

# Poultney Board of Selectmen

## Meeting

**Monday, April 24, 2017 – 6:30 pm**

### Poultney Town Hall

#### Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 4/10/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Liquor License Renewals: Compass Vermont, Inc. (Green Mountain College)
  - Class 2 Road Paving Grant
  - Structure Grant for South Street Bridge
  - VT AOT Finel Hollow Bridge – Utility Relocation Order
  - Town Plan Unified Bylaws
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
  - Personnel Rules and Regulations
- 7) Health Officers Report
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

## **Meeting Minutes**

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly, Highway Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, and Bianca Zanella, Community Service and Outreach Coordinator

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/10/17. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried

### **Public Comments and Concerns:**

#### **Library Parking:**

Paul Donaldson: Chris Morash is parking camper at the Library- Highway Dept. going to post “no parking” signs

Frank Fressie: Will no parking affect Library people?

Paul Donaldson: he’ll be out walking his dog and claim he’s using Library internet  
- abutter, Bob Williams agrees with sign

#### **Dollar General:**

Paul Donaldson: CB Hall trying to urge Town to take a stand against DG

Jeff King: I’m going to stand back for a while- it’s a matter for Development Review Board

Paul Donaldson: DRB to have site visit – date not set yet-need to give public 15 days notice – going to place in this Friday’s newspaper

Tom Coloutti: no one asked how late deliveries would be?

Paul Donaldson: question was asked at previous hearing

Terry Williams: should we put to a vote?

Paul Donaldson: ten or more residents from Town can gain party status

Terry Williams: people for DG won’t speak up

Frank Fressie: have you heard any hidden support for DG? Have you seen how many trucks go into Williams Hardware?

Terry Williams: put to a vote from Select Board  
Frank Fressie: Select Board is not a part of this process  
Paul Donaldson: neighbors can bring up likes and dislikes at hearing  
Tom Coloutti: could lesson property values, then will affect the tax process  
Paul Donaldson: up to listers to determine property values  
Tom Coloutti: attorney already spoke for Select Board  
Jeff King: as an abutter, we can say we don't like lights  
Frank Fressie: we have the right to disagree with the decision, that's all we can do  
Paul Donaldson: Castleton DG hung around for two years  
Frank Fressie: were there any changes?  
Paul Donaldson: I don't know  
Bianca Zanella: as a body of concerned citizens group, who represents them?  
Paul Donaldson: there were 95 people at DRB meeting to show support or no support for proposed development  
Jeff King: going to hear out DRB hearing- let's move on

### **Compass Vermont:**

Liquor License Approved

### **Class 2 Road Paving Grant:**

Paul Donaldson: Class 2 Town Roads- submitted grants for:

- 140 Morse Hollow Rd to Middletown Springs line
- On The Green
- York Street Ext to Fair Haven line
- Stonehenge
- Lake View Hill

Village Class I are State Roads – State is responsible for paving -set for year 2020

Mike Mullen from Pike cautioned not to repair these roads, if we do, upon inspection, the State is likely to say the roads are fine, repairs can wait

Terry Williams: the Town should be able to say to Rutland County Planning Commission what needs to be fixed

-send a Village representative to sit on Transportation Committee to advocate for Class I Roads that go through the Village

Frank Fressie: what about a letter from the Select Board indicating roads that are a possible danger- it might be a way to build up momentum – it will do two things, initiate the work and shows public we're working on it

Terry Williams: I've written the Governor before, on the advice of Rutland Regional Planning Commission, that said you need to jump up and down

Tom Coloutti: include what has (or has not) been done in the last five years- make the letter from the Village Board of Trustees, supported by the Select Board

### **Structure Grant for South Street Bridge:**

Paul Donaldson: sorry, Ron, I'm doing all the talking

Ron Kelly: That's alright by me- laughter

Paul Donaldson: met with Brian Sanderson, Ron requested funds to work on approach

- the State knows we need to fix it- it is the Village side
- \$1,300 grant money, for asphalt- could fix guard rail
- must wait until new fiscal year
- there is a distinction between Village and Town on Bridge

### **VT AOT Finel Hollow Bridge – Utility Relocation Order:**

Paul Donaldson: this looks like a standard form to me, go ahead and sign, with the understanding, that I will hold until Neal Vreeland, says "ok", this is a standard form

### **Town Plan Unified Bylaws:**

Paul Donaldson: these are rules- need to enforce rule- if don't like then must change through due process

### **Road Report:**

Ron Kelly reported the following:

- 1) grading and filling potholes
- 2) River Street Project, with natural resources, Josh Carvajal needs stream bank permit, it's \$200 for permit  
Terry Williams: you can use slate, big rocks, come and get them
- 3) Tom Coloutti: take a drive down dirt roads, Lily Hill Road, to see what they're using  
Ron Kelly: it's called SLC
- 4) Green Up Day coming up May 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Personnel Rules and Regulations:**

Ron Kelly: Highway Occupational Drug Testing- Random drug testing

### **Bianca Zanella, Community Service and Outreach Coordinator at Green Mountain College:**

- Poultney 2020 Spring Meeting next Thursday May 4, 2017 @ 6-8 pm  
-everyone invited
- College has 230 incoming freshmen

- May13, 2017 commencement

### **Dale Kerber:**

- 1) due to crash, need two more rims - \$200 ea. (two more summer tires)
  - tire pressure monitors (expensive) state contract price
  - Poultney put in accident claim, USAA to pay- now going to attorney to see if worth pursuing- never found the car
  - Terry Williams: get estimate -2 tires, 2 rims, 2 tire pressure monitors
- 2) programming system not funded- Poultney Police Department name a Police Chief
  - police chief only in name- funded same way as Constable
  - Terry Williams: once you name a Police Chief, almost impossible to undo
  - Jeff King: would have to put out to a vote to citizens of Poultney
  - Dale Kerber- it's a technicality, the Department of Public Safety doesn't give out stats I need access too
  - Jeff King: I need to look up statue

### **Health Officer:**

- Paul Donaldson took 28 cats from elderly woman's home, at least another 10 should go -feces everywhere, horrible condition
- Terry Williams: looked into situation, this is not an issue for Health Officer, because not public
- building across street from Town Office- should it be condemned? Village issue

### **Other:**

- Paul Donaldson: Todd Eaton, Church Group, to clean up cemetery in South Poultney April 29<sup>th</sup>-Jeff Holcomb to work with them, need Ron to pick up piles of rubbish
  - around The Green make into one way street
- Frank Fressie: there's likely to be opposition from locals who drive it daily
- Neisja Crawford: request from Carol Bunce
    - 1) may the Town purchase gift for an employee's new baby birth?
      - Jeff King: take up donation from employees, Select Board will happily contribute individually, but do not use Town funds
    - 2) request Town funds to purchase new patriotic buntings / decoration for Town office, for Memorial Day and Fourth of July, requesting between \$100-\$150
      - Jeff King: permission granted
      - Terry Williams: show estimate

### **Executive Session:**

only for Board Members and Town Manager

**Board Orders:**

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Coloutti seconded motion. Motion carried

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s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper