

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 5/8/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - 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

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Monday, May 22, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Poultney Town Hall

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

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

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/8/17. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

Legion Riders Motorcycle Club:

Deb McMurry: requesting approval to take the old flagpole that stood at Stonebridge and erect at the St. Raphael's Cemetery

The pole was badly damaged in the 2014 wind storm -Walt (Village maintenance crew) said he thought the remains of the pole were in the cellar of Stonebridge

Paul Donaldson: said he's been in the cellar and does not recall seeing the pole

-you'll need to contact Karen Atwood, head of the Cemetery, for permission to place the pole there

Jeff King: if the remains of the pole are still in storage, how does the board feel?

Tom Coloutti made a motion to give the Legion Riders the flag pole. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

George Miller: Does Town normally give the Legion money?

Jeff King: Town gives \$1,000 for Memorial Day flags

Tom Coloutti: flag at Town office looks like it's ready to be replaced

Paul Donaldson: talk to Betsy Wescott, the Clerks Office takes care of the flag

Tom Coloutti: what about a POW flag for the month of May, and can they hang from the same pole?

Terry Williams: ask Betsy

Fank Fressie to George Miller: does the Legion have any extra flags from funerals

George Miller: flags for funerals are received from the Vt Dept of Military Affairs

Tom Coloutti made a motion to purchase new flag for the Town Hall flag pole. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

Road Report:

Ron Kelly reported the following:

1) milk truck hit bridge no. 2 on Rt 140

- the bridge is on the accelerated bridge repair program
- contacted District 3 structure representative to look at, but have not heard back from yet
- presently on the Spring 2018 work schedule (hope to start sooner)
- need to jack-hammer some ledge, must contact Agency of Natural Resources, River Management

2) on-going grading

- Leap Frog Nursery School for Community Day
- installed wider shoulder on Rt 140 right hand side toward Middletown Springs -shored up with slate products
Tom Coloutti: Did Josh Cargill look at?
Ron Kelley: yes
- Morse Hollow Rd
Tom Coloutti: did you work on culvert
Ron Kelly: started right next to it – going to have to work in the river, called Agency of Natural Resources – guard rail hanging in mid air
Paul Donaldson: Morse Hollow Rd was an emergency repair

3) Tom Beatty is working for the Town again

-paying him \$16.40 for expertise none of us have

Terry Williams: What are you going to do when you don't have him anymore?

Ron Kelley: -Richard Ferguson can't run, he operates back-hoe

-the conversion valve is \$8,000

Terry Williams: how old is the machine?

Ron Kelly: 1995, purchased about 4 – 5 years ago, paid \$25,000

Tom Coloutti: track or wheels?

Ron Kelly: track

Paul Donaldson: should we put money in budget to change controls?

4) Replaced culverts at East Road, Clark Hollow

Tom Coloutti: -and look at East Poultney Rd on the store side

Town Managers Report:

Planning Commission hearings re: revisions to zoning bylaws:

- Paul Donaldson: working with Neal Vreeland to set date called Bob Williams
still have not seen the petition
- Ms. Silverman, neighbor, Hilltop Slate, looked at and does appear to be in violation

Fire Truck Purchase:

Paul Donaldson: reluctant to order if not sure have funding

- showed to Neal Vreeland- reluctant to give opinion
- called VLCT- no contingency financing

Terry Williams: are they still holding?

Paul Donaldson: yes, lease company, building company and Aaron Kerber- all pushing to go ahead

-Frank Fressie and Tom Coloutti were not present at the last meeting- talked with, and both agree that we should proceed if sure financing is good

Delinquent Tax Collection:

- collection attorneys:
 - talked to another attorney
 - can do only 20 at a time
 - the other firm will take on all

Tom Coloutti: how long?

Paul Donaldson: will take about 3 months, then get 20 more

-Same process- send letter

-cost \$25 per letter

- first firm was \$75 / hour, paralegal rate and 15%

- this firm only charges out of pocket, if nobody buys at tax sale and if the Town doesn't buy properties, then this attorney doesn't get paid

Frank Fressie: how are people to get a letter to be determined?

Paul Donaldson: attorney wants Town to have a policy

Frank Fressie: there should be a degree of equality amongst everyone

Jeff King: agreed

Terry Williams: where is this cost coming out of the budget?

Jeff King: 15% comes out of collected delinquent taxes

- like to get documentation from second attorney so we can make a decision at the next meeting

Jeff King: any news on crosswalks?

Paul Donaldson: it is Village- requesting grant money to assist with crosswalk- did webinar- Elizabeth Kyhill willing to help

Zoning:

Paul Donaldson: presently working on 5 – 6 applications

- two instances where people want fill from Town
Town issued permit

The Town is participating and people are cooperating

Terry Williams: is anyone checking to see if a state permit is required?

- Is it certified clean fill?
- Are we violating some state law?

Paul Donaldson: if it is near water or on top of a neighbor

Health Officer:

Terry Williams no report

Paul Donaldson: talked with Vinnie Covino

- gave go ahead to get iPad and yearly subscription for word, cost about \$400

Executive Session:

Tom Coloutti made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45PM to discuss personnel matters. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 8:21PM, Terry Williams made a motion to exist Executive Session. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Board Orders:

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

Adjournment:

George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried

s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper