

Poultney Selectboard  
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom  
**Monday, January 22, 2024 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall

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Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting To Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes: 01-15-24 and 01-15-24 Special Budget Meeting
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Community Development
- 6) Town Manager's Report  
-Dan Williams: Report of Transfer Station
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 8) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 9) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Executive Session
- 12) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes  
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Jeff King called the meeting to order and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, Mark Teetor (via Zoom) and Valerie Broughton. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Sarah Pelkey, Carol Stierle, Mary Sue Reed, Dale Kerber, Jonathan Andrews, Dan Williams, Nic Stark and Zach Horvath. Attending via Zoom members included Nancy Blair, Ina Smith and Nic Stark.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alan-Glen Burnell motion to approve the minutes of 1-15-24 and 1-15-24 Special Budget Meeting. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Road Report:** Joel Roberts reported the following:

-the crew had to do an emergency culvert replacement on Finel Hollow Road. The culvert bottom had rotted out. ANR made us upsize the culvert as well.

-they have been plowing, sanding and salting as needed.

-all town fire extinguishers have been updated

-the crew recently hauled scrap metal to the scrap yard.

-United Ag. And Turf repaired the backhoe at the transfer station, with transmission oil being changed and block heaters installed.

-Discussion about using Clear Line pre-treated salt for road ice. Based upon last years usage, it will cost about \$5,000 to change. We did up the salt budget by \$2,500 plus less salt will likely be used.

-Mary Sue Reed asked if the crew had recently repaired Ames Hollow. Joel said they did repair several washouts to make the Class 4 road accessible.

-Discussion about the highway garage repair/replacement. Joel Roberts stated fuel has been freezing up on equipment left outside.

-He is speaking with Poultney Rescue Squad about doing CPR training. The cost is \$45 per person.

**Community Development:** Sarah Pelkey reported the following:

- We did not get the VOREC grant that we applied for with Cones Point Store.
- She presented the board with the Quarter 3 2023 Economic Report with information about sales tax, etc. from State of Vermont for Poultney.
- Discussion re: the Merger study grant we received. The board would like to have a joint meeting with the Village Trustees on February 26, 2024 to discuss setting up a committee.

**Town Managers Report:**

-Dan Williams presented to the board the year end dumpster pulls. Garbage: 88; Zero sort: 89; furniture: 24; demo: 25 and metal: 8. He stated the book box has been very popular. We have disposed of approximately 4,000 books for free. He will start having people bring tires stack them themselves in the tire container. He stated that the food scrap buckets cost \$50 per bin while the PES only pays \$35. Paul Donaldson will look into this. Dan Williams stated that the bottle collection has brought in \$20,744 to various charities and folks in need in the last year. He and his wife do this on their own time.

-Nic Stark presented the board with the RRPC 2026 Regional Plan survey. The RRPC is looking for public input on the same. Discussion re: D&H Rail Trial Council. Poultney will need to appoint 1-3 people on this. We should advertise these on Front Porch Forum and Lakes Region Free Press. Paul Donaldson asked in the Village and the Town will each have reps. For this. Nic Stark stated that right now there is a plan for just the Town to be involved but will look into this question. Mary Sue Reed stated many people do not read the Rutland Herald (for advertising purposes).

Dale Kerber stated that there has not been much progress on the State level in changes to law enforcement matters.

Discussion re: the failure of the Poultney Rescue Squad to get enough signature on their petition to seek more funding. Paul Donaldson is unable to finish the Warning until he knows how this matter will be handled and if at all on the Warning. The board can put the additional funding matter on the Warning if it chooses. Mark Teetor made a motion to include 42,280 for the PRS allocation in the proposed General Fund budget and to have a separate Article for the additional \$81,540 on the Warning. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

-Jeff King stated someone rode their snowmobile on the walking track at the Senior Center and damaged it. He hopes we can find the person, and if it was intentional, we can have the person charged. The RCSD is already investigating it.

-Discussion re: Letter received from the Poultney Food Shelf. They have advised they have applied for reinstatement of their 501c3 status. Sheryl Porrier will speak with the board at the food shelf.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Sarah Pelkey stated that the RRPC is discussion a bike/walk council. She stated that the next TAC meeting is Tuesday. Ethan with the RRPC also gave a presentation on the Transportation Planning Initiatives.

**Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)**

-Mary Sue Reed asked in Paul Donaldson can included employee pension amounts on the Town Report and budget increase and percentage amounts on the proposed budgets in the Town Report.

**Executive Session:** At 7:57PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made the following motion: “Pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)(1), I make a motion that this board finds that premature general public knowledge would clearly place this board or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage if certain matters related to contracts were discussed. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Alan- Glen Burnell further made the following motion: “Pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)(1)(A), I make a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract matters.” Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. The board entered Executive Session. At 8:22PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to leave Executive Session. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

**Board Orders:** Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to pay board orders. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson