

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 03/22/2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
 - Nanette Greer: request to allow petitions with electronic signatures
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - May 1 Green Up Day – will it also be a “free day” in Poultney?
 - Reopening of the Town Office
 - Better Connections Grant
 - Slate Quarry Park project
 - town owned property on Lake Saint Catherine
- 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), and Carol Bunce. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Janice Edwards (via Zoom), Nanette Greer (via Zoom), Lauri and Earl Provin (via Zoom), Jane Williams (via Zoom), Emily and Michael Lightfoot (via Zoom).

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns: Nanette Greer asked the board why they did not consider her offer to purchase 1661 Lewis Road for \$20,000.00 but instead accepted the offer of Mark Teetor for a lesser amount (\$16,128.35). Paul Donaldson stated that Mrs. Greer never verbalized an offer to purchase the property at the 2-8-21 Selectboard Meeting. Mrs. Greer stated that the meeting minutes for the 2-8-21 meeting were “scrubbed” in that it did not reflect an offer of \$20,000.00, or unless she was muted when she made the offer. Paul Donaldson stated that it was never on the record that there was a monetary offer from Mrs. Greer, and that the recording was not scrubbed. Paul Donaldson stated that the town attorney has advised the board that once a motion was made, seconded and voted on, the board had to live with the decision to sell the property to Mr. Teetor with the required public notice to allow voters to petition to force a town-wide vote on the matter. Mrs. Greer requested that the petition to challenge the sale to Mark Teetor be permitted to use electronic signatures. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to allow voters to sign the petition by electronic signature. There was no second to the motion. Motion failed.

Road Report:

Paul Donaldson stated that Mr. Kelley was on vacation, and that the crew continues to maintain the roads as needed with materials, and that they have been grading the roads. The crew has been doing extensive road rehab on Clark Hollow Road.

Town Managers Report:

-Discussion re; May 1 Green Up Day, and whether it should be a “free day” for citizens of Poultney. Carol Bunce made a motion that Green Up Day not be a “free day” and that

consumers must pay for what they dispose of. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion re: reopening of the Town Office. The consensus of the Selectboard is that the Town Office should be re-opened to the public on May 1, 2021.

-Paul Donaldson reminded the board that we received a Better Connections Grant and that we had our first telephone conference for the same. We need to tweak the Scope of Work slightly to better tailor the work we are trying to do, and to not overlap with other work we have already undertaken.

-Discussion re: Trestle Bridge. Paul; Donaldson and Terry Williams have had a couple of calls with Joshua Carvajal, PE | River Management Engineer and Josh has some ideas and will suggest some funding opportunities to hire an engineer consultant to see if their opinion would align with the notion that opening the trestle to another water flow channel would decrease flooding up river.

-Discussion re: Town owned property on Lake Saint Catherine. Terry Williams had presented to the board a proposed agreement to transfer the property to the Federation Fund For Conservation & Training, Inc. Terry is still to visit the idea with the Poultney Fish and Game Club.

-Discussion re; discontinuing the use of Zoom Meetings. George Miller is against the concept, while other members of the board expressed an interest in the idea. The discussion was tabled to allow Sheryl Porrier to participate once she is back from her vacation on 4-26-2021.

-Discussion to move the May 10, 2021 meeting to May 11, 2021 instead. The meeting will be moved to that date.

-Paul Donaldson will have the job descriptions for the transfer station supervisor and the part-time road crew ready for next meeting.

-Paul Donaldson will circulate Expense Reports before our next meeting.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: The board was presented with additional liquor license applications. Terry Williams made a motion to approve the applications. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

George Miller mentioned that Bill Osborne would like to place a fire pond on his property. We need to check with Chief Aaron Kerber about the desire for this and the logistics of the same.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams mentioned that he recently attended the TAC meeting, and there was discussion about changes at the Rutland Airport. Discussion VTrans Vision concept.

Executive Session: None..

Board Orders: Carol Bunce made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Bunce seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson