

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

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 6-27-2022
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns (limit of 15 minutes):
- 4) Road Report:
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Fourth of July report
  - Local Emergency Management Plan
  - Ames Hollow (set date for deliberation)
  - Lilly Pond parcel and conveyance to the Sports Federation
  - PUD application from Bhakta group
  - Tax Stabilization meeting for August 8, 2022
  - Zoom equipment
  - Personnel Policy updates
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 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, Kathy Beebe, Nic Stark, Annie Daley, Mark Teetor, Mary Sue Reed, Kim Carter and Laurie Provin.

**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 6-27-2022. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** Jeff King advised members of the public that once we start zooming the time allocated to public comments may be limited to a total of 15 minutes.

Nic Stark presented the board with several digitized Town seals that he worked on. The board had a consensus on one seal. The board advised him that he should check with Clerk Betsy Wescott as she has been doing some election paperwork and to be sure the seal does not conflict with the proposed seal. Nic also presented the board with a brand licensing agreement for their consideration as well as ARPA allocation proposals. The board will consider these items. The board did comment that a number of the items on the ARPA list are already under consideration.

Kathy Beebe is concerned about ongoing crime issues in town and village. She stated that her house was broken into on June 4 with a number of items stolen. State Police did respond but did not want to and wanted to leave the call for the Rutland County Sheriff Department to respond to. She was also advised by VSP to stay off the rail trail because they believe a lot of crime originates there. She wants to know why there is no police coverage overnights. Paul Donaldson stated we contract for 32 hours a week, and there is some night coverage but only until 10pm. Our Constable does do some night patrol. If we want more coverage we will need to budget for it. If we were to have our own police department we would need to look at the Town Charter and perhaps send that item to a vote. Again it is mainly about budgets. Terry Williams stated he has spoken to Rep. Patricia McCoy about this issue as it is not only limited to Poultney but many towns throughout the State. Jeff King advised Ms. Beebe that we recently spoke with Constable Kerber in Executive Session and he advised they have some suspect(s) for the ongoing criminal activity and they are pursuing leads on the same.

Mary Sue Reed stated THAT SHE WOULD BRING Nic Stark's ARPA proposals to the Planning Commission because some of them relate to Zoning Bylaw Revisions the PC is currently working on.

Laurie Provin advised the board that recently someone stole the Historic Marker for Horace Greeley and Jeff Brace. Paul Donaldson stated Krista Rupe had recently brought that to his attention.

**Road Report:** Paul Donaldson reported that Ron Kelley is out of town. The crew continues to grade, and has been brush cutting roadsides. Terry Williams reported that on July 6-8, the RRPC had been doing crack sealing demonstrations and macadam road construction. Mark Teetor commented that Middletown Springs used macadam on Route 140 which lasted about three years. Terry Williams mentioned that there is a VT Local Roads training July 26-27 for culverts and gravel roads.

**Town Managers Report:** Paul Donaldson reported:

-The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and fireworks went off fairly well. We had 2 Deputy Sheriffs on duty in the evening who were rotating in and out of the crowd at the fireworks. We raised \$2,445.51 in donations “at the gate”. Paul Donaldson thanked Mary Sue Reed, Mazie Parlakis and Nicolas Milazzo with assisting him in collecting donations. We also received a \$7,000 grant from the Hill and Hollows Fund towards the costs (total of \$12,000) of the fireworks. He also thanked the Dematties for helping with parking and Sheryl Porrier who helped him and two of his children pick up garbage on July 5. Next year he hopes to get more volunteers to assist with donation collections and clean up.

-Local Emergency Management Plan: It is time to adopt our yearly LEMP. Discussion followed. Richard LaPierre made a motion to adopt the Plan as prepared by Terry Williams. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Pomeroy Place deliberation: Discussion as to best date and time to deliberate on the road reclassification consideration. The board decided to deliberate July 25, 2022 at 5:30PM.

-Lily Pond parcel conveyance to the Sports Federation: Paul Donaldson reported that the Lister Office has reassessed the parcel and he will contact our attorney to effectuate the transfer of property.

-Regenerative Land Holdings has filed a Planned Unit Development application in connection with redeveloping the parcel.

-Regenerative Land Holdings has requested to be on the August 8, 2022 Selectboard Agenda to discuss the Tax Stabilization Agreement. Paul Donaldson stated he needs to discuss with the Town Attorney as to whether that discussion should be done in Executive Session under contract negotiations.

-The Zoom equipment should be received in the next week or so. He will then have Vinnie Covino install the same.

-We are waiting for VLCT to finish their revisions to their model Personnel Policy so we can restart the conversations as to updating our own Personnel Policy.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

Carol Bunce stated she would like the board to review the benefits sheet that she had previously circulated especially in light of the fact that the board will be working on revising our own Personnel Policy.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams stated that at the last TAC meeting there was an election of officers. Devon Neary is the new Executive Director. Shawn Barrows from West Rutland is the new Chair, and David Allaire of Rutland is the Vice-Chair. At the TAC meeting there was an Act 248 discussion re: cell tower proposal in Ira.

**Executive Session:** At 7:22PM Richard LaPierre made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:00PM Terry Williams made a motion to leave Executive Session. Richard LaPierre 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