

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2015 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 7/13/15 & 7/20/15
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
 - Budget FY 2016
 - Set Tax Rate for FY 2016
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Other Board members present included: Jeff King, Tom Coloutti and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman; Cail Johnstone, Keri Furlani, Ina Smith, Dick Rupe Paul Hancock and Terry Williams.

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

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13 and July 20, 2015. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request by Poultney Historical Society: Ina Smith presented a handout entitled "The Silent Friend Slate Project". It described the project as a partnership between the Poultney Historical Society and sculptor Kerry Furlani. It is a project made possible by a successful Vermont Arts Council Animating Infrastructure Grant. The project is funded through Phase 1 which will consist of providing a slate sculpture on the Town Hall lawn with the approval by the Selectboard and the area across the street by the Church lawn. Discussion and questions about the project, location, size and the significance of the project followed. Rosenthal added that a culvert goes through the Town Hall lawn and is very close to the proposed placement of the stone. More research will be needed to locate the exact location to be selected. Jeff King made a motion to approve the Slate Art project and its approximate location on the Town Hall lawn. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Terry Williams had written a letter about the brush and branches along the Town Highway Right-of-Way along the Ruby, Upper, and High Roads. He was present to explain the situation. Rosenthal and Kelley responded that Jim Seamans had been hired several weeks ago to cut roadside brush. The Blissville Road was scheduled first. He was a week behind schedule and should be in South Poultney in early August. He also expressed a concern about the speed of quarry trucks in the area.

Ron Kelley mentioned that he had been approached by a member of the public about one of the Highway Road crew speeding with a Town truck. Ron had addressed the issue with the Town employee.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Work continues on the FEMA tree and brush trimming project. The VT Department of Public Safety inquired as to how the Town was progressing on the DR 4207 PW 49 project for debris. If a request was needed for a time extension one should be made as soon as possible. Discussion followed. The Town will request an extension for the project.
- 2) The State Bridge project in Castleton is on schedule and should reopen by August 3rd.
- 3) Grading and filling potholes continues. More chloride will be ordered.

4) The Town was the recipient of a Better Backroads Grant through the Municipal Assistance Bureau, Agency of Transportation. The purpose of the grant is to update the Town road, culvert and storm drain inventory and capital planning project.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the June Financial Reports, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the proposed General Government, Highway District and the Education tax rates were distributed, reviewed and discussed. The proposed rates and tax amounts were as follows:

	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Amount</u>
General Government:	.3125	\$ 1,015,591
Highway District	.2193	\$ 573,248
School District		
Homestead	1.5564	\$ 1,993,358
Non-Residential	1.5689	\$ 3,046,920
Homestead Tax Rate	2.0882	
Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.1007	\$ 6,629,117
Total Tax Increase from FY 2014/15		2.99 %

Jeff King made a motion to approve the tax rates and tax amounts as presented above. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Copies of an e-mail from Jeremy McMullen, E911 Database Administrator were distributed. The e-mail explained changes to the company switch from Intrado Inc. to Fairpoint Communications and changes to updating E911 addressing updates.

4) The Governor's Highway Safety Program notified the Town and Town Constable Dale Kerber that Poultney has been awarded \$ 20,000 in Federal Funds for two grant programs. The DUI program in the amount of \$ 16,000 and \$ 4,000 in Operations Enforcement. The Constable must participate in a financial training sometime in August. Tom Coloutti made a motion to accept the grant. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal