

## Meeting Minutes

### Poultney Board of Selectmen Monday, July 12, 2021 – 6:30 PM Poultney Town Hall

Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, Carol Bunce and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Mark Teetor, Frank Fressie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luzer, Lori Provin, Nannette Greer, Mary Sue Reed, Kim Ragonnet and Jonas Rosenthal.

**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 June 28, 2021 with spelling errors corrected. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

#### **Public Comments and Concerns:**

Mary Sue Reed questioned when roadside mowing would start. Ron Kelley stated it has started.

Kim Ragonnet expressed concerns about the driveway apron to her driveway. She had asked Ron Kelley when he was going to put material in her drive to reduce the driveway lip. Ron Kelley stated he has it on his schedule to do very soon. She also stated she has concerns with the water drainage in her front yard. She fell once on ice in the wintertime and broke her elbow and wrist.

Richard Luzer has concerns with water drainage on his house on College Street. Paul Donaldson advised him that the issue was for the Village Trustees to address and it is on the schedule for their meeting this Thursday.

Frank Fressie has concerns with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. He was in the parade and noticed that people were throwing candy and children were running out into the road in front of traveling vehicles. He is concerned that someone will be hit by motorists in the parade. The board should consider telling riders to distribute candy by handing it out, or throwing it into the grass beside the road and not in the road.

Nanette Greer questioned whether petitioning the board to reconsider continuing Zoom meetings for members of the public that are unable to attend meetings. Paul Donaldson stated he would ask the town attorney that question.

Nanette Greer questioned whether the board had adopted an anti-nudity ordinance. She was advised by the board that they are looking at the same, and want to have the Village Trustees weigh in on the issue.

Nanette Greer questioned the safety of bicycles riding in the roads, and there are spots, including on Route 30, that would benefit from signs warning vehicles of bikes in the road.

Lori Provin asked who is maintaining the rail trail as she has heard it is not being maintained very well. Paul Donaldson stated the State is supposed to do that although the Village has been mowing sections that run through the Village.

Jonas Rosenthal asked that Sheryl Porrier to contact him on Wednesday with recreation questions.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the Lily Pond parcel. Terry Williams stated that the Sports Federation has a stated goal to keep the parcel for public access. Terry Williams also stated that Howard Strateman may be interested in conveying his parcels on Lily Pond as well.

**Road Report:** Ron Kelley reported the following:

- we have received some applications for the highway position. Ron has checked some references.
- Thrall Road paving is complete. Our crew needs to “feather some driveways in” still.
- West Lake Road paving is complete. Our crew needs to “feather some driveways in” still.
- The crew has been working on Hannon Road, clearing brush in preparation to do some ditching as required by our MRGP. Since the board signed the Letter Of Intent we will be eligible for about \$20,000 in grant funds to help pay for this work.
- Ron continues to do road side mowing.
- The crew identified some work on Lakeview Road, and replaced some cross drains.
- He has ordered more culvers; our inventory for 15 inch and 18 inch culverts is low.
- We need to do some cross drain replacements on Pond Hill.

**Town Managers Report:**

-Pomeroy Place Site Visit (July 23, 4PM): Paul Donaldson reminded the board that a site visit is scheduled for this date.

-Does the town want to accept Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) along with required Award Terms and Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements?: Discussion followed. Carol Bunce made the following motion: “I move that the Town of Poultney accept its allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, along with the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of

Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements that are requirements of accepting these funds”. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terry Williams was opposed to the motion.

-Who will be the “Authorized Representative”? Discussion followed. Carol Bunce made the following motion: “I move that we appoint Jeff King to serve as the Town’s “Authorized Representative” as required by the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, to sign the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements by July 15, 2021.” Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terry Williams abstained from voting on the motion.

-Who will be the “Contact Person”? Discussion followed: Carol Bunce made the following motion: “I move that we name Paul Donaldson to be the “Contact Person” for the Town’s CLFRF Award from U.S. Treasury.” Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terry Williams abstained from voting on the motion.

-Reduced Speed Limits Route 30 request to the State: Paul Donaldson has submitted the letter to the appropriate contact at the State of Vermont.

-Speed bumps by East Poultney Gorge Bridge: Discussion followed. The board’s consensus was that no action on speed bumps will be taken until the bridge is replaced. We will also ask the RRPC to assist with traffic study and speed study on that road.

-End of Fiscal Year discussions: tabled until next meeting. Paul Donaldson stated he is still waiting for the lister office to finalize the Grand List.

-Catering liquor license – Whaleback Vineyard event. Terry Williams made a motion to approve the events license. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-Outside consumption liquor license – Whaleback Vineyard. Discussion followed. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the events license. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-Sheriff Fox – July 26, 2021. Paul Donaldson confirmed that Sheriff Fox will meet with the board on July 26, 2021.

**Transact any Other Lawful Business:** None.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams noted that Amtrak will be operating in VT soon starting on July 19.

**Executive Session:** None.

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

**Adjournment:** Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Bunce seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson