

**Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
Monday, January 25, 2016 - 6:30 P.M  
Poultney Town Hall**

**Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 01/11/16
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Budget FY 2016
  - Budget FY 2017
  - Warning 2016 (for FY 2017)
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes**  
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Other Board members present included: Corey Davenport, Frank Fressie, Jeff King and Tom Coloutti. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman; Ernie DeMatties, Debbie Buciak, Bob Buciak, Bernie Vladyka, June West, Jim Cullen, Christine Gamble, Ernie DeMatties, Shirley Brown, Lawrence Brown, Patricia Beatty, Patricia Panoushek, Geraldine Woodruff, Andy Donaghy and Joan Donaghy. Arriving at a later time in the meeting: Aaron Kerber, Poultney Fire Chief.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes of 01/11/16. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- 1) Another freezing rain ice event is predicted and another one occurred.
- 2) Worked on equipment maintenance.
- 3) No word yet on future logging activities on the Birdseye Road.

**Public Comments and Concerns:**

1) Ernie DeMatties was present to speak on behalf of the Young At Heart Senior Citizen Center to discuss their finances and to request an increase in the Centers allocation. Copies of the operating budget and service statistics were distributed. The increase in Town support is needed because food costs are increasing, and donations and thrift shop sales are declining. The Center has been using their savings monthly to balance the books. Ernie explained that this practice was not sustainable and therefore was requesting an increase in the annual allocation of \$ 10,000. They explained that they have reached out to the community in an appeal for funds and that donations have been slowly coming in. The services of the Center were discussed. Everyone was in agreement that the Center was an important part of the community and that the building was owned by the Town and should never be closed. Jeff King made a motion to increase the FY 2017 allocation by an additional \$ 10,000. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. motion carried.

2) Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief was present to discuss the FY 2017 Fire Department budget. Copies of the Budget were distributed (mailed earlier). Aaron gave an overview of the proposed budget. There will be no increase however line items within the budget were changed to reflect the needs of the Department. As mentioned at an earlier meeting, the Department requested in increase in the Equipment Replacement Fund allocation of \$ 15,000. The line item would now be \$ 65,000. Aaron believes that next year the Department will have to replace the 1991 Tanker. A list of Fire House building improvements was provided and Aaron discussed each of those items. Rosenthal will talk with several local contractors to get estimates for the repairs this Spring. The repairs will be scheduled over the next few years and will not all happen all at once.

**Town Manager's Report:**

- 1) Copies of Expenditure Reports for the General Government, Highway Department and the Fire Department dated January 21, 2016 were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the December Financial Statement, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.
- 3) Copies of the proposed General Government, Highway Budget and the Fire Department Budgets dated January 25th were distributed. Discussion followed. Jeff King made a motion approve the FY 2017 Highway budget in the amount of \$ 699,760. The amount represents an increase of \$ 15,172 (up 2.22 %) over the current FY 2016 budget. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff King made a motion to approve the FY 2017 General Government budget in the amount of \$ 1,1139,189. This amounts represents an increase of \$ 23,918 (up 2.14 %) over the current FY 2016 budget. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4) Copies of the 2016 Warning were distributed. Discussion followed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve and sign the Warning. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Tom Coloutti discussed the activities of the Committee to select a site for the slate stone. No decisions or recommendations have been made at this time.

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

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**s/Jonas Rosenthal**