

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall & Virtual

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: January 11, 2021 and January 19, 2021
- 3) Road Report
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Netanel Crispe, East Poultney Cemetery
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Raj Bhakta, Green Mountain College Farms
 - Marijuana Dispensary – on the ballot?
 - East Poultney Gorge Bridge – pedestrian access
 - Job Description – proposed employee (Transfer Station and Highway Department)
 - Pre-Town Meeting Informational Meeting date
 - Maslack property
- 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, Carolyn DelPezzo, and Netanel Crispe (via Zoom).

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

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021 and January 19, 2021. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns: Carolyn DelPezzo presented to the board a painting illustration rendition, and a site plan, of her property, the former restaurant, the Trolley Stop. She lodged a complaint against Scott Saltis, allegedly stealing or destroying her vegetable stand. She also has issues with a neighbor placing snow on her property. She asked the board to sponsor her in a trip to Montpelier so she could discuss her concerns with “someone who would listen to her.” Paul Donaldson reminded her that he had advised her in the past a couple of times that she should hire a surveyor to identify her property boundaries. Paul Donaldson also advised her that the issue allegedly involving Mr. Saltis is a police matter. Mrs. DelPezzo made a couple of references to obtaining a gun and shooting someone in the ass. After she departed the meeting, the board requested that Paul Donaldson request a “No Trespass” Order against her as there is a safety concern especially given her statement of acquiring a gun and harming others.

Mr. Crispe updated the board on the East Poultney Jewish Cemetery project. He has raised \$17,391 from the Go Fund Me campaign, after being featured in 75 newspapers in the county and world-wide. He has also raised \$6,000 from a private donor. He wants to control the money during the project, and once it is done, he will give the balance to the town specific to that cemetery. Discussion followed, and the board advised him they believe the funds should be handled by the town to better track it. The VT Old Cemetery Association has offered its services for free except for materials and with volunteers instead of using Bowker and Sons. Mr. Crispe would also like to install a new gate at the entrance and a new fence. He mentioned also a burial spot for Jewish religious items. He would also like to place a historic display at the location and Ina Johnson is assisting with that.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

-we are still waiting for the Bridge Closed signs for the East Poultney Gorge Bridge, if they do not arrive this week he will make temporary signs;

- The under-road wire for the Johnson solar array on Hampshire Hollow Road is complete and the road seems to be settling in nicely. We will continue to monitor it;
 - We will be receiving the Emissions Control grant in the amount of \$50,621. We are waiting for the grant agreement to be finalized;
 - The insurance adjuster came and observed the truck repairs and photos of the damage, and estimates from Peter Turunen;
 - We do require CDL either A or B. Class A allows us to haul trailers. We also require DOT physical;
 - Ron investigated an "oil slick" on Route 30, that looked like windshield washer fluid;
 - The crew is prepared for a snow event tomorrow;
- There was 3.5 inches of snowfall on Morse Hollow Road this past Saturday.

Town Managers Report:

-Raj Bhakta, Green Mountain College Farms. Paul Donaldson reported he is still waiting on a formal request for tax abatement on this.

-Discussion re: Marijuana Dispensary, and whether the board wants to include in on March's ballot. Terry Williams offered to research the issue and report back to the board, but it looks like the board will wait to take up the issue with a special Warning later.

-Job Description – proposed employee (Transfer Station and Highway Department). Tabled until next meeting.

-Pre-Town Meeting Informational Meeting date. We will hold the meeting as usual but at the fire house.

-Maslack property. Terry discussed this with Vermont Federation of Sportsmen Club. Paul will discuss the same with Hilary Solomon.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: Nothing further.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders: Terry Williams 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