

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

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 10/27/14
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
- 6) Constable Report: Dale Kerber
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; and Ron Kelley, Road Foreman. Constable Dale Kerber 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: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 10/27/14. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- 1) Rosenthal mentioned that Terry Williams had called about a mirror that he broke on his truck due to brush along the roadside. Rosenthal called him back and no return call has been received. Ron Kelley also stated that he called but has not received a return call.
- 2) Ellen Contratti has called many times to complain about barking dogs behind the house of Samantha Camara on Furnace Street. She states that the dogs bark all day long. Rosenthal has investigated the situation at least 4 times and has found that the dogs may bark at different times but never consecutively. The dogs have barked maybe 5 minutes within a half hour at any one time.
- 3) Several neighbors of Roy Wilkinson are trying to gather his pigs and take them to market.

Road Report:

- 1) Potholes continue to be filled as weather permits. Roads will be graded as weather permits.
- 2) A new tandem truck has been ordered from Western Star to replace the 1997 International dump truck. The truck will be purchased from funds from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Municipal Equipment Loan program. The truck could be available sometime at the end of December or early January.
- 3) Long Trail Electric has provided a quote to install a power outlet and to make some electrical upgrades at the Highway Garage to accommodate an emergency generator. Ron Kelley stated that he can purchase a slightly used generator in the amount of \$ 800 to run the plant when the power is interrupted.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Rosenthal mentioned that the Town of Wells changed their 9-1-1 numbering system and implemented new numbers on October 10th. Their new numbers are in conflict with Westlake Road in the Town of Poultney. Rosenthal contacted the Town of Wells and the State 91-1 Board. They apologized for not contacting Poultney before implementing their new numbers. The Town will have to change their numbers. The State worker for E 9-1-1 will assist the Town in this effort.
- 2) Rosenthal mentioned that the State Police Contract increased its hourly rate slightly over \$ 8 per hour from the previous contract.

- 3) Copies of a letter from the Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Management & Prevention Division regarding the Site Management Activity Completion for the Town Highway Garage were distributed. The garage is no longer a site that will be monitored by the State and has received its SMAC letter.
- 4) There are no available grant funds at this time to purchase a new repeater with antenna for the Highway Garage. With the new system that was purchased and installed a few years ago, there are several gaps in coverage. Funds may become available at a later time.
- 5) Copies of a letter from Blue Cross Blueshield of Vermont were distributed regarding the federal Affordable Care Act. Health benefits plans must be renewed by the end of December.
- 6) The Vermont league of Cities and Towns has informed member Towns that the Employment Trust and the Benefits (VERB) Trust were merging.
- 7) Information regarding two different Solar projects from The Renewable Generation, LLC off of Windywood Acres Road was distributed. The information was provided 45 days in advance of the proposed project per PSB Rule 5.110 C.
- 8) Town Attorney Neal Vreeland has prepared right of way easements for two properties along York Street for a new sidewalk project. The easements are for Frank and Dorothy Maslack and Michael and Virginia Bradley.

Constable Report - Dale Kerber: Dale discussed some possible alternatives to the State Police Contract. He also discussed recent activities within the community. Rosenthal distributed copies of a Noise Ordinance from Burlington City. The Ordinance was obtained by Joanne Sweeney, Trustee and asked the Town to look into adopting a similar ordinance. Dale stated that he would review this ordinance and the one from Fair Haven and look into some statistics.

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.

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal

