

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, September 28, 2020 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall & Virtual

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes:           September 2, 2020, September 14, 2020
- 3) Road Report
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - East Poultney Gorge bridge – single travel vs. double travel and other safety measures
  - Slate Quarry Park bid
  - Maslack property Ferncliff Road
  - Halloween trick or treating
  - FEMA funding
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session:    Personnel matter
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

## Meeting Minutes

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### Poultney Town Hall and Virtual

Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, George Miller (via Zoom), Carol Bunce, and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, and members of the public, Barbara Scott (Via Zoom)., Cindy Wagner (Via Zoom)., Lori Provin (Via Zoom)., Earle Provin (Via Zoom)., Jane Williams (Via Zoom)., Frank Pauze (Via Zoom)., Jonathon Taylor (Via Zoom)., Michelle McCarron, Terry McCarron, Fred Maslack, Marcia Angerman (Via Zoom), Susan Roberts (Via Zoom)., Nanette Greer (Via Zoom), David Mook (Via Zoom). and Paul Hancock (Via Zoom).

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. September 8, 2020 minutes were not available.

### **Public Comments and Concerns:**

Michelle McCarron, Director of the Young At Heart Senior Center, discussed the Every One Eats meal program that the center and the Rotary have been hosting. They have worked with Taco Experiment to provide meals on Wednesdays. Sarah Pelkey helped secure the grant from the Vermont Farmers Food Center, which received the money through the State of Vermont from the CARES Act. The program has been going really well, and have handed out hundreds of meals for free. They group tries to capture information from recipients of who the meals are going to, and must report that information as part of the grant. Michele also thanked the Village of Poultney for lending traffic cones to help the traffic flow efficiently.

Michelle states that she is working with Rotary and the PHS and LiHigh to try to arrange interactions with students and seniors during the COVID crisis.

The Rotary is also discussing doing a Halloween Event. Discussion followed, and it was suggested that the Rotary speak with the schools to see if they are doing something. Revive Church is planning to do a Halloween event as well.

Discussion re: Senior Center trash and recycling. Ron Kelley will have his crew handle it when they do their own trash. Richard McLaughlin can no longer do it as he doesn't have a truck anymore.

Michelle asked about the back door at the thrift store. Donaldson stated he had discussed with Dick Grey and Dick was supposed to replace the door. Michelle asked about the dead tree by

the parking lot – the crew will take it done when they can get it in their schedule. Donaldson will contact Dick again. Michelle asked about some parking lot signs laying in the grass, Ron Kelley will take a look and put them in his inventory/scrap.

### **Road Report:**

Ron Kelley reported the following:

- We finally received some information on our FEMA funding. Donaldson to review the documents from contact at State.
- Discussion re; purchase new truck. The cost is \$207,930. We applied for an Emissions Grant from the State of Vermont and can not order a truck until we know if we will receive the grant.
- Discussion re: scales for the transfer station. Ron Kelley spoke with Farnham Scales in Williston, that particular model can be placed on gravel, and the cost is \$2300 per pair. These are mechanical scales and weigh about 40 pounds each. The matter was tabled in order for the board to review budgets in the next coming weeks.
- the York Street Extension culvert received only a small amount of FEMA money for a little bit of paving.
- Stonehedge will be paved in the coming weeks.
- The crew applied 3 tons of cold patch to Thrall Road today.
- Terry asked why the crew did not have road work signage when they did work on the end of Morse Hollow and Route 140. Ron Kelley stated signage is not required if the work will be for a short duration, which this job was, but agreed the crew should have had signage and will discuss the same with the crew.

### **Town Managers Report:**

Continued discussion regarding the East Poultney Gorge Bridge, and traffic measures, i.e. single lane vs. double lanes,, stop signs, etc. Members of the public presented their thoughts and members present and participating in the discussion were residents of the immediate area of the bridge and overwhelmingly supported a one-way vehicular travel bridge. Discussion followed. Carol Bunce made a motion to stripe the bridge as a 2-way traffic bridge, with stop signs as recommended by the State, and placement of speed bumps for traffic calming measures. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 members in favor (Terry, Carol and George), and one member against (Sheryl).

Donaldson opened the only bind received in connection with the second solicitation for the Slate Quarry Park. The bidder was Matthew Schinski, Shinsski Landscaping for a flat fee of

\$140,000. Discussion followed. Donaldson will forward the bid to the SQPG folks to allow them to review the same, discuss with their board, and ensure that the bid covers the whole of the park as was last detailed in the bid documents.

Paul Donaldson stated he had another call from Steve Maslack in connection with the property on Lilly Pond that his father's trust wants to donate to the town. Donaldson is trying to get an attorney to donate the title services to the town to accomplish the transfer. Terry Williams stated he has had conversations with Ducks Unlimited and there is some interest in that group in this and surrounding property. Terry Williams made a motion to accept the land on behalf of the town so long as Paul Donaldson can get the title work done at no cost of the town. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor, except for George Miller opposed to the motion.

Discussion on whether to town promote trick or treating Friday night before Halloween. Paul Donaldson suggested that the Village Board of Trustees weigh in on the matter, as well as the schools. Terry Williams made a motion to table the matter. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Transact any Other Lawful Business:** Paul Donaldson stated that Terry Williams has submitted his resignation as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** None.

**Executive Session:** Carol Bunce made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 8:11PM. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Terry Williams made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:47PM. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Carol Bunce made a motion to give Ron Kelley vacation days back that he used at the start of the Coronavirus pandemic to take time off when many things were unknown about the disease. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Board Orders:** Carol Bunce made a motion to pay board orders. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Williams seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson