

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2019 – 5:00 pm
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 10/28/19
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - FEMA damage inventory/FEMA submittals
 - Rutland County Solid Waste District
 - Transfer Station cement pad for MSW collection box
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
 - Budget Discussions
- 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, George Miller, Carol Bunce, and Kim Rupe. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/28/19. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Paul Donaldson received an inquiry about the East Poultney Gorge Bridge. He has spoken further with the RCSD re: patrolling the bridge, The problem with that is the RCSD does not have scales to weigh trucks.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- Paving is complete on Route 140. We tried to get line stripping done, but the company was not able to do it this year.
- With the early snow the sanders were all placed on the trucks, and construction season is finished.
- Discussion re; York Street Ext. culvert. We have advertised for bids and have a meeting scheduled for next week. We have had some interest from at least two companies.
- Ron inquired about the plastic on the hemp farm and whether that would be disposed on at the transfer station.
- Discussion re: downgrading Ames Hollow Road, we may need to wait for the spring to do a site visit.
- The skidder bridge is complete on Ames Hollow Road.
- We purchased a leaf blower with the assistance of a RRPC grant. This will aid us to remove leaves and debris from roads in preparation for grading. We used it on Lewis Road, and it worked really well.
- The crew has finished last year's vacations.
- Discussion re: truck tires. Ron saves the old ones for running chains.

- The box on Deuce's truck needed some repairs. We have repaired it so it will function properly this winter, but the box will need to be replaced next spring. The truck was rewired in the back as well.
- Ron Kelley discussed the fact that Oliver Allen's driveway is plowed by the town due to some deal the town made when they changed the bridge approach on that property.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- He and Ron Kelley continue to meet with FEMA re: Damage Inventory and FEMA submittals
- Donaldson recently attended the Rutland County Solid Waste District meeting, it is useful to see what other towns in the district are doing to combat the rising costs of waste and recycling disposal.
- The transfer station cement pad for the MSW collection box has failed, and we need to pour a new pad. Discussion followed. Ron Kelley believes it will be 8,000 lb. cement. Myron White is doing the job.
- Discussion regarding the transfer station. We should cover the cardboard, and repair the cover for the demolition box. Ideally a scale would be best to weigh everything so the revenue matches the price for demolition, furniture, etc. Donaldson is trying to get price estimates for scale. Discussion on feasibility to add a supervisor position for the transfer station/part time highway/maintenance for cemetery, lawns, etc. Donaldson will have some numbers at the next budget meeting.
- Discussion re: joining Rutland Economic Development Corp. The cost to join is \$500.00 per year. The goals of REDC are to attract and retain businesses in Rutland County, to work with communities and businesses to achieve those results. Carol Bunce made a motion to join REDC. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor, with Kim Rupe abstaining due to a conflict of interest.
- The crew has ordered 8-ton capacity signs for the East Poultney Gorge Bridge.
- Donaldson participated in the Act 250 hearing for Endless Brook LLC. There were a few concerned neighbors but otherwise there was a good amount of support for the project.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: Budget discussions continued.

Health Officer: Donaldson reported he is addressing feral cats in the Village.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- Terry Williams discussed The Otter Creek Basin/ Act 64, which is designed to help clean up waterways, The RRPC is in favor of this.

- Terry Williams discussed a new initiative to address impaired waterways, a 3-acre threshold. It will be a fee associated on any parcel 3-acres or more within an impaired waterway. There is a lot of pushback from owners as this could impair businesses tremendously.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders:

Carol Bunce made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

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

Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson