

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 11/26/18
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Young At Heart floor
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund 2018 Grant Application – Slate Quarry Park Group
 - MRG Solar credit proposal
 - Budget discussions
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 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, Frank Fressie, Terry Williams, Tom Coloutti, and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Bookkeeper, Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief, Jonas Rosenthal, Barbara Scott, Denise Bach, Krista Rupe, Paul Hancock, Marsha Angerman, Keri Furlani, David Mook, Greg Povey.

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

Approval of Minutes: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/12/18. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

None.

Tom Coloutti made a motion to move Land and Water Conservation Fund 2018 Grant Application – Slate Quarry Park Group to the top of the agenda. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land and Water Conservation Fund 2018 Grant Application – Slate Quarry Park:

Paul Donaldson stated that Barbara Scott is finishing the grant application. The Group needs the Town to take ownership of the park and for the Town Manager to sign the application stating the town can cover the funds of the project pending receipt of reimbursement. It is a 50%/50% match, and the cost is approximately \$190,000.00 which includes a 10% contingency. The funds match can include other grants, donations and in-kind material.

Barbara Scott stated, thus far, Shawn Camara and Richard Rupe have pledged a combined value of slate totaling \$73,000. The rotary Club has pledged \$1,000, and the Group has a \$9,000 bank loan. Any additional money raised will roll over to the Town. The Town can say it does not want the grant if the funds are not matched. The application deadline is December 14, 2018. The Group will be notified April 30, 2019 if it has been awarded the grant.

Jonas Rosenthal explained that Paul Donaldson's time can be counted as a match under administration. He estimates an approximate value of \$2,000.

Paul Donaldson stated that an archeological survey must have been performed in order to apply for the grant.

Jonas Rosenthal said to contact Jessica Savage to see about a categorical exclusion.

Terry Williams: Has the project been approved by the Planning Commission.

Paul Donaldson likened the slate to a fence which can sit on a property line.

Terry Williams: We will have to budget for maintenance.

Jonas Rosenthal: Bob Stackpole is currently maintaining the grounds free of charge.

Paul Donaldson: Because the park is a gift, it does not have to go before the voters.

Tom Coloutti made a motion for Paul Donaldson to sign the grant application for the Slate Quarry Park. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- The crew has been filling potholes.
- Submitted grant for River Street from replacing the culvert and stabilizing the embankment. It should be approximately \$14,000.
- Ron talked with John Tatko about dump rubbish at the pull off spot on York Street Ext. quarry. The berm meets MSHA requirements (though the location of the berm may be out of the agency's jurisdiction).
- Ron has been planning for a mower for the excavator. Looking between 30" – 40". Priced a 30" mower, with a two yrs warranty, for \$10,500 with 20% municipal discount total would be \$8,400.

Terry Williams: How much do we pay Jim Seamans?

Ron Kelley: Approximately \$5,000.

Tom Coloutti: What about the controls?

Ron Kelley: It has a pattern changer.

Ron Kelley: Also getting prices for new truck. There is prorated grant money out there for upgraded equipment that emits fewer emissions.

Jeff King: Get the information together for the next meeting.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

Aaron Kerber reported the following:

- Introduced Matt Jedlick, in charge of training.
- Presented Captains report for November 2018
- Replace current brush truck.

- 160 brush calls this year
- Would like to list the current brush truck (2004 F550) for sale to be available early next spring. Received a wide range of list prices, the average being \$25,000. Will list the truck between \$25,000 and \$39,000 with Brindee Mountain.
- Looking at a Dodge listed for \$38, 873.
- With brush skid unit, cap, bed slide, lights and moving radios looking at a total cost of approximately \$60,000.
- Brindee Mountain commission to list is 10%

Tom Coloutti made a motion to list the current brush truck (2004 F550) for sale and move forward with the purchase of a fully equipped truck for the purchase price of approximately \$60,000. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

Young At Heart: Paul Donaldson has been speaking with Ralph Nimtz at NBF to see how we can get the bid amount down. If the Town does some of the work i.e., painting, approximately \$7,200 - \$7,500 can be shaved off the estimate, lowering the bid estimate amount of \$88,000 to \$80,800-\$80,500.

Same Sun meeting – solar project possibility on lot near Legion:

Khanti Monroe with Same Sun is reviewing the solar credits agreement that MRG proposed.

Aaron Kerber: They can look at the firehouse.

Budget:

Budget discussions set for Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 10 o'clock.

Meeting with Lake St. Catherine and Young at Heart.

Frank Fressie: Has the Town had many complaints of the quality of the yellow bags?

Neisja Crawford: Yes. We're working on several quotes and will have figures available for budget meeting and have requested sample bags.

Health Officer: None.

Executive Session: At 7:50PM Terry Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried. At 820PM George Miller made a motion to leave Executive Session. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. No action taken.

Board Orders:

Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: George Miller made a motion to adjourn. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Neisja Crawford