

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 11/13/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Health Officers Report
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Tom Coloutti called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Coloutti, Frank Fressie, Terry Williams. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelly Highway Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper

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

Approval of Minutes: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/3/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Paul Donaldson: Met with an engineer, George Dupont, to look at the road where Hilltop Slate is quarrying on York Street Extension. Mr. Dupont wrote a letter, stating that in his opinion, the road has not been damaged by their operations or hauling. The Silverman's are still requesting some action from the Town to stop Hilltop's operations.
- Paul Donaldson: The Development Review Board is conducting a hearing, December 12, 2017, regarding a church, to be located behind where the Dollar General is supposed to be. There is strong opposition against anything, other than industrial, at that location.
- Paul Donaldson: The Environmental Court has not reached a decision yet regarding Dollar General.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Completed grading on Hampshire Hollow Rd., Morse Hollow Rd., East Rd., and the Trailer Park.
- The smaller truck is set up with sander.
- Installed a new hot water heater at the Town Garage.
- Purchased gravel for shoulders on York Street Extension.
- Need about 100 more yards of crushed stone to finish Griffin Hill Grant.
- Will work on Lewis Rd. before winter

- hydro seeding, borrowing Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation's equipment, we are buying the seeds and tackifier. Castleton will send one person to work with us, because we let them use our screen.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Tax Sale
 - Attorney is putting together final demand letter
 - Select Board signed a warrant authorizing Town Manager to collect the taxes
 - Frank Fressie: How are the letters going out?
 - Paul Donaldson: All letters are going out at the same time.
 - -Paul Donaldson: There are several mobile homes on the delinquent tax list that haven't been in Town for several years. Trying to urge abatement.
- Received several calls, from vendors of the Craft Fair at the High School, regarding parking tickets they received, issued by the Constable, for parking in the Fire Lane
- Tom Coloutti: Have you been looking at budget items?
 - Paul Donaldson: Presently we're working on health insurance.
 - Tom Coloutti: Reminder that some selectmen terms are expiring and will need to be put on the ballot.

Captain's Report

Aaron Kerber reported the following:

- September / October activity report
- Looked at finalized drawings of new truck
 - parts are getting lined up in assembly
 - should hear more in December / January
 - The truck should arrive at beginning of May 2018
- Requesting more authority to ticket violators for burning unauthorized items
- Lock Box keys
 - requesting all auto fire alarm systems have lock boxes so Fire Dept can gain entry without waiting for someone with a key arrive to let them in
- Ladder Truck for sale
 - initially requested sale price of \$20,000, but the lister said the last similar truck sold for \$14,000 (and it was a hard sale)
 - Terry Williams will list truck on Craigslist
 - Tom Coloutti: What were the Ladder Truck sale funds originally earmarked for?
 - Aaron Kerber: Nothing, going to put money received from sale back into the equipment fund.
- Recruiting Challenges
 - Looking into ways to compensate volunteers monetarily for their time / lost wages when they respond to an emergency call.

- Terry Williams: Contact Ryan Ihrke at Green Mountain College
- Tom Coloutti: Have you done any area news advertising?
- Aaron Kerber: Yes, in the Free Press and Town Report.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

none

Health Officer:

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Terry Williams: rat complaint- the neighboring property is not taking care of their garbage
- Terry Williams: talked to Kelley Oney's landlord, gave him a check list and 30 days to complete violations

Executive Session:

none

Board Orders:

Terry Williams 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

s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper