

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, December 30, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 12/9/19
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 -Poultney Comes Together - January 15, 2019
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
 -Budget Discussions
 -Transfer Station part-time supervisor position
 -Library budget
 -Town Office options
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, George Miller, Carol Bunce, and Kim Rupe. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Rebecca Cook, Librarian, Bruce Williams, Library Trustee, and Jonas Rosenthal, Recreation Commissioner.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/9/19. Kim Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Jonas Rosenthal, Recreation Commissioner, presented to the board information regarding a Vermont Outdoor Recreation grant opportunity. He wants to apply for the same grant essentially that he tried to get two previous times, namely for signage at Visitor Centers, and for way finding signage about town for bike trails, website design/updates, marketing of rec. options in town. Discussion followed. He would like to get Susan Schrieber to assist with writing the grant. She would have to be paid. Discussion followed. He does not know the match amount or how much funding he would like to request. The grant application is due January 20, 2020. Mr. Rosenthal to report back to Paul Donaldson as to the costs for the grant writing, and the required match, and the board will decide then if we should apply for the grant.

Discussion regarding the op-ed piece that Paul Costello wrote about the positive things happening in Poultney.

Road Report:

Paul Donaldson reported that:

- The crew has been plowing and salting/sanding as needed, and making repairs as needed.
- Discussion regarding the truck damage and insurance estimate.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Budget discussions continued.

- Poultney Comes Together meeting at 6:00 P.M. on January 15, 2020 at PHS.
- Discussion about the feasibility of changing personnel at the transfer station.
- Rebecca Cook and Bruce Williams presented proposed library budget. Discussion followed. Discussion on VEMRS contribution for part-time employees. Donaldson to look into this.
- Discussion on budgeting for Stonebridge and whether that building sustains itself. Discussion on options for relocating the Town Offices there. Donaldson to run the reports on the same.
- Discussion regarding the Trestle Bridge on Rail Trail and whether the state is willing to re-open the closed water course. Donaldson to follow up with the State on this.
- Discussion on placing Constable Office at the Village Highway Department. Donaldson to explore this with the Sheriff Department and Constable, and Village Trustees.

Transact any Other Lawful Business:

Terry Williams questioned on whether we should amend our Charter to allow for the appointment of a Second Constable.

The board set a meeting for 01-06-20 at 4:00 P.M. for continued budget discussions.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders:

Carol Bunce made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim Rupe seconded the Motion.

Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson