

**TOWN OF POULTNEY
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

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Present: Selectboard Members—Sheryl Porrier; Justices of the Peace—Bonnie Gray, Dick Gray, Kathleen Hutson, Carol Bunce, Barbara Betit, Andrew Ohl, and Richard Rupe and Town Clerk Betsy Wescott

Chair Andrew Ohl called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Chair Andrew Ohl asked if everyone had reviewed the meeting minutes from August 27, 2025. Everyone replied yes.

A motion was made by Carol Bunce to approve the minutes of August 27, 2025, seconded by Kathleen Hutson. Motion passed.

Chair Andrew Ohl stated the Clerk would give the oath to the Assessor and Appellant. The Clerk read the oath to them and all said I do. They also signed the Assessor and Appellant oath sheet.

Clerk read the oath to the Board. All Board members stated I do. They also signed the Board oath sheet.

Chair Andrew Ohl asked the Board to disclose any conflicts of interest that they might recuse themselves. There was no one with conflicts of interest.

Chair Andrew Ohl stated that the Assessor has 10 minutes or less to give her information on the property, the Appellant has 10 minutes or less to give her information then the Assessor can reply.

Chair Andrew Ohl asked the Assessor Mary Jo Teetor to introduce the property.

Assessor Mary Jo Teetor handed out her information to the Appellant and Betsy Wescott handed out to each Board Member.

Town Clerk Betsy Wescott handed out the information for the appeal out to all Board Members, Appellant, and Assessor.

Assessor Mary Jo Teetor went over the information presented.

Appellant Gail Mahoney went over the information presented.

Assessor Mary Jo Teetor commented on the Appellants statements regarding the taxes going up \$1,900. It was the assessment to the pole barn that went up that amount. The taxes will only go up to an estimated amount of \$38.00.

Appellant Gail Mahoney stated she didn't realize that.

Chair Andrew Ohl asked the Board if there were any questions.

The Board asked questions.

There was discussion back and forth with the Assessor, Appellants, and Board members.

Chair Andrew Ohl stated needed to complete an inspection of the property. There will need to be 3 volunteers on the inspection committee and will need to inspect the whole property with no additional information or questions. Do I have any volunteers. Inspection committee will be Dick Gray, Bonnie Gray, and Sheryl Porrier. The Assessor Mary Jo Teetor asked if she could be there as well. The Appellant Gail Mahoney stated yes.

Chair Andrew Ohl stated the inspection committee would contact property owner to set up a date and time to complete the inspection before 30 days as the Board needs to reconvene on or before the 30 days to hear and receive information regarding the inspection.

Chair Andrew Ohl stated that we need to recess to a date and time no more than 30 days from now. After Board discussion, the reconvene date is set for August 25, 2026, at 6pm.

Chair Andrew Ohl asked if there was any other business. There was none.

A motion was made by Carol Bunce to recess the meeting until August 25, 2026, seconded by Bonnie Gray. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy J. Wescott
Town Clerk