

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2016 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 5/25/16 & 05/09/16
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2016
 - Library Update
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Frank Fressie, Terry Williams, Corey Davenport and Tom Coloutti. Others present included: Town Manager, Tom Beatty, Road Commissioner and Ron Kelley Road Foreman. Arriving at a later time in the meeting: Dale Kerber Town, Constable and Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief.

Adoption of the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance. Corey Davenport made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/9/16 and 5/25/16. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Rick Noren, a resident, on the Jones Road requested that a ditch be cleaned because it washed in from an earlier storm. Ron Kelley stated that he visited the site earlier last week after Dawn Noren called. The ditch will be cleaned out again and a culvert may be needed for that area of the road.

Another resident complained about what was described as the destruction of the side of the road after the brush cutting job on Route 140.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Roadside mowing has started. It was suggested that Rosenthal or Kelley discuss the problem of knot weed with Hilary Solomon from the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District. Brush cutting on the Thrall Road has begun. The Jones Road will follow.
- 2) Ron discussed several options for purchasing or possibly building a roller for the grader to be used after roads are graded. Tom Coloutti made a motion to build the frame and roller at an estimated cost of \$ 4,400. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3) The new engine for the gravel screen has been installed.
- 4) The new salt price for District 3 Towns will be \$ 81.91 per ton. The contract will be signed.
- 5) Ron has requested a meeting with Jayme Cleland regarding the Notice of Alleged Violation from the Agency of Natural Resources for its Underground Storage Tanks. The Notice stated that the weekly detection documentation in the form of status reports or logs could not be provided. Ron mentioned that the data is on daily computerized slips and is not in the format that the Agency of Natural Resources would like.
- 5) The Agency of Transportation (AOT) earlier shot some grades for paving the approach to Bridge # 4 on Grove Street over the Poultney River. AOT will provide the Town with a new Structures Grant to pay up to 70 % of the project and along with some new guardrail installation for just over the Bridge on South Street.
- 6) The Board has agreed to sell the 1997 International truck.

Transact & Any Other Lawful Business: Aaron Kerber and Dale Kerber were present to discuss keeping the 2000 Tahoe for use by the Fire Department and selling the Dodge Charger.

The vehicle has lights and a radio already for use and no new equipment will be needed. Currently members of the Fire Department use the Tahoe for transportation to and from training sessions at locations outside of Town, mutual aid calls and when the Department is called upon to cover other Departments with equipment when requested to do so. When Poultney fire apparatus that has already been dispatched to another Town and just needs other firemen to move to another Department, the Tahoe is used to transport them so that taking additional equipment is not taken out of Poultney. Discussion followed a plan to replace the Tahoe when the need arises. The Tahoe has 170,000 miles on the vehicle and there is no plan to replace it. Corey Davenport made a motion to transfer the Tahoe to the Fire Department. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the May Captain's Report was distributed. Aaron mentioned that the Department has not received word about the status of the federal Firefighters Assistance grant that was applied for months ago. The grant, if awarded, would be used to purchase respirators.

Aaron mentioned that a Dry hydrant grant will be applied for. No deadline for the application (?).

Aaron spoke about the condition of one of the trucks and the need to replace it and to purchase a new one. This has been discussed for several years now. The estimated cost of the truck will be over \$ 500,000, Rosenthal believed that the Emergency Vehicle Replacement Fund will have approximately \$ 270,000 including the FY 2017 allocation. Rosenthal will verify the actual amount. Rosenthal also mentioned that the Municipal Equipment Loan Fund from the State Treasures Office can loan up to \$ 110,000 over 5 years at an interest rate of 2 % for fire trucks as well as Highway equipment. The federal USDA Equipment grant / loan program is another source for purchasing fire apparatus.

Aaron also mentioned that some of the building improvements (doors) are in the process of being installed. New lighting has been ordered and credits will be used and applied for through Efficiency Vermont. Some of the work will take place at the end of FY 2016 and the beginning of FY 2017.

Town Manager's Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Copies of the Expenditure Reports for the Highway, General Government and the Fire Department were distributed
- 2) The library project is progressing but will slow after the concrete floor is poured. If there is money remaining for the project, a list of possible items that that need to be considered that were not in the original contract was distributed. No action taken at this time.
- 3) Minutes of the June 9th Library weekly meeting were distributed. Thus far the project is scheduled to be completed on time (at the end of September).

Board Orders: Frank Fressie 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