

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 1/23/17
 2/13/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Secretary / Bookkeeper
 - Town Report
- 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, Corey Davenport, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary/Bookkeeper, and Aaron Kerber, Poultney Fire Chief, and other members of the Fire Department. Dale Kerber appeared later in the meeting.

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 1/23/17 and 2/13/17. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Donaldson amended the Agenda to reflect the correct date of 2/13/2017.

Road Report: Ron Kelly reported the following:

- 1) A representative from the Rutland Herald called and asked about the condition of the back roads, i.e., existence of pot holes / sink holes -found one sink hole.
- 2) Vinny Covino, Technology Coordinator at the High School, had spoken to Ron re: Wells, Pawlet, Main Road pick-up. There was only a little washing on Morse Hollow Road.
- 3) Addition on Highway Building is almost complete -should have roof on by Wednesday, March, 1, 2017.
- 4) Bob Williams called Town Managers Office to report the partial collapse of concrete wall on Ferncliff Road
 - Ron Kelly explained a portion of an old slate wall was replaced 15 yrs ago
 - it's a class III road that sits along the edge of Lake St Catherine
 - Corey Davenport said the Town should be able to replace the collapsed portion, without permit, so long as same dimension
 - Ron Kelly suggested the Town call Hillary Soloman, folks at ANR and Todd Eaton with Vermont Local Roads to see if there are any grants available
 - Ron Kelly suggested repair to begin after spring drainage
 - Grant deadline is end of March with funds to be granted beginning of June
- 5) Dick Macintyre, Macintyre old driveway (Bach Family) Rt 140 has been sending water to the road
- 6) Tom Coloutti inquired about culvert
- 7) Terry Williams asked Ron if he's going to post road sign- Ron said no

- 8) Paul Donaldson received call from concerned citizen regarding an approximate 2' gap, i.e., no guard rail, along pedestrian walk way along Bridge on Grove Street and South Street
 - Paul Donaldson walked to see for himself, and reported, the bank has washed away and the river side of the railing, and is indeed, a safety hazard
 - Jeff King said this needs to be taken care of immediately
 - Ron Kelly to call FR Lafayette in the morning to price 35' of guard rail (maybe two)
 - Ron Kelly suggested, putting up temporary fence
- 9) complaint of Highway garage roof protruding onto Autumn Way sidewalk
 - the roof has been cut at 45° angle and no longer overhangs over sidewalk
- 10) ordered crushed stone
- 11) Corey Davenport inquired to previous maintenance of mud-spots / bad-spots
 - Ron Kelly reported good

Fire Department: Truck Committee reported the following:

- 1) HME truck is their recommendation
 - cost is \$527,9000 – Warned purchase price is \$550,000
 - blue print is being revised and should be ready this Saturday
- 2) Paul Donaldson stated that we had also applied for USDA grant money
- 3) Discussion followed regarding truck specs, warranty, inquiry with other towns presently using the same truck, 20 yrs life span of vehicle and hopeful voter approval of 10 yrs capital improvement plan
- 4) Jeff King expressed quality concern with 304L stainless steel components
- 5) Terry Williams asked how present truck compares with recommended new truck
- 6) open house this Saturday at Fire Department March, 4, 2017 10am – 2pm
- 7) Paul Donaldson asked about method of advertising the meeting
 - Free Press, Facebook, Radio
- 8) Frank Fressie suggested handouts be made to give to public with new truck specs and have ready for next Monday meeting
- 9) Fire Dept expressed concern over increasing budget over 3yr period to meet 10yrs capital improvement plan

Town Manager's Report: Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- 1) Introduce new Secretary/ Bookkeeper on first day of work
- 2) Dollar General
 - public outcry reported to Town Manager (C.B. Hall was to address the Board today with supporters, but decided not to given that the application was already complete)
 - matter for DRB
- 3) Delinquent tax collection
 - \$514,000 total delinquent

- board goal to collect- appointed Town Manager to facilitate
 - Paul Donaldson contacted attorney to assist
- 4) two board seats on election ballot
 - 5) Corey Davenport suggested publish Board goals in Town Letter with recap of previous goals
 - 6) NEMRC training for new Secretary / bookkeeper – goal is efficiency

Other Business:

- 1) Constable confirmation into sale of guns
 - hire broker to manage sale
 - Jeff King suggested the Town Manager to accept bids
- 2) Tom Coloutti inquired about request to place flag pole at J Clair Memorial Cemetery
 - matter for Poultney Cemetery Association -contact Karen Atwood
- 3) Paul Donaldson met with Jeff Holcomb regarding cemetery maintenance at South Poultney and walked grounds
 - Maintenance is needed- several dead trees must be cut down
 - Slate Quarry Association has expressed openness to donating equipment to clear overgrown grounds
 - Terry Williams asked how Town allocates funds to each cemetery
 - volunteers for cleanup
 - unexplored funds

Board Orders: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the Board Orders. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary /Bookkeeper