

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

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 6/25/18
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Ames Hollow Road – trail vs. discontinuance vs. class downgrade
 - Floor -Young at Heart Senior Center
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 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 Foreman, and Adrew Ohl.

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

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/25/18. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Jeff King mentioned that someone had approached him with a problem with rodents, mainly rats, on Grove Street. Paul Donaldson stated he had seen one rat in his compost barrel and had been told at a hardware store in Rutland that rodent problems seem to come in waves and that store was having trouble keeping rat traps in stock lately. Discussion related to whether the rat problem in Poultney is related to open composting or grain for domestic animals, i.e. chickens.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Ditching on Pond Hill – stone lined ditches
- 40-foot 12” culvert on Ferncliff Road
- Mowing roadsides, starting on the dirt roads
- Terry Williams asked if the crew would repair the culvert near his house that was hit by the town. Ron stated they would.
- Fair Haven has requested to borrow our loader on Thursday, Friday and Monday. Discussion, and agreed they could provided Fair Haven insures it, and fixes any damage they cause.
- Discussion on various mutual aid projects with/between Castleton, Pawlet, Middletown Springs
- Middletown Springs wants to replace a culvert on the town line. Poultney will add 1/10 of a mile of paving when Pike paves at town line
- Terry Williams inquired as to whether there was a tree and a power line across High Road, Ron will investigate
- George Miller questioned whether the town has/plans to purchase a brush hog. Ron stated that he was looking at used excavators that could be equipped with a brush hog vs. possible replacing a truck.

- Frank Fressie questioned how much calcium chloride the town uses. Ron stated 6,000 gallons.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- The 4th of July celebration went well, we spent \$10,000 on the fireworks display, with \$5,000 received from a Hills & Hollows grant
- Neal Vreeland has been working on the Ames Hollow Road project, and inquires as to whether the town should downgrade it to a trail rather than discontinue. The town plan says that the public will enjoy access to the state land, and if its discontinued that could interfere with public access. Discussion followed. The board will need to conduct a site visit at some point as well. Paul Donaldson to check with the state as to whether the town can simply remove the bridge on Ames Hollow. The board believes classifying the road as a trail is appropriate.
- Paul Donaldson circulated a plan down by NBF in connection with the Young At Heart kitchen. Discussion on whether we should also have the roof looked at for repairs.
- Rick Roberts did a fireworks display on the lake. Discussion regarding debris entering the lake from the display. Paul Donaldson reported it is a professional company that does the display.

Letters & Communications:

- Animal Control Complaints.
 - Dog complaints

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

Paul Donaldson reported that the Grand List will be complete soon and we will need to set the tax rate. We should convene at the Town Office on July 16, 2018, at 10AM to set the tax rate.

Health Officer: None.

Executive Session: none

Board Orders: Terry Williams 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/Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager