

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 03/15/2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - East Poultney Gorge Bridge Meeting with the State of Vermont: safety measures and traffic control measures**
 - Fire Department bids
 - Better Connections Grant
 - Slate Quarry Park project
- 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, and Dale Kerber, Aaron Kerber, Bill Jones, Janice Edwards (via Zoom), Hardy Avery (via Zoom), Carmina Haley (via Zoom), Linda Knowlton (via Zoom), Frank Pauze (via Zoom), Nanette Greeer (via Zoom), Kim Ragonnet (via Zoom), Lauri and Earl Provin (via Zoom), Jane Williams (via Zoom), Jonathan Taylor (via Zoom), Judy Holcomb (via Zoom), Mahendra Thilliyar, for the State of Vermont (via Zoom), Jaime French, for the State of Vermont (via Zoom), Faith Dall, for the State of Vermont (via Zoom).

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

Approval of Minutes: Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2021. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns: Jamie French updated the board the members of the public the working design of the East Poultney Gorge Bridge. The bridge is scheduled to be lined as a 2-way bridge, with a 5'6" sidewalk on the east side of the bridge, and a 3' shoulder, 9' travel lane, 9' travel lane, and 3' shoulder. Several members of the public continued to urge the Selectboard to consider making the bridge a one-lane bridge. There was much discussion as to placing stop signs prior to entering the bridge headed south, and a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Thrall, River and the bridge. Several members of the public continue to urge the continued usage of the flashing pedestrian lights (Mr. Pauze remarked he would like to be further consulted as to the placement of these lights as where they are now he thinks are in the wrong position). Kim Ragonnet stated she has concerns that the bridge work will further damage her property, and alleges that the pre-drill work has already damaged her foundation. Ms. French, consultant, stated she was aware this was a concern and this will be part of the scope of work- to monitor for any damage to the foundation. While the board continues to hold fast that the bridge will be a 2-lane bridge, the board took the other matters and concerns under advisement, and will render its decisions related to the number of stop signs, and the flashing lights in the future.

Road Report: Paul Donaldson stated that the crew continues to plow, salt and sand, and continues to maintain the equipment. The crew will begin to grade roads soon, and have been repairing muddy spots as they are cropping up.

Town Managers Report:

-Chief Kerber circulated the SCBA Bid Comparisons Sheet that his department compiled after reviewing the 3 bids. He reported that the Fire Department believes the MES bid is the most appropriate for the department's needs. He would like to add 2 options: upgrading the life of the air bottles from 15 years to 30 years, and adding eyeglass spectacle kits to the purchase. In order to pay the town share, he would need to use reserve funds in the amount of \$14,238.43 from the Equipment Replacement Fund. Terry Williams made a motion to accept the MES bid and to allow the add-ons to the package as requested, using the Equipment Replacement Fund to pay the town's share. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Paul Donaldson stated the town was awarded the Better Connections Grant, and our match is \$7,500.00, which he stated he will ask the Village to contribute towards that match.

-Provided Neisja Crawford is back, Paul will ask her to generate updated Revenue Expense Reports.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams mentioned that he recently attempted to attend the TAC meeting, but lost connection three times. He stated the RRPC will be moving from the Cisco platform to Microsoft Team platform for future virtual meetings.

Executive Session: Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:05PM to discuss personnel matters. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:17PM. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. No action taken.

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. Terry Williams seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson