

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, October 11, 2021 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 9-27-2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes per topic):
- 4) Road Report:
  - Winter Sand
  - Salt Pricing
  - Boom Mower pricing
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Transfer Station scales
  - Birdseye WMA right of way to White
  - APRPA funds
  - Slate Quarry Park
  - Status of East Poultney Gorge Bridge replacement
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 7) Executive Session:
- 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: Jeff King, Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Rick LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Mary Sue Reed, Carol Stierle, Nick Stark and Diane Bargil.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carol Bunce requested the addition of three items to the Agenda: 1) vicious dog issue on York Street, 2) rail trail situations, and 3) questions about the Christmas Holiday schedule. Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda with the added items. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the minutes of 09/27/2021. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

Nick Stark introduced himself to the board. He has been joining others on a “branding initiative” for the town along with members of the Stone Valley Arts, PDRC, Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. The group is working on an ACCD tourism and marketing grant with assistance from the Castleton Content Lab. The group wishes to engage with various stakeholders in town to vet ideas with the community and the Selectboard. Nick has also worked with Slate Valley Trails on their rebranding initiative.

Mary Sue Reed had questions regarding the 9-27-2021 minutes and reference to beavers. She stated that there are great programs through Beaver Wetlands and Wildlife to allow beavers to live instead of trapping and killing them. She urged the board to work with beavers instead of against beavers. Mary Sue Reed also had some questions about the East Poultney Gorge Bridge. She also stated that the board needs to consider ARPA funds for infrastructure projects. She asked if there was an alternate to Terry Williams as a rep. with RRPC. Jeff King and Paul Donaldson are alternates.

**Road Report:** Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- the crew is putting winter sand up
- we received another quote for the boom mower
- the crew continues to grade-
- the crew has been ditching and removing grader berm on Pond Hill
- we have yet to receive salt prices-
- someone asked if there will be more brush cutting. Yes, weather permitting

### **Town Managers Report:**

- Paul Donaldson reported that we will need to install a concrete pad at the transfer station to accommodate the scales
- Paul Donaldson presented the board with a request for the State of Vermont to grant a right of way to the Myron White family in the Birdseye WMA. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to approve the ROW to Whites. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motioned passed with all in favor.
- Paul Donaldson stated that the town needs to identify ARPA fund projects by 4-30-2022. The board needs to have some special meetings to garner public input.
- The State continues to negotiate with landowners re: the East Poultney Gorge Bridge.
- The Slate Quarry Park is progressing, and Paul Donaldson has advised since the project is almost complete, he will wait until we have the final “in-kind” matches so that we can get reimbursed through the grants when the project is done.

### **Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

- Paul Donaldson stated that he needs to follow up with the Sheriff Department to see if they were able to make contact with the dog’s owner on the dog issue on York Street.
- Paul Donaldson did communicate with the State of patrolling the Rail Trail. The State relies on the town and/or the Sheriff Department to deal with criminal activity on the trail. The State has offered to share gate access with law enforcement to allow for the gates to be opened when needed.
- Carol Bunce stated she was questioned about Christmas Eve and Christmas day as holidays since Christmas is on a Saturday this year. Usually if the federal holiday is on a Saturday, the previous Friday is given off. Because Friday is December 24, this is supposed to be a holiday as well given the town’s recently adopted holiday schedule. Discussion followed. The consensus of the board is that this year employees will get Thursday and Friday as the holidays. The transfer station will be closed on Saturday, December 25, but will remain open on Thursday, December 23.

**Health Officer:** None.

### **Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams stated the following:

- RRPC has been discussion Emergency Management issues and funding money related to that.
- there will be some flood resistance community funding opportunities to improve water quality and property buyouts. There is a January 29, 2022 date to identify projects.
- Terry is working on applying for a grant regarding study of the Trestle Bridge issue.
- RRPC is looking at projects in Fair Haven and West Rutland
- There is some FEMA Hazard Mitigation projects that could be eligible for funds, Terry is not sure of the deadline for those projects.

- 17 towns of the 27 in Rutland County participate regularly in TAC meetings.
- Terry represents Poultney in Watershed issues, Regional Committee, Transportation Committee.
- There has been discussion re: the 3-acre impervious surface ruling and the wide range of property owners that stand to be affected by that.
- RRPC has been reviewing regional solar projects, cell towers, Act 250 permits, bridge projects, Class 2 paving, culvert inventories.
- There is a 10-21 Road Foreman Meeting in Clarendon.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Board Orders:** Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. Rick LaPierre 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