

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 7/10/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Planning Commission Hearing August 2, 2017
 - Tax Rate
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 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, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper and Todd Eaton, Vermont Better Roads Program

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

Approval of Minutes: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/10/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

Jeff King reported: Mary Anne Stoneberg, brought to his attention, the party (last Saturday) at the Stone Valley Art Center, lasted until 1:00 am.

Road Report:

Ron Kelly reported the following:

- Talked to Brian Sanderson, posted signs on bridge, to make an effort to alert people
- sent Ray Petty and Matt Sears to OSHA 10 class, now they can move on to heavy equipment training
- Pike Paving won't give ETA until sign contract
repair work for:
 - York Street Extension
 - approach to bridge
- hwy crew shimmed culvert on Route 31 where it's sunk in, maintaining washout

Terry Williams: was there anything to put into FEMA

Ron Kelley: no

- hard rock pile crushed clean 5.25 yds from Chet McLellan
Sure pack- smaller crushed rock
Presently using left over rock for reconstruction projects

- Two more roads to complete first round of mowing, Evergreen and Amerio

Paul Donaldson: permits are being issued -recently a contractor got a permit for a gravel driveway at lake

Terry Williams: What's going on with the excavator?

Ron Kelley: Nothing. It's going to cost \$8,000 to change the controls

Todd Eaton: look into clean diesel grant fund

Ron Kelley: DEF or better emissions system

Terry Williams: people told him the excavator was sitting on Morse hollow Road for 8 weeks, worried that windows may get smashed

Ron Kelley: it was up there for about 3-4 weeks since end of June, when digging. Moved it back to the shop today.

Town Managers Report:

- Paul Donaldson: Green Mountain Power, has right of way on the Green, cutting the 140 side of the tree down. Two branches are compromised...should the entire tree come down?
Todd Eaton, with the Vermont Better Roads Program: should probably paint another Maple tree
- Have had more calls regarding Planning Commission Hearing, revisions to zoning bylaws – regardless of what the Planning Commission recommends, the Select Board will probably have to have its own hearing
- The next Planning Commission meeting is August 2, 2017
Terry Williams: what types of complaints have you had?
Paul Donaldson: one neighbor, in particular, filed a complaint (they had their own engineer look at problem area), gave the neighbor a notice of violation
-two people have complained of dumping over the years
-there is a lot of misinformation
- Many complaints of chickens
- in the past, the Town had bylaws regulating chickens, then at some point, the Vermont Dept. of Agriculture stepped in and told the Town we could not regulate, now the Vermont Dept. of Agriculture says the Town can implement bylaws

Jeff King: have you looked into the trussel?

Paul Donaldson: No, not yet, been very busy

- Tax Rate

Jeff King: What will we have left over?

Paul Donaldson: anticipated \$116,000 surplus carry thru to keep taxes down

- Board of Civil authority meeting in August to hear tax grievances
- Fuel oil is out for bid

Health Officer:

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Bob Johnson dog bite is resolved
- Does the Town have water testing and radon kits?
Paul Donaldson: not anymore, I will make telephone call
- Delaney violation of salvage yard rule
Paul Donaldson: given notice to clean up, state will check for cleanup progress

Executive Session:

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 7:14 pm. George Miller seconded motion. Motion carried

s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper