

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, August 28, 2017 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 8/14/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
    - Finel Hollow Bridge Necessity / Compensation Hearing
- 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, Tom Coloutti, Frank Fressie, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly, Highway Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, Betsy Sinnott, and Jonas Rosenthal

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/14/17. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Public Comments and Concerns:**

Castleton University called the Town, looking for a community service project, for incoming Freshmen. Paul Donaldson suggested the Jewish Cemetery in East Poultney. Approximately twenty students showed up around 10:15 am, Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. They cleared brush from, both sides, full length, of one fence. The students worked for about 1.5 hrs. Paul Donaldson and his wife, Kimberly, spent the remainder of the afternoon finishing the brush clearing project.

**Road Report:**

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- while Ron was on vacation, Pike Industries paved from John Tatko Quarry to Fair Haven Line
- Pike paved the approach to the bridge and repaired culvert for approximately \$84,000 (had budgeted \$95,000, save difference for road items)

-waiting on Lafayette for guard rails

- continued grading and filling large holes
- purchased a new loader tire
- completed paperwork and gave to Neisja to submit for fuel exemption
- highway department's underground storage tank was tested

Tom Coloutti: the highway crew was doing limb work on Morse Hollow Rd., Why weren't they using the chipper?

Ron Kelley: I wasn't there, I'll have to ask.

Tom Coloutti: a truck was seen with slate, what was this?

Ron Kelley: received stone from Vermont Structural for Finel Hollow Rd, Pond Hill and Highland Gray Rd. (the last of the "big" roads)

-Vermont Structural loads the "top rock" absolutely free, so they load at their convenience

-the highway crew has been trained by MSHA, document is filed quarterly reporting number of hours highway crew is in quarry

Paul Donaldson: On August 30<sup>th</sup>, we will meet with representative from Vermont Department of Labor, Project Work Safe, will tour buildings / facilities, to make sure we are in compliance with VOSHA and OSHA regulations (for Town and Village).

### **Town Managers Report:**

-Letters & Communications

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Scott Saltis complaints

Talked to two law enforcement officers- they cannot initiate any sort of mental health detention

Terry Williams: Who did you talk to?

Paul Donaldson: Dale Kerber and Ed Hunter

Paul Donaldson: - most of the people complaining, do not want to get involved

- someone on College Street gave him permission to stay on their property

- he has been served no trespass orders on some properties

- Fill permits- have been issued for Town ditching; people asking if fill can be dropped on their property
  - The applicant takes responsibility if the fill negatively impacts their neighbors
  - Tom Coloutti: Has the DRB made any progress about fill regulation and quarry set back?

Paul Donaldson: I need to notice it, the second meeting is scheduled September 18<sup>th</sup>

- The biggest issue is, the board could not come to an agreement and make a recommendation to the Select Board

Jeff King: I want all board members kept up to date on everything that is happening.

If the meeting is in October, while Tom Coloutti is on vacation, make sure we have email to send everything for him to review.

### **Transact Any Other Lawful Business:**

- Frank Fressie: Getting more outdoor parties, and noise issues at the Arts Center, has any progress been made?

Paul Donaldson: Talked to David Mook, about holding these kinds of events- will need to revisit the permit

Tom Coloutti: What about wine tastings at the vineyard? How do they handle tastings without a permit?

Paul Donaldson: state permit for agriculture, not events. I will have to visit the folks at the vineyard.

Jeff King: Parties must have a curfew.

Frank Fressie: They're imposing on their neighbors.

George Miller: Who's carding?

Paul Donaldson: The caterers.

Terry Williams: The Masons had functions there.

Paul Donaldson: It's a DRB issue.

- Jonas Rosenthal stopped by the Select Board meeting to bring to the Boards attention, that the Slate Quarry Park's construction project will need to be closely reviewed. As it stands now, it looks like the architect / engineer, has designed the drain, to tie into the sewer system, which is a big concern.

Paul Donaldson: Larry Sullivan has asked that the Slate Quarry Park be put on September's agenda.

**Health Officer:**

Paul Donaldson: While Terry was out, a dog bite from a Husky was reported. Dog bit 4 year old child on left eyelid. Dog was registered, rabies vaccinated and on owner's property. The child did not need stitches. The wound was treated with a steri-strip. Talked to the child's mother (will have Terry contact her). Gave Terry the report.

Paul Donaldson: Another dog bite was reported on the Lake St. Catherine. I called the dog owner, but he has not returned my call. Coincidentally, a neighbor to the dog owner, came to Town office, last week, and made a complaint about the same dogs running loose (and that one on the dog's bit his wife, last year, on the hand, but they did not report it).

**Executive Session:**

no session

**Board Orders:**

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Coloutti seconded motion. Motion carried

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s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper