

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Meeting

Monday, November 12, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 10/22/18
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Vermont Outdoor Recreation Communities pilot grant program – Jonas Rosenthal, Poultney Recreation Commissioner
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Young At Heart floor – Donaldson discussed with NBF ways to get bids down
 - Tax Sales: The Town bid on 2 parcels: Bowers, York Street Extension (\$620.84) and Betty Jean Hier/Margaret Crandall Trust, Lewis Road (\$16,128.35). The other 6 parcels went to high bidders.
 - Expenditure and Revenue Reports for 2017-2018 (Budget Discussions)
 - MHG Solar – Solar Net-Metering Credit Agreement proposal
 - Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
 - Poultney Public Library presentation – Rebecca Cook, Head Librarian and Bruce Williams, Chair of Library Board of Trustees
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King, called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, Tom Coloutti. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, Jonas Rosenthal, Rebecca Cook, Bruce Williams, and Tim Loomis.

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

Approval of Minutes: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/22/18. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Jonas Rosenthal presented to the board that the Poultney Recreation Department is working with members of the Slate Valley Trails Association to apply for a grant with the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Communities pilot grant program looking at ways to enhance or expand recreation opportunities for Poultney at large. They group is exploring creating maps that highlight recreation opportunities and businesses, exploring creating a bike pump park near the PES, stewardship advancements, and highlighting recreation destinations. Tom Coloutti made a motion to support this grant seeking opportunity. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Poultney Recreation Department is also seeking funding from Hills and Hollows for a puppet show on December 22.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- VTrans has visited South Street Bridge and recommended that the town remove a A-braces that are hanging in the river. VTrans state they are not a safety concern.
- VTrans did not look at the cement bridge on Morse Hollow.
- Ron requested that the town consider discontinuing Jay Drive which serves 1 house. Lennox Road, which serves one occupied house and several uninhabited mobile homes. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to discontinue the roads stated. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion re: Oliver Allen's house and why the town plows his driveway which appears to stem from some agreement with the town when the town changed the course of the road. Paul Donaldson to look into this.

- The crew is behind on grading due to the weather, they have been filling potholes by hand.
- The crew has been doing some ditch repairs on Ridgeview South
- The Highland Grey project should bring some additional grant money in soon.
- The bridge project on Route 140 is expected to commence on April 15, 2018.
- Ron wants to make further repairs on a bad corner on Pond Hill and replace an old galvanized culvert. He wants to do this work before the bridge project sends detours that way.
- Tom Coloutti questioned why there was a patch of slate on Highland Grey Road. Ron stated that had run out of gravel during a project there so used some slate from Charlie Brown.
- Two trucks are ready for the snow. They had to send one truck to Hoosick Falls for some repairs.
- Discussion re: the culvert repairs on Route 140, and a price we received from RA Filscop was too high, Ron hopes to get hot mix and make the temporary repairs himself.
- Discussion regarding purchasing a new (used) excavator. Ron Kelley believes the one we have is worth about \$15,000.
- Discussion regarding the old truck. Donaldson was to advertise it. Tom Coloutti made a motion to have Donaldson advertise the truck for sale for \$3,000.00. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion regarding state funding for road repairs, specifically Routes 140 and Route 31. Ron Kelley believes in was a decision made many many years ago by towns.

Town Managers Report:

Young At Heart: Donaldson has been speaking with Ralph Nimtze at NBF to see how we can get the bid amount down.

Tax Sales: Donaldson advised the board that he Town bid on 2 parcels: Bowers, York Street Extension (\$620.84) and Betty Jean Hier/Margaret Crandall Trust, Lewis Road (\$16,128.35). The other 6 parcels went to high bidders.

Budget: Donaldson provided the board with Expenditure and Revenue Reports for 2017-2018. Budget discussions followed. Discussion regarding Blue Cross/Blue Shield rate premium increases. The board will have a specific budget meeting on November 28, at 10:00AM.

Donaldson stated he had had a meeting with MHG Solar, and that company would like to sell power to the town at a 7.5% discount, it would be a 25 year agreement. Donaldson has continued discussions with Same Sun on whether the lot next to the Legion is suitable for solar project.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

Dale Kerber was present to discuss Constable matters. Discussion regarding Dale keeping the cruiser at his house for safety reasons, allowing him to respond to calls more quickly. It was decided that Dale would keep the cruiser at home. Dale also stated he would like to purchase an extended warranty for the cruiser, changing it from 36,000 miles to 75,000 miles at a cost of approximately \$2,400.00. Tom Coloutti made a motion to permit Dale to purchase an extended warranty. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Loomis has offered to purchase the property near the Legion for \$500.00. Discussion on whether it was suitable for a solar array. The Village Board of Trustees will also need to agree to the offer.

Rebecca Cook and Bruce Williams discussed the desire to make a part-time position there full-time, which would be an additional 9 hours per week. Rebecca stated that she works many hours per week in her salaried position, and adding 9 hours on to other staff will give help her with workload. The board will consider the request in budget discussions. The board asked Rebecca to include the increase in her proposed budget to be submitted to the Selectboard.

Health Officer: None.

Executive Session: Terry Williams made a motion to enter executive session at 8:26PM to discuss personnel matters. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry Williams made a motion to leave executive session at 8:38PM. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried. No action taken.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

Board Orders:

Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson