

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes:

07/23/2021, 07/26/2021 regular, 07/26/2021 special, 08-02-2021 special
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Slate Quarry Park progress report
 - Vicious Dog complaint/hearing
 - Lily Pond parcel conveyance
 - Computer and email upgrades at town office
 - ARPA funds received, \$89,193.97
 - Poultney Properties, LLC appeal to Environmental Court (VEMAS property)
 - Chili Cook Off, Saturday, September 25, 2021
- 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, Sheryl Porrier and Rick LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Lori Provin, Nannette Greer, Mary Sue Reed, John Smith and Dee Dee Carrigan.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items added to “Transact Any Other Lawful Business”: 1) Discussion of Delinquent Tax Warrants; 2) Discussion of Status of Planning Commission consideration of changes to Unified Bylaws; and 3) Discussion of status of Jewish Cemetery Restoration Project and funds for same. Terry Williams made a motion that “Transact Any Other Lawful Business” be revised to state: “Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business”. Sheryl Porrier motions seconded the motion. Motions carried.

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 07/23/2021, 07/26/2021 regular, 07/26/2021 special, 08-02-2021 special. Rick LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Lori Provin stated that there was a discarded mattress and couch located on Thrall Road. Ron Kelley will have his crew retrieve the same. She also asked when the yellow lines would be painted on Thrall Road. Ron Kelley stated that he has requested to be on the State’s list to get it done. Discussion that there were shortages of pant. She also requested that the speed cart be relocated on Thrall Road. She also asked when the roadside mowing would be done. Ron Kelley stated it was on the list to be done.

Nanette Greer stated that there was brush blocking the speed limit sign on Thrall Road, and the Weight Limit sign in front of the Baptie property. Nanette Greer also stated that Paul Donaldson works too hard and does not have enough support. She questioned why the Secretary was not taking meeting minutes when it is in the job description. The board took her comments under advisement.

Mary Sue Reed inquired about the progress of discussion on Pomeroy Place. Paul Donaldson stated that the board had done a site visit, but have yet to discuss further. This matter will be placed on an upcoming agenda. Mary Sue Reed also inquired about the Ames Hollow Road and signage and gates at the Kennedy Farm. Sheryl Porrier stated there is a gate there now.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- the crew continues to cut brush with the excavator on Saltis, Blissville, Amerio, and York Street Extension Roads.
- The crew continues to ditch and stone line on Endless Brook Road
- The crew will be working on Hannon Road soon under its MRGP requirements, and will be partially funded by Grants-In-Aid funds.
- The gravel supplier is currently out of gravel, and we are waiting on some more gravel
- Hampshire Hollow Road received some materials to fill potholes. It has since been graded although Ron had heard that some people had stated that their tires were sliced from the crushed slate that was used.
- They continue to cut brush and roadside mow and filling in potholes and grading.
- Terry Williams asked if Ron sets a firm schedule so we can alert the public when things are getting done. Ron stated he tries to but is often difficult to stick to schedules as matters come up.
- Currently 2 trucks need to be repaired.

Town Managers Report:

- Slate Quarry Park progress report. Paul Donaldson reported there continue to be delays in getting materials for the park. Discussion that we have yet been unable to get reimbursed grant funds into our General Funds account. This is a grant that works on reimbursements. We need to submit documentation as to In-Kind matches, and Paul Donaldson is working with the group to pull together the documentation of these donations. The board would like to meet with the Slate Quarry Park Group to discuss the progress of completion.
- Discussion with Dee Dee Carrigan about a dog attack on her dog. Paul Donaldson stated that Mark Stackpole and Paul Donaldson had been trying to contact the owners of the dog that did the attack unsuccessfully. The dog has reportedly attacked another dog. We will need to get assistance from the Deputy Sheriff and/or Constable Kerber. Ms. Carrigan believes the owner is Stephanie Hobbs Levine located at 348 York Street.
- Paul Donaldson stated that the timeframe to object to the transfer of the Lily Pond parcel has passed and we need to finalize the transfer. Carol Bunce made a motion to permit Jeff King to sign the Quit Claim Deed. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor with Terry Williams abstaining from the vote.
- Paul Donaldson stated he is having trouble with his email account being able to store enough information. He may need to upgrade his email account and computer systems.
- Discussion re: ARPA funds received in the amount of \$89,193.97. The board will need to decide how to use these funds. Questions arose about whether we can use funds form Bridge repairs and opening up the waterway under the trestle bridge on the rail trail. Paul Donaldson stated he will be attending seminars giving guidance on the use of funds.
- Paul Donaldson stated that the Poultney Properties, LLC case is still pending and the applicant want to have an e-trial, all others object to an electronic trail. The court is to decide soon the venue and manner of the trial.

-Paul Donaldson reported that the Rotary plans to have the Chili Cook Off on September 25, 2021.

Transact any Other Lawful Business:

-Discussion on the Warrant to Collect Delinquent Taxes. Terry Williams made a motion to sign the Warrant directing Paul Donaldson to collect back taxes. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-Paul Donaldson stated that the Planning Commission has started to review and digest the proposed revisions to the Unified Bylaws received from Regenerative Land Holdings. There will be further meetings on the same.

-Paul Donaldson stated that he has communicated with Mr. Crispe on status of funds raised for the Jewish Cemetery and receipt of same. Carol Bunce questioned the purchase of a replacement gate and why the Selectboard did not have a say in the purchase. Paul Donaldson stated that Mr. Crispe had designed the gate and had advised the board he was ordering the same prior to agreeing to place the Go-Fund-Me funds on the town's special Jewish Cemetery account.

Health Officer: Paul Donaldson stated he has a rental unit that he needs to inspect.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated that the board was adjourned until September. He also advised the board that we have submitted our Mutual Aid Agreement.

Executive Session: At 7:27PM Sheryl Porrier made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Carol Bunce seconded the matter. Motion passed with all in favor. At 8:03PM Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session. Rick LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. The consensus of the board is to have a Special Executive Session Meeting with the Highway Crew on September 1, 2021 at 3:30PM.

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

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson