

# Poultney Board of Selectmen

## Meeting

**Monday, May 8, 2017 – 6:30 pm**

Poultney Town Hall

### Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 4/24/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Class 2 Road Paving Grant
  - VT AOT Finel Hollow Bridge – Utility Relocation Order- reviewed by Town Attorney
  - Fire Truck Purchase
  - Planning Commission hearings re: revisions to zoning bylaws
  - Delinquent tax collection
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Health Officers Report
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

## Meeting Minutes

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### Poultney Town Hall

Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly, Highway Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper

**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 4/24/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

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

#### **Safe Biking and Walking to School:**

Group of Children and Parents in attendance (see sign in sheet):

Children read statement:

- group of children with adult chaperone(s) walking to and from school (with group getting larger) approximately 20 kids, meeting at safe spots along the way
- requesting Select Board to install, flashing, “walk – do not walk”, signal on stop light intersection on Main Street at Dunkin Doughnuts
- install another bike rack at school

Parent, Elizabeth Kyhill, called VT Department of Transportation

Paul Donaldson, also made call, waiting to hear back regarding programmable controls, and signal length of time

Terry Williams: State will want to do traffic study, what about bike safety training, no riding on sidewalks

Jesse Kyhill, thinks riding on side walk is age based

Tim Johnson, with Johnson & Son Bikeworks, League of American Cyclists, is offering classes, ten and up start to use street -but does not know Town Bylaws?

Jesse Kyhill, works for Fair Haven School- would crossing guard be funded by Poultney School?

Jeff King: let's start off by painting cross walk

Elizabeth Kyhill: We are willing to fund raise

Paul Donaldson: maybe we can make the light a little bit longer

Elizabeth Kyhill: or maybe longer in the morning

Terry Williams: look for grants to get a new system

George Miller: What is your route? The cross walk at the college is not as busy

Elizabeth Kyhill: current route down Main Street, meeting several children at "safe spots" along the way

Tim Johnson: Is there a Town Rule about riding on side walk?

Paul Donaldson: I don't think so

Elizabeth Kyhill: let us know what we can do to help

Jeff King: thank you

### **Road Report:**

Ron Kelly reported the following:

- 1) no grants Class II funding, on \$95,000.00 budgeted every year
- 2) continue to patch road, changed several culverts
- 3) Jeff King: By June 12<sup>th</sup> we should have a pretty good idea where we stand for paving and culvert work
  - York Street Extension cost \$86,000 out of \$95,000

Terry Williams: companies are messing up roads, can we call their insurance?

Ron Kelly: using some culverts left over, in stock

- Need to do repair about 6, not sure of exact number, two Hillside, Clark hollow (RT 140),
- Old galvanized is rotting out, black plastic crushes if too close to service
- Hillside Rd, dealing with beavers hiding in culverts
- **has approval** from the State & Wildlife division to deal with beavers
  - is getting approval from land owner to trap beavers

### **VT AOT Finel Hollow Bridge – Utility Relocation Order- reviewed by Town Attorney:**

Paul Donaldson: *Neal Vreeland* said ok

### **Fire Truck Purchase:**

Ron Kelly wanted to formally thank Fire Department for letting him use their facility for a meeting

Aaron Kerber: see Captains Report

- still holding Dec 8<sup>th</sup> quote
- having to wait for USDA
- cost of truck is increasing

Jeff King: go ahead and order truck

Jeff King to Paul Donaldson: ask Frank Fressie and Tom Coloutti if they agree

### **Planning Commission hearings re: revisions to zoning bylaws:**

Paul Donaldson: re: quarrying setback, 14 cubic yds. of fill, and other regulations - going to set hearing date

Dollar General: a lot of zoning issues- zoning bylaws are very specific. They are NOT guidelines.

### **Delinquent Tax Collection:**

- Paul Donaldson: trying to clean up delinquents that will never pay -come forward and ask for abatement
- collection attorney rates:
  - first letter sent at paralegal rate
  - then charge 15% collection fee
  - going to get second quote from another attorney's office

Terry Williams: don't waste tax payer's money collecting

### **Health Officer:**

Terry Williams reported the following:

- talked with Tom Sykes, landlord at 932 E Main Street, regarding complaint of exposed wires and lead paint
  - requested complaint in writing- never got letter
  - there was no lead paint and all minor issues were fixed the next day
- need Select Boards approval for notebook and camera- talked to Vinnie Covino- can get for \$300

George Miller made a motion to approve the \$300 budget for notebook / camera. Terry Williams seconded motion. Motion carried

Terry Williams: question to Paul Donaldson- is there a leash law for cats?

Paul Donaldson: no

Terry Williams: did a drive-by of Goforth- received letter of complaint of previous owners burning of carcinogens- this is a civil matter

**Executive Session:**

N/A

**Board Orders:**

Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

8:08 pm George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Williams seconded motion. Motion carried

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s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper