

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 9/11/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - i) Petition to Amend Bylaws, re: Section 417: Slate Mining, Section 418: Slate Processing, Section 1424: Site Development
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Scoping Study, Thrall Road Bridge
 - RRPC, appointment of Commissioner
 - RRPC, Municipal Planning Grant, Economic Study
 - Project Work Safe, second visit done on 9-20-17
- 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, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, Charlie Baptie, Matt McCoy and members of slate industry (see sign in sheet attached)

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 9/11/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Members of the Slate Industry attended the Select Board meeting to discuss amending the Bylaws, re: Section 417: Slate Mining, Section 418: Slate Processing, Section 1424: Site Development.
 - The aforementioned bylaws are still under review of the Planning Commission.
 - The purpose of the discussion was to facilitate further understanding of the slate industries complaints of current restrictions under Bylaws and proposed amendments
 - Matt McCoy: voiced concern of uncertain and negative impact, changes to the Bylaws, could have on the community
 - Terry Williams and Frank Fressie: both suggested that the members of the slate industry designate a spokesperson to present unified recommendations to the Select Board
- Wooden Bridge East Poultney
 - Charlie Baptie voiced concern about the deteriorated condition of the wooden bridge, leading to State Conservation Land, and the bridges ability to withstand the increased traffic of hunting season
 - Terry Williams: in the event of a fire, the bridge does need to be able to support emergency vehicles
 - Paul Donaldson will call the State

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Working on the Finel Hollow Road Grant
 - raising up the road, found old culverts that need to be replaced, going to request grant supplement to cover expense
 - stabilizing all ditches, stone lined with slate from Vermont Structural, to slow water down
 - work is about half finished
 - Terry Williams: How is Tom Beatty (excavator operator) being paid?
 - Ron Kelly: His labor is coming out of the grant and not our regular labor budget
 - Terry Williams: Where are we with training highway guys (excavator operation)?
 - Ron Kelley: Petty and Sears already completed OSHA certification and training is tentatively set for spring
- Presently have about 2,220 yards of sand. With about 200 more yards, the stock pile will be full, and it should last all winter
- Priced new excavator with company in Rindge, New Hampshire
 - 2012 CAT308 with 2,100 hours (equipped with valve to switch controls)
 - this model is the next size down from current excavator
 - originally asked \$61,000, but then countered offer for \$59,00 including delivery
- Also priced a brush mower, weighs 740 pounds
 - seller asked \$13,300, will accept \$10,000 from the Town
- Presently paying Jim Seamans approximately \$7,500 annually for mowing
- Will cost about \$8,000 to change control valve on current excavator

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Letters & Communications
- Scoping Study, Thrall Road Bridge
 - Vtrans is at least a year out
 - will call Eric House, structural engineer, with AOT, to discuss temporary fix, possibly a stop light or guard rail
- RRPC, appointment of Commissioner
 - Select Board had already signed document from the clerk, but was misplaced
 - appointment of Gerri Harrison as Commissioner
 - appointment of Paul Donaldson as Alternate

- RRPC, Municipal Planning Grant, Economic Study
 - applying for Grant, we can get money for organization to do analysis, to show banks
 - the analysis will shine a light on how much money is leaving town
 - help identify location for bank
 - will also look at what else Poultney needs
- Project Work Safe, second visit scheduled for 9-20-17
 - completed the second visit, found minor problems
 - the representative, is generating a report, including the list of violations with time frame to complete all items

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

- Frank Fressie: people are speeding very fast down Endless Brook Rd
- Paul Donaldson: met with Sheriff, he talked to a couple of people, on Thrall Rd, regarding speeding issue

Health Officer:

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Case closed regarding dog bit at 160 College Street involving 4 yr. old child
- The dog owner gave the rabies certificate, from the veterinarian, to Paul Donaldson
- No new cases

Executive Session:

none

Board Orders:

George Miller made a motion to pay board orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried

Adjournment:

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Williams seconded motion. Motion carried