

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 9/25/17
- 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
 - Project Work Safe
- 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, Road Foremanj, and members of the public, Chris Smid (accompanied by his two minor children), Doug Sheldon, Matt McCoy, Kendra Walden, and Dennis Walden.

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 9/25/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Chris Smid representing Members of the Slate Industry attended the meeting and presented a map showing setbacks in North Poultney of 200 feet from houses as opposed to 200 feet from property lines. Paul Donaldson stated the Planning Commission has not yet had another meeting to send proposals to the Selectboard. Members of the board inquired as to when the Slate Quarry Group would be meeting again, and Mr. Smid stated they would meet in the next couple of weeks. Paul Donaldson will forward the proposals to Mr. Smid that the Planning Commission has agreed upon so he can use those in his next meeting with his group. Mr. and Mrs. Walden expressed concerns with blasting close to property lines and close to water sources, as they had to spend \$3,000 recently to hydro-frac their well. Discussions regarding decibel levels as well.
- Paul Donaldson has reported that neighbors of Hilltop Slate operation, the Silvermans are alleging that their water source has been adversely impacted by mining. There are a number of agencies from the state that are investigating the activities of Hilltop. Paul Donaldson has reported cracks in the road to MSHA.
- Matt McCoy voiced concern of uncertain and negative impact, changes to the Bylaws, could have on the community, there needs to be a balance of all taxpayers' interest

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Winter sand is in, there is less than 3,000 yards
- The crew has been working on the Finel Hollow/Pond Hill. Highland Grey Intersection
- They found an old 30 inch culvert under the road and replaced it with a new 24 inch culvert
- Crew has been grading and putting chloride on the road
- Working with Rutland Planning Commission on a 18K\$ Grant-In-Aid project
- We believe Hilltop Slate had damaged York Street Ext. as there are new cracks near where they are blasting
- Terry Williams asked if the roller is used every time the grader is used, Ron said yes, and that the compaction is much better, and the \$6,200 spent to fabricate it has probably already paid for itself
- Terry Wills asked about a stone culvert near Hicks property and whether it would be replaced. Ron stated no present plan to replace it
- Paul Donaldson and Ron Kelly have discussed Ames Hollow Road and whether to replace the bridge and the funding for the same contributed by the State

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Letters & Communications: no other

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

-None

Health Officer:

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Case worker from DCF has reached out regarding the habitability of house where Mike Battles was recently deceased. The case worker never called Terry back

Executive Session: None

Board Orders:

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

Adjournment:

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

s/Paul Donaldson, Town Manager