

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, April 11, 2022 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 3-14-2022 and 3-21-22 Public Hearing
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - updated Town Plan
  - Pomeroy Place
  - Lily Pond parcel – conveyance to the Sports Federation
  - proposed Amendments to the Unified Bylaws
  - Estimates for town computer upgrades to facilitate zoom meetings
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
  - Liquor Licenses
- 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, Ron Kelley, Aaron Kerber, Jonas Rosenthal, Michelle McCarron, Carol Stierle, Mary Sue Reed, Dale Kerber, Laurie Provin, and Mark Teetor.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items: as requested by him: tractor quote; as requested by Carol Bunce: Green Up Day, Priority List, Quarry Park, ARPA fund status, and as requested by Sheryl Porrier: Farm to Table and Senior Center progress report. Richard LaPieere seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/14/2022 and 3-21-22. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

Laurie Provin stated that the relocated telephone/power pole of Thrall Road located on Chris Howe's property is shining a bright light on her property and Kim Ragganet's property. She wonders if the pole is temporary and whether the light can be adjusted.

Mary Sue Reed questioned whether Regenerative Land Holdings has a license to sell spirits out of the Griswold Library. Paul Donaldson stated he was not sure, and would have to inquire with the State. She also asked when the board would visit Pomeroy Place and Hampshire Hollow. Paul Donaldson stated that these were to be discussed this evening.

Jonas Rosenthal discussed with the board the progress of the senior center projects and opened certain bids received for the project. We solicited 4 bids and received 3 bids for the electrical work: Long Trail, Slate Valley Electric, Stateline. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to select the bid of Long Trail in the amount of \$7,880. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. We received 3 bids for the excavation work from Fabien, Davenport and Forever Green. Jonas needs to verify DUNS status for some of the bidders and discuss the scope as one of the bidders was significantly lower than the others. We received 2 bids for the walking trail from Miracle (43,827.50), and O'Brien Alta Play (\$43,237.00) The O'Brien comes with a 10-year warranty. Richard LaPierre made a motion to accept the O'Brien bid. Terry Williams seconded it. Motion passed with all in favor. The bids on the Pavilion work are still out. The center plans to apply for the riverview deck, patio, and excersie equipment.

Jonas stated he secured a \$120,000 grant for the Castleton library to improve handicap access. Grant applications are due April 21.

Aaron Kerber circulated the February and March Captain's Report. The Fire Department has heat pump installation projects which he plans to use the \$3,000 rebate we received when we purchased them towards the cost of installation. He discussed the possible propped Rutland Regional Dispatch which potentially cost upwards of \$35,000 for the town vs. \$5,000 we currently pay Washington County, NY. Discussion followed. He stated that he continues to apply for grants for bottle-fill station. Currently the one we use is owned by Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid. He requests use of ARPA funds to buy two sets of Jaws of Life for about \$60,000. He also requests 3 new radios for the station (\$9,100), and 3 laptops and 2 desktop computers (\$7,500). Paul, Aaron and Ron have also discussed putting repeaters on the cell tower (\$5,476.63 per unit). He is to put together a more detailed list of his requests for the board's consideration. Aaron also stated that the brush truck needs new leaf springs. The fire department is also looking at replacing the 1992 International Truck. There is currently \$381,000 in the replacement fund. In July another \$100,000 will go into the fund.

**Road Report:** Ron Kelley reported the following:

- He is meeting with the RRPC on April 26 to review and prioritize Grants-In-Aid projects;
- We have had to purchase gravel from Wells to do pothole repairs;
- there is a culvert on Lennox Road that was repaired;
- there is a culvert on Morse Hollow that needs to be repaired;
- there is a culvert on River Street that needs replacement;
- the crew finished roadside brush cutting on Upper and High Roads;
- the crew finished roadside brush cutting on York Street Extension;
- the roof and ceiling on the highway garage is gotten really bad, leaking, rotting and black mold. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson reminded the board that Dick Grey quoted \$35,000 some years ago to replace the roof. Discussion followed about temporary repairs to the roof vs. strategic planning to replace the entire structure;
- the oldest truck needs a new box which would cost \$23,500 vs. purchasing a new truck which would be a Freightliner quoted at about \$200,000;
- Discussion about the quote Terry Williams received for a roadside mower. Ron Kelley stated that the mower that was quoted would not be the correct mower to purchase as it is a flail mower and Ron believes they wear out rather quickly when cutting brush..
- Discussion about the Ram truck that is getting older and should be replaced soon.

**Town Managers Report:**

- the board set a meeting for the updated Town Plan and the proposed Amendments to the Unified Bylaws for May 2, 2022 at 6PM;
- the board set a meeting to visit Pomeroy Place and consider reclassification for May 16, 2022 at 4:30PM, and to consider additional signage on Hampshire Hollow Road at the same time;

- The Sports Federation wishes to move forward with the transfer of the Lily Pond parcel provided the value can be reset. Paul Donaldson will discuss with the Lister Office;
  - Paul Donaldson received one quote to provide a computer and the necessary to conduct zoom meetings. He is waiting for two more quotes;
  - Green up Day will be the first weekend in May, and will not be “free day” as it has been in the past;
  - The board is to get to Paul Donaldson their Priority List;
  - Paul Donaldson is working with Shawn Camera to finish the Slate Quarry Park. Shawn is trying to finish the slate to finish the project. Discussion followed about the safety of the park in its current state, and we should mark it off as being closed;
  - Discussion about ARPA funds and Paul Donaldson to put together a list of priorities and what has already been spent or earmarked;
  - Discussion about Fireworks/4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and when we should have fireworks and rain date. Paul Donaldson to coordinate with Jonas Rosenthal as to dates;
- Discussion about “Farm To Table” dates on the East Poultney Green. This year’s dates will be Saturday, July 23, and Saturday, August 20.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the liquor licenses presented to the board. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams stated the next meeting is April 17, 2022.

**Executive Session:** At 8:30PM Sheryl Porrier made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:48PM Terry Williams 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:** Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard LaPierre seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson