

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 3/27/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Liquor License Renewals: Fully Belly Deli
Cones Point General Store
 - Received three bids on firearms
 - Class 2 Road Paving Grant
 - Structure Grant for South Street Bridge
 - Tax Sale- Attorney Retainer
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Health Officers Report
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Tom Coloutti called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Frank Fressie, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, and Towns People (see sign in sheet)

Adoption of the Agenda: Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/27/17. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

CB Hall and Kerry O Furlani presented the Select Board with a petition of 292 signatures against the Dollar General (DG)

CB Hall: make Select Board aware of “Town” sentiment, asking the Select Board to take a stand against the DG, zoning has not been addressed by DG, next meeting is April 19th, people working and living, vested in the community, asking the Select Board to oppose DG

Paul Donaldson: asked CB Hall if anyone he talked with wants DG?

CB Hall: can recall two people for DG, overall, estimates the support for DG, to be well under 10%

Paul Donaldson: have you talked to Discount foods?

CB Hall: Russell not committed to rebuild

Paul Donaldson: recognized names on the petition of people who previously spoke with him in support of DG...now say they don't want??

CB Hall: which names?

Paul Donaldson: people to remain unnamed

Paul Donaldson: have you discussed with owner, Mr. Knappmiller, another viable tenant?

Kerry O Furlani: talked with various economic development organizations and small business organization to help with search

Kerry O Furlani – continued to say she talked with Mr. Knappmiller, after DRB meeting to introduce herself, offered to give tour of Poultney and answer any questions he may have, Mr. Knappmiller, was standoffish

CB Hall: it's very tricky approaching possible tenants "come to Poultney, but it's not my property"

Tom Coloutti: will listen to the hearing before make any kind of decision

Frank Fressie: question to CB Hall, is it your intent to block DG on legal terms or by popular vote?

CB Hall: DG not consistent with zoning regulations and not consistent with Town Plan

Frank Fressie: there appear to be two camps, popular feeling and non-conforming with current rules

Kerry O Furlani: question to Paul Donaldson, how did you advertise notice?

Paul Donaldson: responded Newspapers (Rutland Herald, Free Press) Radio, posted around Town and at Town office

Kerry O Furlani: does Poultney have a future vision for the Town, how to communicate the vision, compliance to the vision

Paul Donaldson: that would be the planning commission

CB Hall and Kerry O Furlani: DG is a predatory outfit- sees pattern of once viable community, now with DG, dying

Tom Coloutti: thank you for coming

Terry Williams: need to check names against voters check list

Tom Coloutti: maybe we will hear something new at next hearing, the Select Board attorney did what was appropriate at the time

Frank Fressie: to Paul Donaldson, have you ever seen anything like this?

Paul Donaldson: has seen DG be aggressive, Mr. Thibeau has been working on this for five years

Road Report: Ron Kelly reported the following:

- 1) Green Mountain Power took tree down on Hillside
- 2) on pot hole patrol, putting gravel in for now
- 3) went to meeting in Wells Lake Champlain Basin meeting
 - how to improve water quality
- 4) State of VT district 3 did financial plan- they will help pay in cases of emergency
- 5) South Street Bridge
 - can't start bridge project until after July 1st
 - work done in fiscal year paid I fiscal year
 - approach, guard rails, walkway
 - not the paint, it's lead paint and very expensive project
- 6) Contractor, Pike Paving
 - \$95,000 in budget to pave York Street extension to Fai Haven for \$86,000

Tom Coloutti: when repair Beaman and Furnace

Ron Kelly: 2020

- 7) Pot hole across street from Town office cost to repair \$185,000
 - grant 20% / 80% (Village)
 - exploring options

Ron Kelly: water line Beaman Street

Paul Donaldson: low water pressure, sidewalk project, engineers think better to do when pave

Terry Williams: is that the only paving?

Ron Kelly: no, in the process now of choosing where to spend money

- RSMS Road Service Management System, can get an additional 10%

Terry Williams: Barbara Debonis, Quarry Road Culvert

Ron Kelly: Sam Dunster takes knob off and empties into ditch

Ron Kelly: Green up day is May 6th

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

Terry Williams trained as Health Officer

Terry Williams: Jo Anne Sweeney complained about garbage, same side of road as Rutland Supervisory Union, called landlord, garbage now gone

Select Board and Health Officer make up the Health Board, if something brought to our attention, pursue

Terry Williams: possibly use Town computer to do Health officer work

-Paul Donaldson offered laptop and digital camera (do not use cell phone to take photos)

Terry Williams: What's going on with Bob Williams and the Slate Quarry Association

Paul Donaldson: seen a petition- going to leave to the Planning Commission to craft language to clarify bylaws

Next DRB hearing April 19th for Heritage Ct

Letters and Communications:

Liquor License Renewals:

Fully Belly Deli _ Cones Point General Store_ Trolley Stop

Terry Williams made a motion to Liquor License Renewals. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Donaldson: had three bids on fire arms, now go to Marty VanBuren

Frank Fressie: where does 314 York Street stand?

Paul Donaldson Is being worked on- slow going

Board Orders:

Frank Fressie made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Adjournment:

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. George Miller seconded motion. Motion carried

Paul Donaldson: to make copies of Select Board handbook