

**Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
Monday, July 28, 2014 - 6:30 P.M  
Poultney Town Hall**

**Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 07/14/14
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Budget FY 2014
  - Set Tax Rate for FY 2015
  - Budget FY 2015
  - Tax Warrant
- 6) Constable Report - Dale Kerber
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes  
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Ed Lewis Chairman called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty, Frank Fressie and Jeff King. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager and Ron Kelley, Road Foreman. Dale Kerber, Town Constable arrived at a later time in the meeting.

**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:** Jeff King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 07/14/14. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** None at this time.

**Road Report:**

- 1) The road crew continues to clean up wood from ditches.
- 2) Part of the Lewis Road was graded. The Hannon Road was graded.
- 3) A hole in the Fenton Road was repaired.
- 4) Chloride will be delivered and applied on Tuesday.
- 5) Highway equipment continues to be serviced as needed.

**Town Manager's Report:**

- 1) Copies of the June Expenditure Reports (FY 2014) for the General Government, Highway Department and the Fire Department dated July 24th (prior to June closeout) were distributed and discussed. Fiscal Year Revenues for the General Government and the Highway Department for FY 2014 were distributed and discussed.
- 2) Rosenthal recommended Year end (FY 2014) allocations be made to the following Funds:  
Fire Department Equipment Replacement Fund - an additional \$ 10,000 from the Fire Department budget balance; an additional \$ 4,000 to the Cruiser Sinking Fund from the Constable budget balance and \$ 5,000 to the Building and Equipment Replacement Fund for additional work to the cemetery stones as a result of the July 3rd storm. Discussion followed. Jeff King made a motion to approve the additional allocation requests as presented. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3) Construction on the East Main Street sidewalk project by the Green has begun.
- 4) Copies of the proposed Tax Rates for the General Government, Highway and Education for FY 2015, calculated by Rosenthal, were distributed and discussed. The following rates proposed were as follows:

	<b><u>Tax Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Difference from last Year</u></b>
General Government:	.2989	\$ 961,290	- \$ 45,065
Highway Department:	.2101	\$ 546,742	+ \$ 3,526
Education:			
Homestead:	1.5200	\$ 1,959,301	+ \$ 38,149
Non-Residential:	1.5421	\$ 2,969,478	+ \$ 20,138

Total Tax Rate / Homestead 2.0290  
Non Residential 2.0511

Total Taxes \$ 6,436,811 + \$ 16,748

Jeff King made a motion to approve the tax rates as proposed. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Copies of the Tax Warrant were distributed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the Tax Warrant as prepared. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) The Board proposed sending the Town Band a thank you note on behalf of the Town for its concerts.

7) Jeff King made a motion to approve a stipend / bonus in the amount of \$ 750 per person for the Highway Road Crew for its response to the emergency work performed as a result of the July 3rd storm. Discussion followed. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beatty abstaining. Motion carried. Tom Beatty kindly declined in receiving any extra compensation and thanked the Board for the consideration.

8) The Town is seeking to remove and destroy old Town records. The Town Clerk provided information from the Vermont State and Records Administration regarding the General Record Schedules: Notice of Adoption. According to the law, the Town must appoint / designate a Records Officer who can make the determination as to what and when records can be destroyed. Jeff King made a motion to designate Patti McCoy Town Clerk as the Records Officer for the Town of Poultney. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Town Constable Report - Dale Kerber:** Dale Kerber discussed some of the past months activities. He also discussed the option of repairing the current vehicles versus a lease purchase for a new vehicle. Dale will provide the Board with more information in a month.

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

**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**