Poultney Selectboard

Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

**Monday, July 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: 07-15-2024 Special Meeting
4. Road Report
5. Community Development
6. Town Manager’s Report

 -Tax Rate discussion

1. Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
2. Rutland Regional Planning Commission
3. Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
4. Board Orders
5. Executive Session: Contract Matters
6. Adjourn

**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, Joel Roberts, Johnathan Andrews, Carol Bunce, Alton Sargent, Jessica Sargent and Mary Sue Reed. Appearing via Zoom included Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, and Nancy Blair.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Valerie Broughton made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-15-24. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

-The cutter head of the excavator recently broke; it was a minor repair that we were able to make in-house.

**Community Development:** Sarah Pelkey was unable to attend the meeting.

**Town Managers Report:**

-Paul Donaldson was unable to put together all the information in order to have a tax rate discussion. The board set a Special Meeting for Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 6:00PM.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:** None.

**Health Officer:**  None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** No report.

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

-Mary Sue Reed inquired about the status of negotiations with Regenerative Land Holdings. Jeff King stated these discussions are ongoing. She further asked about the Animal Control Ordinance updates. Paul Donaldson stated the discussion continues. She inquired about handling Animal Cruelty allegations. Paul Donaldson stated those are typically referred to law enforcement. In the past the humane society has also assisted with those complaints. She further asked about status of hiring a Zoning Administrator. Paul Donaldson stated he has met with one perspective candidate. She asked about the full-time transfer station attendant. Paul Donaldson stated that the goal is to relieve the highway department of many duties they currently do at the transfer station, and shift those responsibilities to an employee working in that department. He stated during the summertime, the transfer station hours are 30 hours per week already.

Alton and Jessica Sargent inquired as to updates on the board exploring regulating burn pits/fire pits. Paul Donaldson stated he has not had time to look into the matter. Carol Bunce stated the State’s website related to open burning might be a good resource to explore. Jeff King stated the board will look into the matter.

**Executive Session:**

At 6:47PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made the following motions: “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, pending or possible civil litigation or a persecution, to which this public body is or may be a party. Further, Pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)(3), I make a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee.” Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. The board entered Executive Session with Joel Roberts. At 7:18PM, 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:** Mark Teetor made a motion to pay board orders. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

s/Paul A. Donaldson