

**Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2015 - 6:30 P.M  
Poultney Town Hall**

**Agenda**

1) Adoption of the Agenda

2) Approval of Minutes: 8/24/15

3) Public Comments and Concerns:

- Joe DeBonis - Leased Lands - Request for a Quit Claim Deed from the Town
- Art on the Town land at Town Hall - Ina Smith & Kerri Furlani

4) Road Report

5) Town Manager's Report

- Letters & Communications
- Budget FY 2016
- USDA Loan for Library project
- Cultural Facilities Grant for the Library project
- Open Burning Ordinance review (Next meeting)

6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

7) Board Orders

8) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Poultney Board of Selectmen**  
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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; Joe DeBonis, Sr. Robert Williams, Ina Smith, Steve Taran, Paul Hancock and Kerri Ferlani.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Frank Fressie made a motion to adopt the agenda. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Corey Davenport made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/24/15. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** Joe DeBonis, Sr. was present to request a Quit Claim Deed from the Town for an old lease agreement (for an old Glebe Land) that requires the owner to pay \$ .50 per year to the Town. The Quit Claim Deed would release the Town's interest in the property. Discussion followed. Corey Davenport made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed and to authorize the Town Manager to act on behalf of the Town and sign the document. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ina Smith, Kerri Ferlani and others were present to discuss the Slate Stone Art project on the Town Hall property. They asked the Town to consider, approve and finalize the sight on the property and to request permission to construct (engrave the stone) on the sight for the next several weeks. Discussion followed. Rosenthal stated that it would be a large distraction at the busy intersection that would adversely affect vehicular traffic and suggested another site. Sites were suggested. The Board proceeded outside to the front lawn. The site was agreed upon by the Board and the artist. The artist and the supporters of the project will seek another spot to engrave the stone and then move it to the site upon completion.

**Road Report:** The following was reported:

- 1) The FEMA reimbursement request for the tree project in the amount of \$ 27,659.15 was submitted to the Vermont Department of Public Safety. The State's share in the amount of \$ 4,608 will be processed at the same time.
- 2) The VT Agency of Transportation's Class 2 Highway Paving Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$ 175,000 was submitted.
- 3) Work continues on the Hampshire Hollow mud spot project. Ditching and grading work continues in that area.
- 4) Roadside mowing continues on paved streets only.
- 5) Winter sand price quotes were discussed. A quote from Francis Hayes, Leon Corey, Dido Trucking and Chet McClelland were discussed. All of the quotes were either for sand without trucking or trucking without sand except for Chet McClelland. His quote was \$ 11.50 per yard with trucking. The quote was the same price as last year. Ron Kelley estimated around 3,000 yards of winter sand was needed to fill the sand shed. Discussion followed. Corey Davenport

made a motion to award the sand and hauling quote to McClelland for \$ 11.50 per yard. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) There have been 15 job applications received thus far. Discussion followed about the process. Rosenthal and Ron Kelley will review the applications.

**Town Manager's Report:**

1) Aaron Kerber submitted a revised copy of a proposed Open Burning and Incineration Ordinance by e-mail. Rosenthal will print this latest version and get copies to the Board. No action taken. More discussion will follow at a later time..

2) Copies of a letter from Mary Jo Teetor, Lister dated September 14th regarding NEMRC software and networking was distributed. The software for back-up files was ordered. More information on net-working will come at a later time.

3) A request was received from the Rusty Wescott Band Manager for the Poultney Town Band to increase the annual appropriation from \$ 2,000 per year to \$ 2,500 per year. Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the request. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) USDA Loan Documents for the Library project were presented for approval and signature. The loan was for an amount of \$ 248,000. Discussion followed. Tom Coloutti made motion to approve and sign the loan. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) The Library was awarded a \$ 30,000 Cultural Facilities Grant for the Library. Discussion followed. A grant extension for the project will be needed. Corey Davenport made a motion to approve and sign the grant contract. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) Rosenthal submitted a grant reimbursement request in the amount of \$ 25,010 for the Aquatic Nuisance Control project for Lake St. Catherine.

7) The Vermont Department of Public Safety presented a Criminal History and Telecommunications Network Users Agreement. The Agreement is a result of the recent consolidation of the Rutland PSAP with the Rockingham PSAP. The Department is in the process of updating its user agreements and Holder of Record Agreements. Tom Coloutti made a motion for the Manager to sign the documents as presented. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Transact Any and Other Lawful Business:** Mary Jo Teetor, Lister provided a letter to the Board dated September 14th, regarding Errors and Omissions changes (2) to the Grand List. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the request. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

**s/Jonas Rosenthal**