

Meeting Minutes
Poultney Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing on proposed Town Plan
Monday, March 21, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Poultney Fire Department

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, Jaime Lee and other members of the public (see sign-in sheets attached hereto).

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

Discussion / Public Comments and Concerns on proposed Town Plan:

Jaime Lee presented to the board and the attending public a brief description of the proposed Town Plan and items that have changed since the plan was updated last time. She stated that much of the town plan is dictated by state laws. The purpose of the town plan is to enable the town and others in the town to apply for grant funding opportunities. Jaime Lee also introduced Ed Bove from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Discussion on “strip development” and “sprawl”. Mr. Bove and Ms. Lee both stated that the State of Vermont encourages less sprawl and concentration of businesses in downtowns.

Ms. Lee stated that the town plan also had to reflect that the former Green Mountain College Campus is no longer a college, and needs to be re-identified in the town plan. Discussion re: whether it is appropriate to call the former GMC campus a “redevelopment zone” vs. and “adaptive reuse zone.”

Jane Williams, Tim Loomis, Mark Flynn, Diane Bargiel, James Johnson, Nic Stark, and Tim Farrell all shared thoughts and comments regarding the town plan proposal.

Jeff King advised those in attendance that the board would hold one more hearing on the proposed Town Plan.

Adjournment: Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Porrier seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson