

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 6/3/19
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Slate Quarry Park Group Memorandum of Understanding/Transfer of Property
- 4) Road Report
 - ANR permits
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Warning for Selectboard Meeting on July 1, 2019 (Library) and Special Meeting on July 8, 2019 (Library)
 - Conveyance of Lease Lands
 - Report on trip to Arkansas
- 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, Terry Williams, Tom Coloutti, George Miller, and Carol Bunce. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Paul Hancock, Jonas Rosenthal, Marcia Angerman, Neal Vreeland, Barbara Scott, Russ Hoffman and Richard Rupe.

Adoption of the Agenda: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the agenda. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-3-19. Carol Bunce seconded the motion on the condition that the extra language “reported the following” be removed for the Highway Report section. Motion carried with the correction.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Slate Quarry Park Group presented a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the transfer of the property to the Town. Discussion followed regarding the language of the times to be opened, and it was decided to change hours to dawn to dusk. Discussion regarding the maintenance of the park. The group hopes to have funds available to dedicate to taking care of the park. Jonas Rosenthal mentioned that perhaps PDRC would contribute to assist with maintenance of the park. Donaldson to also discuss whether the Village is amenable to assisting with mowing. Discussion regarding the need to do title work. Neal Vreeland volunteered to do title work for the town pro bono. Donaldson mentioned that the grant paperwork has not come in yet, we need to solicit bids, but he is concerned without the grant paperwork, the bid solicitations may not be accurate. Terry Williams made a motion to approve Jeff King to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and accept the deed to the property provided the title proves marketable. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Jonas Rosenthal presented copies of the summer recreation programs which will run from June 24 to August 9.
- Neal Vreeland provided a copy of the Assurance of Discontinuance in connection with the VT Attorney General complaint as against Dollar General overcharging/mispricing items.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley advised the board that he has been working on many culverts that need to be replaced. He presented the board with copies of ANR permits we have received to do repair/replacement work related to the storm of April 15. We were waiting for these so we could start soliciting bids to assist with the work. Storm related damage to culverts include: Morse Hollow, Ferncliff, driveway culvert on Route 140, 3 Highland Grey culverts. One culvert on Highland Grey needs to be upsized to a 4 foot culvert. We have also had non-storm related culvert failures on York Street Extension, Farnum Road, and Saltis Road.

The crew has purchased and applied 1800 yards of road material from QSI, 300 yards from Brown's, 400 yards from Hadeka. There are several small washouts that need to be repaired. The crew hopes to start building up the detour route with gravel next week.

Discussion regarding recouping some gravel bars in the rivers. ANR will let us do some gravel recouping on Endless Brook.

The board was presented a letter from William Osbourne regarding his concerns to the material being applied to Endless Brook Road. Discussion followed. We do not test the gravel, which would require paying for testing to test suitability for roads. Ron Kelley mentioned that the material we use on the roads is also used by a number of other towns in the area.

Jeff King mentioned that the board should start putting together a comprehensive 5 to 10 year road reconstruction plan, and start devoting budgeted funds for the same.

Donaldson mentioned we are working with Devon Neary from RRPC re; signage for the detour.

Discussion regarding Bahan Pond, and Donaldson to follow up with the landowner regarding fixing the outflow pipe re: tree roots.

Discussion re: Watkins Hill Road, and not having it as detour route.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- He will publish in Fee Press the Warning for Selectboard Meeting on July 1, 2019 (Library) and Special Meeting on July 8, 2019 (Library)
- The board had previously discussed relinquishing leaselands in the Town. Attorney Carris had prepared a deed of release. Discussion followed. Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve Jeff King to sign the deed. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- Donaldson reported on his trip to Arkansas. He learned a lot about how Bentonville is leveraging mountain biking to build out its economy. Working with Slate Valley Trials on connectivity issues regarding connecting the trail systems to the Village Center.

- Discussion regarding seeking to fill vacancies on Planning Commission, DRB, Health Officer, Animal Control. Donaldson has had one response for the Planning Commission/DRB.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams mentioned there was a TAC RRPC meeting on June 27, 2019 at the airport which he plans to attend.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders:

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. Carol Bunce seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Williams seconded the Motion.

Motion carried.

s/Paul Donaldson