

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 12-13-2021
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes):
-Jonas Rosenthal, Senior Center grant project
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
- 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 Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Dale Kerber, Jonas Rosenthal, Nick Leone, Ron Kelley, Mark Teetor, Mary Sue Reed, Nic Stark, Matt McCoy and Judy Leech.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce requested items to be added to the agenda: Slate Quarry Park, Audit status, Marijuana bill, dog attacks, and status of Kainen garage zoning issue. Richard LaPierre made a motion to adopt the agenda with those added items. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Richard LaPierre made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/13/2021. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Jonas Rosenthal discussed with the board the the request to approve ARPA funds to make improvements at the Senior Center to include 2 new push-button handicap electric doors, as well as the installation of 3 heat pumps. He is also requesting an additional \$2,780.00 for outside electric at the pavilion that will be built as part of the Pathways To Health And Fitness grant (this is an \$83,400 CBDG grant). For that electrical work Jonas is seeking another funding source. Discussion followed. Terry Williams made a motion that Paul Donaldson speak with the Village Board of Trustees to see if the Village wanted to contribute ARPA funds towards this project. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Terry Williams made a motion to approve the ARPA allocation in the amount not to exceed \$44,670.62 with the understanding that if Mr. Rosenthal receives other funding sources for the \$2,780.00 electrical work the ARPA allocation would be reduced by that amount. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Sue Reed mentioned that the board should use ARPA funds to update the computer systems at the town office which would enable the board to have remote meetings as well.

Nic Stark and Judy Leech asked if the board would consider using PEG TV to record meetings and broadcast the same. Discussion followed.

Matt McCoy has requested that the board provide insurance to the American Legion to allow for the placement of a small ice skating rink on Legion property in partnership with the Town of

Poultney Recreation Committee. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson will inquire with VLCT on whether it would provide insurance for this project.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- the new truck has been delivered and is in service;
- the old truck has been decommissioned and we are using parts from the same;
- the crew has been plowing, salting and sanding
- new floor grates were installed at the town garage;
- salt and sand supplies are doing well. Barret Trucking has a new facility in Rutland so salt supplies are closer to us now;
- there have been some issues with trucks sliding off roads, but no damage and no injuries;
- we will need to pave the transfer station driveway next paving season;
- transfer station heater was repaired and did not need to be replaced;
- the crew has been having issues with the sand piles freezing

Town Managers Report:

- Paul Donaldson stated that some members of the public have requested that the board meet at better locations, either the fire house, or the Poultney Public Library to allow for more room for the public to attend. Discussion followed.
- Paul Donaldson stated that he received a proposed map on proposed placements of additional signs to be placed on Hampshire Hollow from Scott MacLachlan. We will need to wait until the spring to place new signs.
- Paul Donaldson stated the audit is almost complete.
- Discussion re: vicious dogs, and Katie Casey's cat being attacked by a dog. Paul Donaldson was unaware of this matter and will check with Mark Stackpole on the same.
- Paul Donaldson stated he is working on the request for funds to be reimbursed for the Slate Quarry Park project.
- Paul Donaldson stated that he is working with the town attorney on a zoning violation matter.
- Paul Donaldson asked the board whether we should put the Marijuana question on the Warning. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson will speak with the town attorney on this issue to see if the law does require voter approval still.
- Dale Kerber stated he is now able to use the same dispatch system that the State Police use so he is able to see calls in real time the VSP are taking from Poultney.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: None.

Health Officer: Paul Donaldson reported he has been dealing with several landlord/tenant issues.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated the following:

- The last meeting the Bridge #4 was discussed

Executive Session: At 8:06PM Terry Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with Constable Kerber. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:27PM Richard LaPierre made a motion to leave Executive Session. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. No action taken.

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

Adjournment: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard LaPierre seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson