

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 09-13-2021 and 9-22-2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
- 4) Road Report:
 - Bridges
 - Boom Mower pricing
- 5) Town Manager's Report
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
 - Tax Sale Warrant
 - Status of Office Sign
- 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, Dan Williams, Kim Ragonnet, Nick Leone, and Rutland County Deputy Sheriff Cpl. Dan Pennington.

Adoption of the Agenda: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the agenda. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 09/13/2021 and 09/22/2021. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Lori Provin asked if there was a dog attack on East Main Street. Cpl. Pennington stated it was not an attack but rather a lady had tripped over her dog's leash when she was walking her dog.

Lori Provin inquired as to whether there was a law or ordinance against public urination. Cpl. Pennington stated there was. Lori Provin stated she had seen someone urinating off the East Poultney Gorge Bridge. Lori Provin stated she had also heard that the same individual was involved with an alleged assault on some women along the Long Trail.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- the new truck is getting setup in Williston. Ron needs to go to the shop this Wednesday to meet with the outfitter to advise where the controls should be configured.
- the crew completed MRGP work on Hannon Road. He needs to schedule a meeting with the RRPC for them to sign off on the work, with reimbursements of about \$22,000.
- during rainy days the crew has been working on sanders and plows for winter.
- we started putting in winter sand
- salt prices have not yet been set; it was supposed to be 2 weeks ago but the state is still negotiating with suppliers.
- Terry stated that there were beavers back on DeBonis Road; Ron is aware of this and the crew is working on removing the dam.
- we received one quote on a Boom Mower for \$172,085.98. Ron is waiting for a couple of more quotes.
- Ron needs to finish roadside mowing on Ferncliff, Pond Hill, and Thrall Road. He hopes to have that done by the end of this week.

- The crew tried to set a gate on Ames Hollow Road, but it was all ledge. The plan now is to set some concrete waste blocks and weld rebar to mount the gate on. It will likely be a 5-foot gate.
- Ron is working on getting a dumpster for tires at the transfer station.
- we have a meeting with FEMA to close out the FEMA work.

Town Managers Report:

-Paul Donaldson and Jeff King had a conference call with State representatives re: East Poultney Gorge Bridge. The State has not yet received “sign offs” regarding the various temporary and permanent easements. They have been negotiating with some landowners but have not heard from three out of the seven parcels that need to agree to the ROWs. Paul Donaldson tried to supply contact information for those people. If all the Agreements are not secured by 11-15-2021, the town will have to proceed to Condemnation Proceedings and the project will not be ready for the April 2022 season, but will be pushed back to 2023 construction season. It is imperative that these Agreements be secured this year. The board requested some public notification so that the public is aware that the project will possibly be delayed through no fault of the board. Paul Donaldson will work with the State on securing the Agreements.

-Slate Quarry Park progress report. Paul Donaldson reported there continue to be delays in getting materials for the park, with the hope to get it done before the frost.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:

-Paul Donaldson stated that he has prepared the Tax Warrant. There are currently \$214,000 principle delinquent for this past fiscal year. Discussion followed. Rick LaPierre made a motion to sign the Warrant directing the Tax Collector to collect delinquent taxes. Terry Williams seconded the motion.

-Paul Donaldson stated e is working with Reclaimed to finish the design of the new town sign.

Health Officer: Paul Donaldson stated he continues to work with landlord and tenant on some outstanding matters in a rental unit in town.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated he was unable to attend the September meeting.

Executive Session: At 7:24PM Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Carol Bunce seconded the matter. Motion passed with all in favor. At 7:48PM Rick LaPierre made a motion to leave Executive Session. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Rick LaPierre made a motion that Paul Donaldson is to meet with the town employee discussed in Executive Session to go over particular duties and responsibilities of said employee. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed, with Sheryl Porrier opposing the same.

Board Orders: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams 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