

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 02-23-22 Special Meeting and 02-23-22 Public Hearing
- 3) Nomination and Election of Chair of the Selectboard; Vice-Chair of the Selectboard
- 4) Appointment to Development Review Board, Planning Commission, and other appointed offices
- 5) Adoption of Notice-Posting Policy/Publishing in the Newspaper
- 6) Appointment to the Rutland County Solid Waste District; Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 7) Public Comments and Concerns
- 8) Road Report
- 9) Town Manager's Report
 - Thrall Road Bridge cost estimates
 - Transfer Station discussions
 - Planning Commission meetings
- 10) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
 - Liquor Licenses
- 11) Executive Session
- 12) Health Officer's Report
- 13) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 14) Board Orders
- 15) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Paul Donaldson 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, Dan Williams, Mark Teetor, Mary Sue Reed, Lori Provin and Judy Leech.

Nomination and Election of Chair of the Selectboard; Vice-Chair of the Selectboard:

Carol Bunce made a motion to appoint Jeff King as the Chair of the Selectboard. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Jeff King made a motion to appoint Terry Williams as the Vice-Chair of the Selectboard. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Paul Donaldson will continue to be the Secretary of the Board.

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

Approval of Minutes: Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022 Public Hearing. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Board Appointments: Terry Williams made a motion to re-appoint Dale Kerber as the Town Constable. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Carol Bunce made a motion to re-appoint Mark Teetor, Jaime Lee and Benjamin Thirkield to the Development Review Board. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Sheryl Porrier made a motion to re-appoint Paul Donaldson and Mark Stackpole as the Town Dog Warden. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Sheryl Porrier made a motion to re-appoint Jonas Rosenthal as the Fourth of July Director. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Terry Williams made a motion to appoint Mark Teetor, Jaime Lee, Neal Vreeland, Douglas Langdon and Mary Sue Reed to the Planning Commission. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Carol Bunce made a motion to appoint Sheryl Porrier and Joans Rosenthal as the Recreation Directors. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Sheryl Porrier made motions to appoint Paul Donaldson to the following positions: RCSWD Representative, Tax Collector, Town Energy Coordinator, Town Services Officer, Town Health

Officer, Zoning Administrator. Carol Bunce seconded each motion. Each motion carried with all in favor.

Carol Bunce made a motion to appoint Stephens Handfield as the Tree Warden. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Terry Williams made a motion to appoint Mark Teetor as the Otter Creek Communications Union District representative. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adoption of Notice-Posting Policy/Publishing in the Newspaper: Terry Williams made a motion that we continue to post Agendas and Minutes on the Town's Website, Post Office, Library, Town Office and message board by Taco Experiment. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Terry Williams made a motion that we publish Notices in either the Rutland Herald or the Lakes Region Free Press. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns: Sheryl Porrier thanked members of the public for passing proposed budgets, and re-electing the board members.

Mary Sue Reed discussed ARPA funds and questioned why Zoom has not commenced yet. Paul Donaldson stated he has been working with Vinnie Covino on pricing and locating the necessary equipment to do electronic meetings effectively and efficiently.

Judy Leech asked if IT support was contracted or an employee position. Paul Donaldson stated we contract the work.

Lori Provin asked why Thrall Road was already cracking and has concerns when the bridge will be done that more heavy equipment might further damage the road. Paul Donaldson stated he would have to inquire with Ron Kelley.

Lori Provin wondered why Consolidated Communications wires were being left hanging off from houses when utility work was being done. Paul Donaldson and Jeff King stated she would have to inquire with the utility companies.

Lori Provin inquired about Stewarts Shop relocating to the Tenny Brook property. Paul Donaldson has received no applications for this.

Road Report: Paul Donaldson reported that the crew continues to sand, salt, plow as needed. He stated that where the roads were recently ditched and stone-lined ditches, the roads are holding up very well.

Town Managers Report:

-Paul Donaldson stated that the Thrall Road Bridge estimates have significantly increased as follows: April 22, 2021: \$3,563,995 (total) with Town share being \$178,200 to March 8, 2022: \$4,823,025 (total) with Town share being \$241,151.

-Transfer Station discussion: Dan Williams would like to continue supporting various groups in town (Food Shelf, Junior Class, Senior Class, etc.) with continued bottle drives at the transfer station. Discussion followed. The consensus of the board was that these drives were fine to continue. Dan will keep a schedule for these drives. Dan Williams also wants to do a Coin Drop May 7, from 10AM to 2PM by Poppy's Place. Paul Donaldson stated he was fine with this on behalf of the Village. Discussion re: selling transfer station stickers at the transfer station. We will sell them March 26, 2022 from 8AM until 2PM. Dan will post a sign to that effect.

-Paul Donaldson reminded the board that the Planning Commission will have a meeting on March 23, 2022 at the firehouse on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and that the Selectboard has a special meeting on the proposed updates to the Town Plan on Monday, March 21, 2022 at the firehouse.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: The board was presented with Liquor License applications for Stewart's, Shaws, Tenney Brook, Irving, Taps Tavern, American Legion. Terry Williams made a motion to approve the licenses. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor, with Terry Williams abstaining from the vote on the American Legion.

The board will begin looking at health insurance policies, and finishing revisions to the Personnel Handbook.

Executive Session: None.

Health Officer: Paul Donaldson stated he is dealing with a couple of households that have been accumulating trash.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated there is an Act 248 hearing on March 15, 2022 on a solar project: Boardman Hill Solar and an Act 250 discussion for a Velco project and Killington-Pico Materplan. The following Thursday is the Transportation Committee meeting.

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

Adjournment: Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard LaPierre seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson