Poultney Board of Selectmen

Meeting

Monday, November 26, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Poultney Town Hall

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 11/12/18
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Young At Heart floor still waiting to hear back from VMS as to how to reduce costs of flooring
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund 2018 Grant Application Slate Quarry Park Group
 - DRB appeal Poultney Properties, LLC (VEMAS property)/ Decision on Summary Judgement motions
 - Same Sun solar project possibility on lot near Legion
- 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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Tom Coloutti called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Frank Fressie, Terry Williams, Tom Coloutti, and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, and Tyler Ballard.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/12/18. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

None.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- The crew has cold-patched the culverts on Route 140.
- Plowing and salting/sanding has commenced. There was one blown hose on one truck that required repairs.
- Town has been assisting the village with salting and sanding since the village is down 2 employees at the moment. Ron will keep track of time and materials spent so the town can settle with the village.
- Currently the salt shed is full with 60 tons, we typically use anywhere from 180-480 tons depending on the winter.
- Ron has been looking into a bigger building to rent so we can store much more salt like Castleton does..
- Terry Williams asked Ron if the crew mixes salt with sand, and Ron stated not anymore since it tends to freeze up and clump with the moisture of the salt.
- Ron stated they have some trouble with the sand shed freezing from condensation dripping from roof, and he is considering getting a fan installed in the eves.
- Tom Coloutti asked about the truck repairs sent to Hoosick Falls, Ron stated it was a clinoid that needed repairs, and they did some other repairs while the truck was there.
- Frank Fressie asked about the pull-off area near Tatko's quarry on York Street Ext. and whether it was a liability for the town because of the great drop off into the quarry. Discussion followed, and Ron will see if they can put up some piles of rubbish to

discourage public from using the pull off area. It is not one that the town maintains at all.

Town Managers Report:

<u>Young At Heart:</u> Donaldson has been speaking with Ralph Nimtz at NBF to see how we can get the bid amount down. Discussion followed, Terry Williams made a motion to award the bid to VMS and Paul will work on getting the costs down with VMS. Frank seconded the motion, Motion carried with all in favor.

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

Paul Donaldson stated that the group is working on the application and it needs to be submitted mid-December. They still do not have a final price for the work, and the town will need to sign the grant paperwork stating the town can cover the funds of the project pending receipt of reimbursement. It is a 50%/50% match, and the group thinks the price will be around \$120,000.00, but they do not have the full matching funds commitment. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to give the group a deadline of December 10 to get all their application and supporting documents together to propose to the board. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Poultney Properties, LLC – Environmental Court decision on Summary Judgement Motions:

Paul Donaldson reported that the environmental court has resolved several appeal issues in favor of the developer, and the only thing left to litigate is Site Plan Review. The PC still is considering the 2 petitions submitted to them, and need to make a recommendation to the SB. The SB will then need to consider the same and recommendations and determine whether to make its own decision, and submit them to voters. Discussion followed.

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

Mr. Monroe from Same Sun reviewed the site, and believes because the property is Class1 -2 wetlands, and in the river flood zone, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to develop the site with solar panels.

<u>Budget:</u> Donaldson provided the board with <u>Expenditure and Revenue Reports for 2017-2018</u> and 2018-2019 to date expense reports. Budget discussions followed.

Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

Dale Kerber was present to discuss Constable matters. Discussion regarding Dale keeping the cruiser at his house for safety reasons, allowing him to respond to calls more quickly. It was

Health Officer: None.

Executive Session: None.

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<u>Rutland Regional Planning Commission:</u> Terry Williams reported he was unable to attend the last meeting, but he gets regular updates from other members who attend.

Board Orders:

George Miller made a motion to pay board orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson