

**Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
Monday, July 11, 2016 - 6:30 P.M  
Poultney Town Hall**

**Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 6/27/16
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
  - Nancy Bell, The Conservation Fund
- 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

**Meeting Minutes**  
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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: Jonas Rosenthal Town Manager, Ron Kelley Road Foreman, and Nancy Bell Director of the Conservation Fund. Arriving at a later time in the meeting: Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Coloutti made a motion to adopt the agenda. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/27/16. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** Nancy Bell from the Conservation Fund provided the Board with an update regarding the status of the 1,400 acres of land in Poultney that the Fund purchased and is in the process of raising funds to transfer the land to the VT Fish and Wildlife Department by the end of the year. Discussion followed about use and management issues. Nancy Bell welcomed input at any time from the Board and other recreational groups that would be interested in land management.

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

- 1) The Jones Rd. ditching project has started. A cross culvert will need to be installed.
- 2) Ron went to a workshop sponsored by the Vermont Local Roads Program about using the roller attachment for the grader.
- 3) The Blissville Rd has been paved to the Castleton line.
- 4) Potholes have been filled on the Pond Hill Ranch Road.
- 5) Engineering continues on Bridge # 2 for construction next summer.
- 6) Rosenthal has not followed up with Eric House, from the Agency of Transportation (AOT), regarding the proposed work plan presented in June for paving the approach to Bridge # 4 on Grove Street over the Poultney River. The estimated cost of the project is \$ 8,835.

**Town Manager's Report:** The following was reported:

- 1) Copies of Expenditure Reports for the Highway, General Government and the Fire Department dated June 29th were distributed.
- 2) The library project continues and is still on schedule.
- 3) Rosenthal provided information about installing an air conditioner for the back room. One quote was given in the amount of \$ 4,000 plus several hours of electrical work that will be needed. Another quote was given at or near \$ 3,000 for a wall mounted unit. Another option would be to purchase a 10,000 BTU unit for \$ 275 or a 15,000 BTU unit for just over \$ 459. The room was measured and estimated to need 14,800 BTU's. However, if the back doors were open while the other air conditioning units were on, it was estimated that a 10,000 BTU unit would be alright. A back window would have to be replaced. The consensus was to move forward with the 10,000 BTU air conditioning unit.

4) Copies of the Land Schedule Value for lands owned by the Agency of Natural Resources were distributed. The value was lowered \$ 208,700, primarily from the value of the State Park. The Listers just noticed the change and wanted the Board to be aware.

5) Rosenthal presented estimated Fund balances for the Emergency Vehicle Equipment Fund, the Building and Equipment Fund and the Highway Bridge Fund. Rosenthal also reviewed the estimated General Fund and Highway Fund Balances before FY 16 is closed out. Rosenthal recommended the following additional allocations without spending above the FY 16 budgets for all:

- \$ 5,000 to the Town Equipment & Building Fund for 4 air conditioners for the Sr. citizen Center, 1 for the Town Office Meeting room and to replace playground equipment that is cracked.
- \$ 5,000 for the Town Emergency Equipment Fund to pay down the loan for the new Constable Cruiser.
- \$ 15,000 for the Fire Truck Emergency Equipment Fund towards the purchase of a new fire truck.
- \$ 15,000 for the Highway Bridge Replacement Fund, to be used towards the Town's share of Bridge # 2 that is scheduled for replacement next summer.

Discussion followed. Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Transact & Any Other Lawful Business:** Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief was present and invited the Board to meet at the Fire House to discuss the equipment needs for the Department. A meeting date was set for Monday, July 18th at 6:30 PM.

Copies of the June Captain's Activity Report were distributed.

**Board Orders:** Corey Davenport made a motion to approve 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.

**s/Jonas Rosenthal**