

**Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
Monday, May 11, 2015 - 6:30 P.M  
Poultney Town Hall**

**Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 4/27/15
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Budget FY 2015
  - **Solid Waste Pay as You Throw update**
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Dog Hearing - 7:30 PM
- 9) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes**  
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Other Board members present included: Corey Davenport, Frank Fressie and Tom Coloutti. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager and Ron Kelley, Road Foreman. Arriving at a later time in the meeting: Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief. Also attending for the dog hearing was Amy Chandler, Constance Chandler, Brian Davenport and Dale Kerber, Constable.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Frank Fressie made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Rosenthal mentioned that he omitted the meeting that Assistant Town Clerk and Deb McMurry attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting held in Rutland sponsored by the Rutland County Sheriff's Office. Further information and meetings will follow. Tom Coloutti a motion to amend the meeting minutes adding the Neighborhood Watch information to the minutes of April 27, 2015 and to approve them as amended. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Coloutti inquired about the status of Tom Beatty. Rosenthal mentioned that he has been working for the Town and traveling with Doane Tree Service identifying the trees and brush selected by FEMA officials as eligible for reimbursement. The Town is paying him for his work and time through FEMA funds. He was also compensated for his time, along with others brought in to work on Green Up Day. Tom operated the excavator at the Transfer Station on Green Up Day.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** Rosenthal mentioned that he received a call from a resident about gravel and fill being dumped on a property located on the Lewis Road outside of the highway right of way. The material was being hauled by the owner of the property but the caller indicated that it was too close to his property.

**Road Report:**

- 1) Roads are being graded. Chloride has been applied. More chloride has been ordered.
- 2) The new Town Highway truck is ready for delivery.
- 3) A memo has been received from FEMA extending the work deadline for the project # 4207 - VT - DR to August 6th.
- 4) The Notice for the Highway Discontinuance Hearing - 19 V.S.A. Section 709 was mailed. The Hearing date is scheduled for of June 1.
- 5) The Town will apply for a Better Back Roads grant seeking assistance using the latest version of the Road Surface Management System to perform a road and culvert inventory. The inventory will be used to develop Capital Budget.
- 6) Rosenthal mentioned that he sent a confirmation e-mail to Jennifer Fitch from the Agency of Transportations, Accelerated Bridge Program to proceed with the desired plan to close Bridge # 2 on Vermont Route 140 during construction (about 4 weeks). The estimated construction time

table still remains either in 2017 or 2018 unless State and Federal budget issues arise and delays the project.

7) Rosenthal mentioned that Town Attorney Neal Vreeland has communicated to the attorney representing the other party the desire of the Board to proceed with any action necessary to keep TH # 11 open. A resident from Poultney continues to block access to a portion of TH # 11 (the High Road) that connects the road to the Town of Wells with slate rubbish despite his statements that he would remove the debris.

8) Ron Kelley is working with the VT Local Roads Program to set up a road repair training seminar / workshop using new fabric that will be donated. Several area towns will be invited to this workshop.

9) Several quotes have been received for paving projects. Discussion followed. Questions about the projects, State funding and estimated quantities need to be clarified before a contractor will be selected.

**Town Manager's Report:**

1) Rosenthal mentioned that the trash bags have been ordered. They will be yellow in color with the word Poultney on them. The price will be \$ .24 per bag. An informational meeting explaining the process will be set up sometime in June. Bags will be distributed on a Saturday in June at the High School parking lot. No firm date has been given for the delivery of the bags but it will be in June.

2) Neal Vreeland looked at the Library Trustees draft Resolution to transfer Library Funds raised for the Library project to the General Fund and stated that he was OK with the language. The total amount of the funds raised is \$ 132,598.56 thus far.

3) Copies of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission regarding the Municipal Planning Grant for the Downtown Renewal Application in the amount of \$ 4,710 was presented. Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the contract. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Transact Any and Other Lawful Business:** Fire Department Chief Aaron Kerber was present and distributed copies of the Fire Department's April Report. The Department received a \$ 5,000 Equipment Grant from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF insurance carrier for safety equipment.

**Board Orders:** Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dog Hearing under separate minutes.

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

Meeting adjourned.

**s/Jonas Rosenthal**