

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 10/23/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - i) Petition to Amend Bylaws, re: Section 417: Slate Mining, Section 418: Slate Processing, Section 1424: Site Development
 - ii) Sheriff Stephen Benard, Rutland County Sheriff, presentation
 - iii) Kathleen Guinness, Rutland County Volunteer Climate Coalition
 - iv) Ryan Ihrke, Office of Sustainability, Green Mountain College, Resiliency Plan
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Project Work Safe (due date of December 20, 2017)
 - Ames Hollow Bridge
- 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. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, Sheriff Stephen Benard, Kathleen Guinness, Ryan Ihrke, and members of slate industry and towns people (see sign in sheet)

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/23/17. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Jeff King: The Select Board received the Planning Commission's recommendation today, regarding the petition to Amend Bylaws, re: Section 417: Slate Mining, Section 418: Slate Processing, Section 1424: Site Development.
 - Jeff King: Not all Select Board members have had a chance to read it yet.
 - Warn one more time to address concerns of transparency.
 - Note in the warning that the Planning Commission recommendation is available at the Town office.
 - Terry Williams: Which pits are actually grandfathered?
 - Paul Donaldson: No list of active 250 quarries
 - Craig Markcrow, Vermont Structural Slate: Did the Planning Commission get a copy of the recommendations we put together?
 - Paul Donaldson: Yes.
 - Chris Smid: Make all minutes available on website.

Tom Coloutti made a motion to have a hearing, for the petition to Amend Bylaws, re: Section 417: Slate Mining, Section 418: Slate Processing, Section 1424: Site Development, on December 11, 2017, then make a decision the following Select Board meeting. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

-Steve Taran: Maybe move the meeting to a bigger room.

-possibly at the High School Library

- York Street Extension resident: Why did you give Hilltop Slate a cease and desist, if you're not going to make them stop?

- Paul Donaldson: To put him on notice. I hired an engineer to look at the road where they were blasting to see if it's been damaged.

- Stephen Benard, Rutland County Sheriff, presentation

-Contract increase of approximately 2.25 %

-Paul Donaldson: What about scheduling and continuity?

-Sheriff Benard: The goal is one deputy assigned here and will stagger up the patrol for time-off. The Department is having a meeting tomorrow night. We'll be discussing nine patrolmen dedicated to four towns (not to include Poultney to start).

-Paul Donaldson: Is James Bennick going to stay here?

-Sheriff Benard: I will know more after tomorrow's meeting.

-Terry Williams: Concerned about repeat speeding offender(s) and overweight vehicles.

-Sheriff Benard: Contact Kevin Geno with the Highway Safety Program, you can also call me directly.

- Terry Williams: What is the procedure when contacting the police?

-Sheriff Benard: If it's an emergency, call 911. For non-emergency call the Sheriff Department. If my office doesn't have anyone who can come, we can flip it to the State Police, but I leave that up to you. If can wait, James Bennick will return your call. Again, you can always call me direct.

-Frank Fressie: Do we have access to data banks?

-Sheriff Benard: We get media updates of what other officers are doing every twelve hours. I'm also urging our guys to attend Town festivals and gatherings, if only for a short time, just to be available to people. I've been putting out weekly stats to Front Porch Forum and WVNR.

- Also, you can get access to all officer's activity reports by logging onto, rutlandsheriff.net (I will give Paul login and password).

- Kathleen Guinness, Rutland County Volunteer Climate Coalition

-here to get a resolution for Town meeting

-gave Select Board members hand-out of the Resoultion (they read it)

-Paul Donaldson: If you want to put this in front of the voters, you'll need to get a 110 names.

-Jeff King: It's a complex issue. You'll have to be the one to speak about it.

- Kathleen Guinness: That's fine, I'm happy to do so, it's why I'm here.

- Ryan Ihrke, Office of Sustainability, Green Mountain College, Resiliency Plan
 - We are here about disaster preparedness, trying to mitigate risks and vulnerabilities
 - Paul Donaldson: The Town does have an Action Plan.
 - Ryan Ihrke: We're looking for areas we can collaborate.
 - Terry Williams: Incident Training with Sean Galvin. I did the training about two yrs ago.
 - and make sure all your buildings on campus are up to code, maybe call the Fire Department to set up an inspection. Does the College have generators?
 - Ryan Ihrke: No.
 - Jeff King: You may want to call your insurance company or VOSHA, you'll find that when you're proactive, they welcome the assist.
 - Frank Fressie: The Senior Center may likely need help during a critical time.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Work Safe Project items are all complete
- Installed a new part on the furnace (water jacket)
- Two sand and salt trucks are ready
- Trying a pretreated mixture for the first time (it's more expensive, but I want to see how it works)
 - Tom Coloutti: What preparations are left for winter?
 - Ron Kelley: Need to put the sanders on the back of trucks.
 - Tom Coloutti: Is there still more grading?
 - Ron Kelley: Yes.
 - Tom Coloutti: When do you all go back to five days' work week?
 - Ron Kelley: After deer season. The guys are on call. Recently replaced two pagers, so where ever they are, they'll get the page.
- Guardrails came in for Grove / South Street Bridge -the work was completed by FR Lafayette. It was a grant project through the state.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Ames Hollow Road
 - Looked into the Statue to either discontinue or move from class III to class IV
 - It looks like it's going to be easier to make it a class IV road
 - Talked to the Town attorney, Neal Vreeland. The road will need to be resurveyed (unless we already have a survey). A survey will be very expensive.
 - Tom Coloutti: Have you looked into roads given up in the past?
 - Paul Donaldson: I will contact Mike Bradley about the road. He may know of a survey. He has a lot of institutional knowledge.
 - I reached out to Josh Carvahol, have not heard back from him yet. We can only put a ford in if we change to class IV road.

- Working with Bob Williams on records request for last three years of DRB and Planning Commission minutes.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

- Mutual aid between the Town and Village
 - Paul Donaldson: trying to come up with a solution that will appear more equitable
 - The Village plows Town Hall, Fire House and Stonebridge
 - The Town plows Village roads, namely South Street and Granville Street
 - discussed with Ron the possibility of contributing salt to the Village
 - give 2001 one-ton pick-up truck to Village
 - Terry Williams: Can we equate to man hours?
 - Ton Coloutti: Do you need the truck?
 - Ron Kelley: No.
 - Jeff King: Lets just give them the truck. Does the Board feel ok with this?
 - Frank Fressie: Ask them what they think its worth.
 - Paul Donaldson: I haven't talked to the Village Board yet.
 - Jeff King: See what happens Thursday night.
- Jeff King: How should we handle any questions we may have, as we read over all the documents, regarding the amendments to the bylaws?
 - Paul Donaldson: If you have any questions, you can submit them to me.

Health Officer:

- Paul Donaldson: CB Hall called about a dog
 - Terry Williams: received two informal complaints, dog owner has been warned twice
- Terry Williams: received three calls about a rental property
 - water supply violation (water is coming from a brook, not a well)
 - report of mold
 - I told her these are violations I will give to the landlord

Executive Session:

none

Board Orders:

Tom Coloutti 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