

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 5-23-2022
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes):
- 4) Road Report:
 - Grants-In-Aid Letter of Intent
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Downtown WiFi/CUD: Sarah Pelkey
 - Fourth of July
 - RRMC request for "no smoking/vaping" on town property
 - Slate Quarry Park
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 7) Executive Session: Two (2) Personnel Matters
- 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, Sarah Pelkey, Mark Teetor, Jonas Rosenthal, Jane Williams, Nic Stark, Mary Sue Reed, Ben Kainen, and Rhiannon Brewer.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce requested the insertion of Revenue and Expense Reports be placed in “Transact Other Business.” Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-23-2022. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

As a member of the Vermont Community Development Board, Jonas Rosenthal advised the board of a grant opportunity for a planning/assessment of needs for a town hall. He also advised the board that the summer recreation program is available.

Nic Stark questioned whether the board had solicited the public for ARPA fund needs and whether some funds should be allocated to a capital needs assessment. Discussion followed.

Mark Teetor advised the board about CUD matters and fiber optics and advised the Otter Creek CUD may request APRA funds from the Town. He stated there are projected 251 households in Poultney without fiber optics. He inquired as to whether the Town was seeking to hire a new Assistant Town Manager. He was advised that the town is seeking to hire additional help for some matters, but not an “Assistant Town Manager.”

Jane Williams asked Ron Kelley when her French drain will be installed. Ron Kelley stated he could not give her a set date. She inquired as to whether Ron had a list of projects. He stated he did but it always changes due to emerging issues with other projects. She also asked why the State of Vermont engineers had stated that the delay in the Thrall Road bridge was due to delays in acquiring ROWs. Paul Donaldson stated she should inquire with the State for the answer to that question.

Mary Sue Reed questioned some of the ARPA allocations to the Senior Center. Discussion followed. She asked if the Pomeroy Place visit had been warned. Pau Donaldson stated it had

been warned at the usual places, and needs to be warned at least 10 days before the site visit. She inquired about the Hampshire Hollow site visit. She was advised that the board did do the site visit and that we will be affixing a few additional signs on Hampshire Hollow and Finel Hollow Roads.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

-We have identified 4 segments of road on Pond Hill to repair as part of our MRGP obligations through the Grants In Aid program which will pay for about \$33,500 worth of work. This will bring the town current through 2022, and part of 2025. The crew will stone line ditches, remove grader berms, and add gravel to the road.

-The crew has been repairing culverts, stoning ditches, and adding gravel to Morse Hollow Road.

-The crew has been grading roads: Morse Hollow, Hillside, Endless Brook, Gorhamtown, Griffin, Hannon, Walker, Pond Hill, Lewis.

-Joel's truck needs transmission switched out. We have one in the spare truck we scrapped.

Town Managers Report:

-Downtown WiFi/CUD: Sarah Pelkey advised the board that the Rotary and PDRC has inquired as to whether there has been any progress repairing/installing new WiFi along Main Street. Jeff King stated that he had looked into the matter with Verizon and they do not have a program like that – only business by business. He stated Joe Duffy had looked into it at one point and it would be a \$20,000 item. Discussion followed. Sarah will follow up with Mr. Duffy.

-Paul Donaldson stated he is in need of assistance for the 4th of July fireworks display. He stated that event is always understaffed. Discussion followed. He will inquire with the Sheriff's Department as to police coverage.

-Discussion re: Grants In Aid. Sheryl Porrier made a motion for Jeff King to sign the Letter of Intent to participate in the Grants In Aid program this year. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-RRMC request for “no smoking/vaping” on town property. Paul Donaldson stated that he was contacted by a representative of RRMC looking to place no smoking or vaping signs on town property. Discussion followed. No action taken.

-Slate Quarry Park: Paul Donaldson stated that the park is almost finished and we are working on reimbursements. The Group is looking to schedule a Grand Opening.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: The board will meet at 6:00PM, June 27, 2022 to discuss the Revenue and Expense Reports.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated that the last TAC meeting for postponed.

Executive Session: At 7:40PM Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:34PM Terry Williams made a motion to leave Executive Session. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Terry Williams made a motion to appoint Mary Jo Tettor to Assessor. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Richard LaPierre made a motion that Paul Donaldson to seek hiring a new fulltime employee to work at the transfer station some days and with the highway crew some days for a flexible 5 day work week to be determined. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Board Orders: Richard LaPierre made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams 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