

Meeting Minutes

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Monday, November 22, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Poultney Town Hall

Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Mark Teetor, Jonas Rosenthal, Dick Balt, Scott MacLachlan, and Philip Kibler.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/8/2021 and 11-15-2021. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Jonas Rosenthal proposed spending some ARPA funds at the Senior Center for push button doors/Handicap access doors. He has had a meeting with VLCT and they indicate because the doors are in response to public health concerns these should be eligible expenses. The estimates he received are approximately \$18,500.00 plus electrical work and replacement of kitchen door on the back of the building. Discussion followed.

Jonas Rosenthal also mentioned possibility of 3 heat pumps with air purification systems. He is looking into prices for those. Discussion followed. He mentioned that Eric Hall from the RRPC presented an ARPA discussion to the Pawlet Selectboard.

Jonas Rosenthal also mentioned December 4 puppet show with a visit from Santa through the Rec. Program. He is also working with the American Legion to build an ice rink this winter.

Mary Sue Reed encouraged the board to hold special ARPA funds Special Meeting(s). Discussion followed.

Scott MacLachlan requested that the board put Children At Play signs on Hampshire Hollow Road. Paul Donaldson stated Ron Kelley had spoken with VLCT and they advise not putting such signs up. These signs are not MUTCD compliant and research suggests they create false sense of security in parents, "sign fatigue" with traveling motorists, and create possible tort liability with the town. Mr. Kibler also asked that the town consider some signage to warn cars of children. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson stated that we could put up more speed limit signs on the road.

Road Report: Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Viking Trucks stated the new truck would be done possibly this week; it is still being painted and buttoned up;
 - the crew did some ditching on Ward Road to address an ongoing spring issue;
 - there were a few downed trees with the last wind storm on Stonehedge and Lewis Roads;
 - The crew finished some cold patching on Saltis Road;
 - Paul Donaldson stated the trees in East Poultney Cemetery and Jewish Cemetery are scheduled to be removed late December to early January;
 - Brad's sister passed away unexpectedly recently;
 - we have 65 tons of salt put up;
- Ron wants to see if the fire department has room to store the calcium sprayer for the highway department;
- Discussion on placement of scales at the transfer station;
 - we are considering placing the old Ford at the transfer station if it can pass inspection or they can use the Ford Tractor with the back blade for snow removal;
 - we put a new diesel pump at the transfer station;
 - we plan to remove the old metal cover from the demo. Bin at the transfer station;
 - we hope to move the leaves and metal before winter from the transfer station;
 - Ron advised that the RRPC will no longer be aiding with inventory of hydrologically connected roads and expressed concern that he would be unable to take that task on next year.

Town Managers Report:

- Paul Donaldson stated that there is one more party left to "sign off" on the East Poultney Gorge bridge project, the state extended the date into early December to secure all signatures;
- Paul Donaldson reminded the board that they wish to put together a wish list of projects for ARPA funds;
- Paul Donaldson stated that the Slate Quarry Park is not yet completed and suggested Jeff King and himself meet with the Slate Quarry Park Group to discuss completion of the project;
- Discussion re: holiday schedule at the transfer station. For 11-11-2021, and 12-23-2021, the crew is to receive pay at the rate of 2 and ½ per the handbook;
- Discussion re: Regional Emergency Management Committee Appointments. The consensus was to keep Terry Williams and Aaron Kerber on that board;
- Paul Donaldson had presented to the board a draft of an Anti-idling Policy that needs to be adopted in connection with the Emissions Grant. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the policy. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- Paul and Ron met with Hilary Solomon and Evan Fitzgerald re: possible water retention/filtration at town garage. Evan will have a proposal to review soon.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated the following:

-the last meeting spent considerable time on the Grandpa's Knob proposed wind project as well as the Trolley Tracks solar project by the D&H Rail trail in Poultney. He discussed with Ed Bove at the RRPC regarding the budget for RRPC services and Ed was not sure what it was and was supposed to check and get back to Terry. Terry has not heard back from Ed. Terry mentioned that the TAC is discussing many Clean Water service providers.

Executive Session: None..

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