

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall & Virtual

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: November 23, 2020
- 3) Road Report
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Betsy Wescott, Election information
 - Slate Quarry Park bid proposal
 - Snowmobiles on East Poultney Gorge Bridge and Lewis Road
 - Poultney Food Shelf – 501c3 status
- 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, Betsy Wescott, Town Clerk, Matt Schinski, Barbara Scott (via Zoom), Sarah Pelkey (via Zoom), Constable Dale Kerber, Paul Hancock (via Zoom), Marcia Angerman (via Zoom) and Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce 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 November 23, 2020. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns: None.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

-The Snowmobile Club wishes to traverse Thrall Road Bridge. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson to check with State of Vermont, VLCT, and Town Attorney. Ron will clarify where on Lewis Road the Snowmobile Club wishes to travel.

-Ron is waiting on the quote for the scales at the transfer station.

-in 2019, the crew had been out 11 times the same time this year either plowing, salting and sanding, or all three.

-We are working on getting second quote for the emissions grant.

-We worked with the RRPC on Grants In Aid, and should receive about \$20,000 from that.

-We need to put a new floor on one of the sanders.

-Someone asked if the crew is on a 5-day work week. They have been since around September 1, 2020.

Town Managers Report:

-Betsy Wescott advised the State Legislators have been reviewing the election laws and are considering giving the towns four options for the March elections: 1) We can run the election as we normally do, 2) postpone the meeting until a later date, 3) we can mail ballots to all

registered voters, or 4) are considering granting the Secretary of State some alternative procedures. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to keep the election the same as it always is, meaning informational meeting followed by walk in voting, or voting by absentee if requested. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Betsy Wescott also advised the board that Child First Advocacy Center and Rutland Restorative Justice had send letters asking for funding through the budget. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion that any new requests for funding be done by Petition by signature by 5% of registered voters, to be placed as an item on the Warning. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Betsy Wescott advised the board that all petitions need to be filed by 3PM on January 14, 2021.

Betsy Wescott advised the board that board candidate nominations need not be done by collecting signatures, but by signing Consent To Nomination Forms filed by 5:00PM on January 25, 2021.

-Paul Donaldson stated that the Poultney Food Shelf has advised that they lost their non-profit status by failing to file necessary paperwork, and want the town to apply for a grant for them. Discussion followed. The town cannot apply for a Food Shelf grant. Perhaps some folks at the Rotary can assist them when they need volunteers.

-The board discussed the Slate Quarry Park proposal. Paul Hancock presented to the board funding report. Discussion followed with Matt Schinski. He agrees to modify the contract to allow flexibility if and when the group raises additional funds to complete the park. At this point he will remove the bike cement pad, bike rack, the stone engraving, the brass plaques and moving the stone from the town office to the park to get the costs down to meet what the board currently has for funds. Matt will revise the contract so we can sign the same.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: Constable Kerber reported that the State is using a Velcor Calling System and is concerned that at some point the State of Vermont will charge on a call basis. Discussion followed.

Discussion regarding the Christmas event at Green Mountain College. Paul Donaldson will see if he can get the Deputy Sheriff there that evening. Dale will be there from about 5:00PM to 8:00PM.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: At 8:15PM Terry Williams made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At

8:27PM George Miller made a motion to leave executive session to discuss legal matters. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. No action taken.

Board Orders: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to pay board orders. Carol Bunce 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