

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2016 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda

- 2) Approval of Minutes: 11/14/16

- 3) Public Comments and Concerns

- 4) Road Report

- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - FY 2017 Budget
 - Library Update

- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

- 7) Board Orders

- 8) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Frank Fressie, Corey Davenport, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams. Others present included: Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, Thomas and Wendy Thacker, Paul Hancock, and Constable Dale Kerber.

Adoption of the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Coloutti made a motion to adopt the agenda. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/14/16. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

1) Mr. and Mrs. Thacker inquired about whether a Dollar General was going to be located at the former VEMAS property on Beaman Street. Paul Donaldson advised that he had not been approached by anyone regarding a Dollar General being located there. Leonard Knappmiller, a real estate investor from the Rutland area, was the high bidder at the auction. Paul knows from the former town manager, Jonas Rosenthal, that there had been some discussions over the course of a couple of years about a Dollar General leasing space there, but there was never any zoning application submitted to do so. The Thackers raised concerns about the store being located there, and that it had the potential to negatively impact local businesses, and the character of the village. Paul Donaldson did advise that the project, if it was presented to him, would have to go through the permitting process. Discussion followed.

2) Paul Hancock attended as he thought the board was going to have the lighting of the slate carvings located at the town hall and the church on the agenda. The board did not have it on the agenda. Discussion followed. The board advised Mr. Hancock to put together the plan and proposal together in writing to present it to the board, who would be doing what work, etc., and whether there was going to be a request for the town to contribute to the cost of installing the lights. Paul Hancock provided a letter electronically signed by a number of citizens asking that the slate stones be lighted. Discussion followed.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- 1) There were no accidents with the first snowfall of the season.
- 2) the retaining wall project on Ferncliff Road has been postponed for about a week.
- 3) Some trees had come down across Pond Hill Road, and the crew has been cleaning up the limbs, etc.
- 4) The crew has been cleaning out ditches, and marking culverts.
- 5) The crew continues to grade roads.

- 6) Myron White has quoted the town \$1,500.00 to put the cement stoop on the back of the library.
- 7) Tom Coloutti inquired on when the crew would return to a 5-day work week. Ron advised that its historically at the direction of the highway foreman, that the crew is always on-call with pagers, and he extends the 4-day work week during hunting season. December 1 will be the return to winter hours.
- 8) Ron Kelley recently took a call at home from the Vermont State Police regarding a car off the road on Pond Hill Road. The crew sanded the road in response to the call.

Town Manager's Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Budgeting is progressing; Paul is undertaking an analysis with the assistance of Jonas Rosenthal, of the expenditures and revenue for this fiscal year as it relates to the budget.
- 2) Matters to be included in the Town Report are starting to come in, and a file has been created for those.
- 3) The library is nearing completion, still waiting to install the back porch and ramp; waiting for Myron White to give an estimate. Discussion followed.

Transact Any And All Other Lawful Business:

- 1) Dale Kerber discussed the accident he had with the Constable SUV the night before Thanksgiving. Paul Donaldson advised that he had received the estimate of repairs that will cost around \$18,000.00, and discussion followed on whether the amount of damage would impact the safety of the SUV, and whether it should be totaled. Donaldson is to speak with the insurance company about whether it should be considered a complete total.
- 2) Dale Kerber briefly presented the idea of forming a "Police Department" in Poultney as opposed to a Constabulary; he advised the Board that he would have access to more criminal records, and be able to more accurately report crime statistics for the Poultney area, and have access to more grant funding as a Police Department. Discussion followed. The question was raised as to whether there would be ramifications with the current contract with the RCSD. Terry Williams volunteered to do some research on these issues and the proposal.

Executive Session: Frank Fressie made a motion at 7:55PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried. At 8:15PM, Terry Williams made a motion to leave Executive Session. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the Board Orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/ Paul A. Donaldson