

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, October 26, 2020 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall & Virtual

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes:           October 12, 2020
- 3) Road Report
  - Vermont Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Slate Quarry Park
  - Offer to purchase town property on Lewis Road
  - Communications Union District
  - East Poultney Jewish Cemetery
  - Stonebridge Inn – Preservation Trust grant application
  - Report of Economic Development Office
  - Young At Heart Senior Center (door replacement)
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 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 (via Zoom), Carol Bunce, and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, and Dale Kerber, Town Constable.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** None.

### **Road Report:**

Ron Kelley reported the following:

-We continue to work with RRPC and Grants In Aid with ditching and stone line ditching.

-The crew did some ditching and culvert work on West lake Road.

-Terry Williams questioned the depth of some ditches being shallower than others. Ron stated depends on whether they encounter ledge or not.

-We need to start looking for a new utility trailer as the one we have is about ready for replacement. Ron is working on getting prices.

-Further discussion about purchasing scales for the transfer station. Paul Donaldson stated with the current budget we allocated \$5,000 for construction demolition overage, and we could use that money to purchase the scales 4 at \$1200 apiece. Carol Bunce made a motion to purchase the scales. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-The crew is getting the trucks ready for winter maintenance.

-We are waiting for one more quote for the new truck in order to secure the Emissions Reduction Grant.

### **Town Managers Report:**

-We are still waiting for a revised bid document for the Slate Quarry Park project.

-We received an offer to purchase town-owned (though tax sale) property on Lewis Road. The offer is for the amount we paid at the tax sale. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a

motion to have a realtor, Mark Reilly, give a market analysis. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Further discussion re: Communications Union District. Paul Donaldson to ask of Amanda O'Conner why other towns such as Fair haven and Castleton have not yet joined.

-We applied for a Preservation Trust Grant to make needed repairs to the front porch of the Stonebridge Inn.

-The Economic Development Office will present to the board on November 10, 2020 at 4:00PM.

-We will have a special Budget meeting on November 16, 2020 at 4:00PM.

-Dick Grey is scheduling to replace the door at the Young At heart Senior Center Thrift Store.

-Discussion re: D&H Rail Trail Trestle Bridge and opening up the old channel. Paul Donaldson has not had much success with the State. The RRPC is trying to help the discussions as well.

-The Poultney Snow Devils Snowmobile Club has requested permission to run sleds down Poultney Avenue and York Street Ext. They had to move the trail because Bill Lyle is building a house where the trail used to pass through open field. Paul Donaldson to discuss with the group whether they had had discussions with neighbors on the road and report back to the board.

Paul Donaldson mentioned that we need to sign the Intent to Participate in the Grants In Aid with the RRPC. Terry Williams made a motion to allow Jeff King to sign the same. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Transact any Other Lawful Business:** Constable Kerber circulated the Supervisor Report for his activated October, 2019 through September 2020. Discussion followed. Discussion re: RCSD patrols. Discussion re: the Tahoe has a slipping transmission. Mr. Kerber will work with the fire department re: estimates for repair. Further discussion re; Public Safety Committee and whether to put a police office at the fire station.

Nentanal Crispe updated the board on the progress of the East Poultney Jewish Cemetery. He received another quote from Cemetery Restoration Company up north. The total quote was \$10,000 which is within the same range as Bowker and Sons. The quote was \$7500 for repairs, \$2500 for clearing and \$1000 for rubble and dirt removal. This will now be a spring project. He has received pledges of \$3700-\$3800 from GoFund Me, and \$6,000 from a private donation. He wants to discuss with his pledges the fact that the town wants to oversee the funds through its Jewish Cemetery Bank Account. He wants to do some brush clearing the first Sunday of November. Paul Donaldson to discuss Waiver with VLCT.

Caarl Bunce reminded the board about the date needed to finish the Ames Hollow Reclassification matter. Paul Donaldson stated he is working with Attorney Kupferer to review the draft of the decision.

Carol Bunce inquired about getting Budget Sheets in preparation for our budge Meeting. Donaldson to provide them.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams stated the dues for the RRPC will be the same as last year: \$975.00.

**Executive Session:** None

**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