

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting

Monday, February 11, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 1/28/19
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Green Mountain College March 7, 2019 meeting
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Liquor License application – Taco Experiment
 - Young At Heart floor overruns
- 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, and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, Neisja Crawford, Bookkeeper, Ed Bove, Executive Director Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), Kim Rup, Assistant Director Rutland Economic Development Corp (REDC) and Danny Lang.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/28/19. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Green Mountain College March 7, 2019 meeting
 - Paul Donaldson is not sure what time the meeting will be but it will be on GMC Campus
 - The meeting is intended to be a brainstorming session.
 - Invitees Include: USDA, Ted Brady Deputy Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, State Officials, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, REDC, Select Board, Village Trustees and members of the community.
 - GMC is zoned educational.

- ED Bove, Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC)
 - Working with Camoin Associates, Saratoga Springs NY, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of economic trends, market opportunities, workforce knowledge & skill sets to come up with economic strategies for Poultney.
 - The consultants have requested a list of 5 – 10 people to interview for their opinions regarding various issues. The Select Board provided the following names: Bob Williams, Joe Duffy, Terry Williams, Bill Schaumlöffel, Serena -Taps Tavern, Dick Weis, Bob Williams -Slate Quarry Association, Mark Riley -Northland Real estate, Sheryl Porrier -Public School System.

- The RRPC is following legislative proposals to repeal the ACT 250 slate quarry exemption.
- ED Bove asked which town wide group should the RRPC keep informed of regional developments. Jeff King responded the Select Board with the Town Manager acting as liaison.

Paul Donaldson: Will someone from the consultant firm (Camoin Associates) be at the March 7th GMC meeting? Mr. Bove: I'll ask.

- Ed Bove: The RRPC gets involved with state projects.
Ron Kelley: We've had no paving grants for 4 years.
Ed Bove: Now would be a good time to apply for everything. The Town should ask to waive the match.
Devon Neary is the RRPC Transportation Planner.
- Terry Williams asked Ed Bove if RRPC sets the priority for funding of infrastructure projects within the county and Ed Bove stated that the RRPC did have input in the same.

- Danny Lang Makers Space
 - Presented an idea for a Makers Space in the VMAS building. The owner of the building, Len Knappmiller has agreed to the use. The tools are tied to GMC, now USDA. Looking for ways to make the idea work.

Jeff King: You should contact Lara Bitler, President of the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- The new excavator was delivered.
- Burr Construction met with the State at the Finel Hollow Bridge (next time we'll request to meet with them).
- Talked with Rob Young with the VT Transportation Agency, the bridge work is scheduled to begin July 2019 and finish towards the end of August 2019.
- Sanding and salting roads.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Liquor License applications – Taco Experiment
 - The restaurant was issued its health permit and is requesting a liquor license.

George Miller made a motion to sign the Liquor License for Taco Experiment. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

- Young at Heart floor overruns
 - The floor joists and foundation need to be repaired. These items were not in the initial scope of work. The board agreed this work is necessary and must be repaired. Consequently, some non-necessary items must be identified and cut to stay close to budget.

George Miller made a motion to approve the floor repair overruns totaling \$9,600. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Terry Williams opposed. Motion carried

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Forwarded to the Select Board the proposed amendments to ACT 250 and a brief review of zoning bylaws.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders:

Frank Fressie 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 the Motion.

Motion carried.