

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 4-25-2022 and 5-2-2022 Public Hearing
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - proposed Town Plan
 - proposed Amended Bylaws
 - Priority List
 - Quotes for computer equipment
 - Slate Quarry Park
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
 - liquor license
- 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, Jonas Rosenthal, Mary Sue Reed, Mark Teetor, Margaret Mug and Dan Norwood.

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

Approval of Minutes: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the minutes of 4-25-2022 and 5-2-22. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Mary Sue Reed questioned about Green Up Day and how successful it was. Paul Donaldson stated we handed out many bags and collected them on the roadside. In fact Paul Donaldson had to pick some bags up today off Evergreen Road that someone had collected, but someone dumped the bags out, and the original volunteer had to pick up again. She questioned about the Priority List that was listed under Town Manager's Report. She inquired about the Pomeroy Place visit and whether it is open to the public. Paul Donaldson stated that is was. She asked if the Hampshire Hollow Road visit needs to be rescheduled. Paul Donaldson stated it would have to. She asked about the damaged guardrail on Route 140. Ron Kelley stated he is waiting for the contractor to put it on their schedule.

Jonas Rosenthal reported on the status of the CBDG grant, and they applied for another \$24,200 for the Pavilion designed by Bob Mitnik. He also applied for a \$97,000 Bernie Sanders grant for a patio and viewing deck, which would require a 65% match. Discussion followed. He is working grant reimbursement for VOREC.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- we applied for a Class 2 paving grant but did not receive any;
- the crew has been grading and applying chloride to the roads;
- we needed to replace 3 culverts on Evergreen Road;
- he had to order a 24 inch culvert he's been waiting for since September to be placed on Morse Hollow Road; we need to replace 2 24 inch culverts and 1 18" culvert;
- he is meeting with RRPC for updated culvert inventory and Grants in Aid projects;
- old truck needed some repairs;

- he inquired about the 4-day work week;
- discussion on Route 31 bridge, the State has started the scoping study. Ron Kelley stated the inspector stated we may need to place newer 8 inch by 8 inch blocks;
- the crew removed the dangerous cover over the demolition bin;
- we have quotes for paving on Saltis Road and Hannon Road;
- Ron will get quotes for cement for the pad for the scales at the transfer station;
- discussion re: cracking building at the transfer station and whether we should have an engineer look at that.

Town Managers Report:

Proposed Town Plan: Further discussion. Carol Bunce made a motion to accept the Town Plan as presented by the Planning Commission. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Proposed Amended Bylaws Further discussion. Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the Amended Bylaws as presented by the Planning Commission. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Priority List: Further discussion. Discussion about repairs to town office. Paul Donaldson waiting for the quote.

Discussion regarding repairs and/or replacement of the Town Highway Garage. Sheryl Porrier made a motion for Ron Kelley and Paul Donaldson commencing investigating options. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Paul Donaldson stated that he solicited three quotes for computer equipment to run zoom meetings. He received two quotes close in price, but needs to clarify a couple of things. Once he does he will order equipment.

Paul Donaldson stated that he had received a Letter of interest from Margaret Mug to join the DRB. She introduced herself, and discussion followed. The board asked her to submit a resume so they can understand he background a little,

Paul Donaldson stated he has discussed the town-owned Lily Pond parcel assessment with the Lister, and it will be adjusted to reflect the accurate value.

Paul Donaldson stated he has been assured by Shawn Camara that he is close to finishing the slate needed for the Slate Quarry Park. The park Group has been infighting a little, but Paul is trying his best to get it done.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the liquor/catering license for the upcoming wedding at Whaleback. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe DeBonis, Jr. stated that this year the graduation class will be marching on Main Street to the college on June 10, 2022.

Health Officer: Paul Donaldson has received a couple of complaints about accumulating garbage at some houses.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated that the last TAC meeting there was discussion about prioritizing bridges in Rutland County and paving projects the next meeting is April 17, 2022.

Executive Session: At 7:44PM Terry Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:17PM Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Carol Bunce made the following motion: The highway crew may start working a 4-day work week at the discretion of the Highway Foreman commencing sometime in May and ending at the end of August with Selectboard approval on a yearly basis. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Carol Bunce voted in favor of the motion. Sheryl Porrier voted in favor of the motion. Terry Williams voted no on the motion. Richard LaPierre voted no on the motion. Jeff King voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Board Orders: Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. Carol Bunce 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