

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, June 28, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

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Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 06/14/2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Resignation of George Miller
 - Pomeroy Place Reclassification
 - Request for Ordinance prohibiting public nudity
 - Bridge #4 – Route 31 / Grove and South Streets
 - Reduced Speed Limits Route 30 and Route 31 request to the State
 - Conflicts of Interest Policy
 - Pedestrian Crossing Flashers on East Poultney Gorge Bridge
 - Galvanized vs. Painted: East Poultney Gorge Bridge
 - Transfer of Lily Pond property to be advertised in the paper
 - End of Fiscal Year discussions
 - Emergency Management Office (NIMS)
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session: Contract with Rutland County Sheriff's Department
- 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: Terry Williams, Carol Bunce and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Constable Dale Kerber, Jack and Stacey Dobeck, Janice Edwards (via Zoom), Karen Idris (via Zoom), Nanette Greer (via Zoom), Frank Pauze (via Zoom), Mary Sue Reed (via Zoom), Jane Williams (via Zoom), Bill Lendesman (via Zoom), Jonathan Taylor (via Zoom), and Mark Flynn (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: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/14/2021 with the inclusion of language that “the board discussed the issue of a bounce house for festivities on July 4, 2021, at the former Green Mountain College campus and were opposed to having a bounce house there due to concerns with liability for the same.” Carol Bunce seconded the motion with the added language. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Nanette Greer requested the board reconsider continuing Zoom meetings for members of the public that are unable to attend meetings. She believes that there would be greater participation from members of the public. The board declined to reconsider.

Nanette Greer questioned the board on the paving project scheduled for mid-July on Thrall Road. She questioned whether the paving would be done after grinding or placed on top of current paving. Ron Kelley advised there will be no grinding. Ron Kelley mentioned that Pike Paving wants to do the project earlier due to shifts in their schedule and plan to pave around July 1, 2021. Mrs. Greer has issues related to the crowning of the road, and fears that further heightening of the road would create issues with drainage ditch under her driveway. Jane Williams echoed concerns with drainage. Ron Kelley, Jeff King, and Terry Williams agreed to meet on the Thrall Road tomorrow to review the concerns.

Mary Sue Reed had several issues she wished to discuss with the board. 1. Questions about auction for Mammoth Properties. Paul Donaldson stated the town was not involved. Carol Bunce has not seen any transfer paper documents come through the Town Clerk’s Office as of yet. 2. She mentioned graffiti on Route 140 at the popular swimming hole. Members of the board mentioned that someone had spray painted “Horses’ Heaven” on the guardrail. This is

the popular name of that particular swimming hole. She mentioned trash accumulation there as well.. She mentioned that she had collected quite a bit of garbage during Green Up Day on the pull off on Route 140, to include suspected drug paraphernalia. 3. She mentioned that the board should consider bonding when it comes to bridge repair/maintenance especially since there will be quite a bit of bridge replacements on the town's horizon.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- District 3 has lent us some detour signs. We are still waiting for our sign package to come from the vendor.
- The crew has been ditching on Evergreen Road, and stone lining ditches. We still have one cross drain that needs to be replaced.
- Old Lake Road stone line ditching has been completed We need to finish Tucker Road with some gravel on top of the work we did.
- He has a meeting with RRPC to discuss Grants In Aid projects.
- Further discussion of Thrall Road paving project. Grinding was not part of the scope as its added costs associated with that.
- Ron will work with Terry Williams and RRPC to finish off the NIMS information for Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).
- Ron was questioned about ditching on West lake Road where the crew had placed some stones.
- Roan questioned if there was any applications of the highway position or the Transfer Station position. We have had one applicant for the transfer station position. Paul Donaldson to re-advertise for both positions.
- Terry Williams had inquired if Ron has a written Road Project prioritization. Ron Kelley stated its difficult to stay with a plan when emergency matters come up. Paul Donaldson stated we had a general 5-year plan we discussed with the RRPC in drafting the new town plan. Terry Williams thinks this should be a priority to put together a list.

Town Managers Report:

-Resignation of George Miller: Jeff King presented the Letter of Resignation received from George Miller. Discussion followed. Carol Bunce made a motion to accept the resignation. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Paul Donaldson to advertise the vacancy. Paul Donaldson also wished to thank Mr. Miller for his service and contributions.

-Pomeroy Place Reclassification: Paul Donaldson reminded the board that last fall we had some discussions about this Class 4 road which has not been regularity maintained by the town. Stacey Dobeck stated that the town had supplied some gravel in 1985 so that they could have a wedding party there. The Dobecks moved all the gravel themselves. Paul Donaldson stated that he has had conversations with RRPC about the road and was cautioned that the town would need to comply with MRGP standards for drainage and ditching, culverts, etc. The road appears to be quite wet and almost appears to be a river course in some spots. Discussion followed. The board

desires to visit the road on July 6, 2021 at 4PM. Ron Kelley will have the tree at the base of the road removed prior to July 6, 2021.

-Request for Ordinance prohibiting public nudity: Karen Atwood asked the board to consider an ordinance against public nudity. She had previously given the board examples from Rutland City and Brattleboro. Paul Donaldson to discuss the same with the Village Board of Trustees.

-Bridge #4 – Route 31 / Grove and South Streets: Paul Donaldson stated that we are ready to proceed with repairs. The proposed contract calls for a completion date of July 9, 2021.

-Reduced Speed Limits Route 30 and Route 31 request to the State: Pattie McCoy has requested a reduced speed limit on Route 30 near Otto's. The request needs to be from the Selectboard. Paul Donaldson has drafted a letter. Terry Williams made a motion that Jeff King should sign the letter once it is completed. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Paul Donaldson will do a similar letter for Route 31 near Ruby and Upper Road.

-Conflicts of Interest Policy: Paul Donaldson presented to the board a Conflicts of Interest Policy taken from the model from VLCT. Discussion followed. Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the Policy. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Pedestrian Crossing Flashers on East Poultney Gorge Bridge: Paul Donaldson read a letter from Jamie French, bridge consultant on East Poultney Gorge Bridge, stating they could not put in flashers for people specifically on the bridge. They will have crosswalk flashers at the crosswalk which will be in view from the north and south travel lanes. The state did discuss the locations of these crosswalk beacons with Frank Pauze and he is good with those locations.

-Galvanized vs. Painted: East Poultney Gorge Bridge: Paul Donaldson stated the State wants to know whether the East Poultney Gorge Bridge should be painted green or galvanized. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson stated if it is painted, the life expectancy is 25-30 years. Terry Williams made a motion to go with a painted bridge. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-Transfer of Lily Pond property to be advertised in the paper: Paul Donaldson stated he will have the Notice printed in the July 9, 2021 Lakes Region Free Press publication.

-End of Fiscal Year discussions: Tabled until a further date.

-Emergency Management Office (NIMS): Ron Kelly and Terry Williams to work with Steffanie at RRPC to finish the LEMP.

-Discussion with Dale Kerber re: July 4, 2021 coverage. Paul Donaldson has asked the Deputy Sheriff to work July 4. Dale Kerber advised that dispatch does not want the Deputy working past 10PM. Paul Donaldson to clarify the times the Deputy can work on July 4, 2021.

-The town has until July 15 to declare intentions to claim Federal Recovery Money. Terry Williams made a motion to allow Paul Donaldson to be the designated person. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: At 8:18PM Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract with Rutland County Sheriff's Department. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:47PM Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Paul Donaldson will ask Sheriff Fax to attend an upcoming Selectboard Meeting.

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

Adjournment: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Bunce seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson