

Poultney Selectboard
Special Meeting In-Person and via Zoom
Monday, July 15, 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: 06-24-24
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Community Development

- 6) Town Manager's Report

- 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: Contract Matters

- 12) Adjourn

Special Meeting Minutes

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Zoom Recording located here:

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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 and Valerie Broughton. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Sarah Pelkey, Joel Roberts, Alton Sargent and Jessica Sargent. Attending via Zoom was Nic Stark.

Adoption of the Agenda: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Mark Teetor asked that the minutes of 6-24-24 be amended to reflect that he had volunteered to visit Towns of Castleton and Fair Haven Offices about how they handle Animal Control issues. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the amended minutes of 6-24-24. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- He is moving forward with crack sealing on Thrall Road and Route 140 as we had previously discussed.
- We will pave Lakeview South this year; he was waiting for one other quote. The plan would be to try to pave portions of Ferncliff next year with the balance of paving for the current fiscal year held in reserve to make up the projected amount together with the paving budget for next year.
- Discussion about scheduling a visit to Lennox Road to assess turn-around at the top, and renewed discussions about discontinuing winter maintenance of road accessing Flanders and Allen properties, as well as Fairway Lane South.
- The crew has been grading Hampshire Hollow Road.
- Endless Brook Road will be graded next.
- Discussion about the amount of Calcium Chloride we use each year on the gravel roads.
- The crew is yet to move to finishing the MRGP projects for last two fiscal years.
- They still plan to shift to Lewis Road.
- We lent safety cones and flags for the SVT Epic Bike Race.

Community Development: Sarah Pelkey reported the following:

- Jeff King thanked Sarah for her efforts on the Fourth of July Parade and July 5th events and fireworks.

-She brought to the attention of the board a couple of grant opportunities to explore siting a recreation in town, and potentially relocating and building a new highway garage, as well as a DPS grant to fund further projects in connection with the current BRIC grant. The other grants discussed were ORR, MERP and BGS grants.

Town Managers Report:

-Paul Donaldson stated the board needs to set the tax rate at our next meeting on July 22, 2024.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Sarah Pelkey reported that at the last RRPC TAC was virtual on 6-27-24. They discussed the Rutland City road reconfiguration projects

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total): The Sargents inquired about the board enacting some sort of no-burn ban in town. Their neighbor has been burning in a fire pit that is very close to their home and causing much smoke to infiltrate the Sargent household, where children with asthma live, as well as suffered by Mr. Alton. They allege that painted/stained wood is being burned as well. The Fire Department recently did a site visit when the neighbors had caused their own wood pile to catch fire. Paul Donaldson stated he communicated with Chief Kerber and the Department did not observe treated wood being burned, and that the neighbors had been reminded to lawfully dispose of painted/treated wood at the transfer station. Discussion followed. Jeff King stated the board would look into what ordinances it should consider, if any.

Executive Session:

At 7:19PM, 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. Valerie Broughton 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.” Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. The board entered Executive Session. At 8:28PM, Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

Board Orders: None to approve.

Adjournment: Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion carried. s/Paul A. Donaldson