A Hidden Drive sign and several Snow Mobile warning signs were installed on the Lewis Road.
- 5) The wood pile for the highway garage furnace is about depleted.
- 6) The Highway crew recently attended a MSHA safety training workshop.
- 7) Ron Kelley discussed a recent development in the Transportation Bill being considered by the House Transportation Committee that would eliminate the Vermont Local Roads Program and divert those funds and activities to the Agency of Transportation (AOT). This was a late move by the AOT that has towns expressing displeasure with the move and to keep the Local Roads Program intact. The Committee is accepting comments and another hearing is scheduled for March 11th in Montpelier.
- 8) The Agency of Transportation is having an Informational Meeting tonight in Castleton to discuss the replacement of the Castleton Bridge 015-2(10) on VT Route 30 - Bridge # 93 over the Clarendon and Pittsford Railroad. The project is expected to be constructed in 2015 and will have a transportation impact for Poultney. The Town and the Village governing Boards have already provided its comments to the Agency of Transportation and supports the temporary closure of the bridge during construction.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of February Expenditure Reports for the General Government, Highway Department and Fire Department were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the Informational Meeting Minutes dated March 3, 2014, prepared by Town Clerk Patti McCoy were presented for approval and signature. Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes as provided. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3) Rosenthal distributed a flyer titled "Factors contributing to the increase in FY 2015 Education Tax Rates" prepared by the Joint Fiscal Office.
- 4) Rosenthal reported that he attended a Complete Streets Workshop sponsored by the Vermont Local Roads Program and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. "The underlying principle of Complete Streets is that state and town streets, roads and highways should safely accommodate all transportation system users, regardless of age, ability, or what mode of transportation they prefer - walking, biking, driving or use of transit. The purpose of the Complete Streets Law is to ensure that the needs of all transportation system users are considered in all state and municipally managed transportation projects and project phases, including planning, development, construction, and maintenance except in the case of projects or project components involving unpaved highways. The policy applies when new roads are being constructed, and when paved roads are being reconstructed, rehabilitated, or other-wise maintained".
- 5) The Town Rabies Clinic will be held this Saturday, March 15th from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. at the Poultney Fire Station.

- 6) A letter was received from the Town of Wells Selectboard requesting a public information meeting to be held regarding the Lake St. Catherine Association's Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant Application. Rosenthal will forward the letter to Ann Bove from the Agency of Natural Resources regarding the request. Rosenthal mentioned that he thought maybe the request was to have a hearing regarding the chemical agent used to combat Eurasian Millfoil in the lake.
- 7) The recent draft of the Drug and Alcohol Testing procedures for Municipal employees with CDL licenses, prepared by Susan Kasuba, will be reviewed by Ron Kelley and Rosenthal before the next Selectboard meeting.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: Liquor Licenses, Tobacco Licenses and Outside Consumption Permit: The following licenses and permit were presented:

Liquor License renewal:

Lake St Catherine Country Club
Midway Oil 10 East Main St.
Midway Oil 267 Main Street.
Stewarts Shop

Tobacco License renewal:

Midway Oil 10 East Main St.
Midway Oil 267 Main Street
Stewarts Shop

Outside Consumption Permit:

Lake St Catherine Country Club

Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the above mentioned Liquor, Tobacco Licenses and the Outside Consumption permit. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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