

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, July 26, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 07/12/2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Meeting with Sheriff Fox
 - Slate Quarry Park progress report
 - Mutual Aid Agreement
 - Local Emergency Management Plan
 - Trolley Tracks Solar LLC and Stephen Taran reduction of statutory setback from 50 feet to 20 feet
 - Reduced Speed Limits Route 30: State will recommend at Otto's
 - Tax Rate Discussions
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session:
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

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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, Chris Smid, Lori Provin, Nannette Greer, Krista Rupe, Mary Sue Reed, and Chief Aaron Kerber.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/12/2021. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Nanette Greer questioned whether Paul Donaldson had spoken with the town attorney about guidance regarding petitioning the Selectboard to reconsider utilizing Zoom. Paul Donaldson stated he had not yet had the opportunity to discuss the same with the town's attorney.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- the crew continues mowing roadside grass and brush with the excavator.
- the crew received hands-on grader training from VT Local Roads through a webinar, at the garage instructions, and on the road instructions.
- The crew has feathered in driveway aprons on Thrall Road and West Lake Road using crushed slate.
- The new truck is in Westminster, not in Williston yet until September. It is still supposed to be finished in December. The truck is a Western Star, and should require little training although some of the features are slightly different from our current Western Star.
- Terry Williams and Ron finished the NIMS reporting.

Town Managers Report:

- Meeting with Sheriff Fox. Paul Donaldson reported that Sheriff Fox needs to reschedule his visit with the board due to his conflicting schedule.
- Slate Quarry Park progress report. Paul Donaldson reported there is delays in getting materials for the park, and the contractor believes he will not be finished by the end of August.
- Mutual Aid Agreement. Paul Donaldson circulated the Mutual Aid Agreement drafted by the RRPC. It is the same agreement we have adopted in the past. Terry Williams made a motion to

adopt the Agreement allowing for Jeff King to sign the same. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the updated LEMP allowing for Jeff King to sign the same. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Trolley Tracks Solar LLC and Stephen Taran reduction of statutory setback from 50 feet to 20 feet. Chris Smit explained that the state statute allows for neighboring landowners to encroach on statutory setbacks, as Mr. Taran has agreed to same. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to sign the setback encroachment agreement as required by state statute, and to allow Jeff King to sign the same. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Reduced Speed Limits Route 30: State will recommend at Otto's. Paul Donaldson will discuss a greater traffic study with the Town of Wells.

-Tax Rate Discussions. The board set a date of August 2, 2021 to set the tax rate.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: Chief Kerber showed the board a new air pack we purchased through a FEMA grant. FEMA paid for 95% (\$136,333.33) of the packs, and the towns share was 5% (\$7,421.67).

-Carol Bunce asked what the progress was on the new town sign. Paul Donaldson stated there were a couple of font issues he wants to discuss with Reclaimed before the design is finalized.

-Paul Donaldson stated he has been playing phone tag with Mr. Crispe on the Jewish Cemetery funds.

-A question came up regarding boom mowers for the highway department and whether we should price one out. Paul Donaldson to discuss with Ron Kelley.

Because Paul Donaldson will be on vacation on August 9, 2021, the regular meeting is moved to August 16, 2021, at 6:30PM.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: None.

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

Adjournment: Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Porrier seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson