

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 3/26/18
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Planning Commission recommendation re: Amendments to Bylaws
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications: Letter from Quarry Valley Unified Union School re: vacancy on the school board
 - Liquor Licenses: American Legion; Compass Vermont (Green Mountain College)
 - National Day of Prayer (Pray for America) request to use park in front of town office (May 3, 2018 9:00 am)
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session
 - Personnel matters
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Poultney High School Library

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, Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, Dale Kerber and members of the slate and excavation industries.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/26/18. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Board discussion (members of the slate and excavation industries in attendance to observe): Planning Commission recommendation re: Amendments to Bylaws
 - Chairman, Jeff King started the board discussion reading from the *Supplemental Report of the Poultney Planning Commission 24 V.S.A. §4384 (c) Section 502: Other Restrictions Section H*. Then proceeded to read section 417. Mr. King further explained he had extensively read MSHA reports regarding water permeation through slate veins which could pass through to the bordering property and possible effects. Setback discussion followed.

Tom Coloutti made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of the 40' setback for new quarry operations. Terry Williams seconded the motion.

Neal Vreeland asked what the board was referring to, asserting that 417 only applies to new quarries. Mr. Vreeland further clarified, the Planning Commission recommended changes to existing quarries.

Tom Coloutti rescinded the motion and amended it to accept the setback recommended in the supplemental report.

Ernie DeMatties described the significance of a 100' setback, equating it to the size of the school gymnasium, around the entire quarry perimeter. Mr. DeMatties explained, the first

motion he proposed to the Planning Commission, of a 40' setback was rejected. At the last Planning Commission meeting, he proposed a 100' setback from residential structures and 40' for everything else.

Terry Williams made a motion, with regard to section 417, to accept Tom Coloutti's motion. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion.

The setback discussion continued, referring to sections 417 and 502 H, with overall misinterpretations.

Terry Williams withdrew his motion. This is very confusing; can we see the original document struck through?

Tom Coloutti made a motion to table the discussion until the board receives a clear "red lined" report from the Planning Commission, showing all changes. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussion then continued on to address site development, i.e., defining number of cubic yards of fill and number of loads to carry the fill for the first acre of land and permit requirements for subsequent loads. Paul Donaldson advised the board that all items in the Planning Commission's report should be postponed.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Filling potholes.
- Working on two Class III grants
 - Met with Mike Mullen to look at roads, asking for \$243,000 (we budget \$95,000).
- Cleaned out the Young at Heart
 - Removed duct work, bricks and all odds & ends.
 - Extended the pipe for the sump pump; ran 40' of drainage line.
- Still gathering excavator and truck information.
- Gravel is same price.
- AOT provides free line striping.
- Tom Coloutti: Who is responsible to repair the road if a pond breaks?
 - Meeting with Josh Caraval, on Finel Hollow Road, to not permit him to fill the pond again without a dam emergency spillway.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

Letters & Communications:

- Letter from Quarry Valley Unified Union School re: vacancy on the school board
 - No action required.
- National Day of Prayer (Pray for America) request to use park in front of town office (May 3, 2018 9:00 am).

- Requested by Reverend Harlow Gordon (agreed there will be no politics).

Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the use of the park for the National Day of Prayer event. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

- Liquor License Renewals: American Legion; Compass Vermont (Green Mountain College)

George Miller abstained. Terry Williams made a motion to approve Liquor License Renewals. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dale Kerber reported the following:

- Responded to a call last Monday and was exposed to blood contaminant, Hepatitis C. Reported to workers comp and is presently undergoing blood work.
- Aaron Kerber and two others from the Fire Department are going to a National Convention in Indianapolis. The new fire truck will be on display. Requesting permission from the board for the fire Department members to drive the Explorer to the convention. Going to talk to VLCT to make sure there are no issues.
 - Frank Fressie: Have Aaron provide some sort of paperwork e.g., conference brochure, for the record.

Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the use of the Explorer for the National Fireman's Convention. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The explorer broke down last week due to a radiator leak and has been repaired. There were two recalls, all taken care of. Presently looking into the cost of the extended warranty. Would the board like me to purchase the extended warranty?
 - The board responded yes.

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Public Safety Committee needs to be approved by the board:
 - Committee members, Terry Williams, Steve Brown, Doug Bishop, Jim Jordan and Dale Kerber.
 - The Committee's first meeting will be April 27, 2018.

Terry Williams abstained. Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the Public Safety Committee. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health Officer:

- Nothing to report.

Executive Session:

- Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 8:16PM. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- At 8:32PM Tom Coloutti made a motion to leave Executive Session. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. No action taken.

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. George Miller seconded motion. Motion carried.

s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper