

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, July 25, 2022 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes: 7-11-2022
- 5) Public Comments on matters (not on the agenda) (limit of 10 minutes)
- 6) Road Report:
- 7) Town Manager's Report
  - Lily Pond parcel and conveyance to the Sports Federation
  - Tax Stabilization meeting for August 8, 2022 (Executive Session)
  - Zoom equipment
- 8) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 9) Health Officer's Report
- 10) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 11) Board Orders
- 12) Public Comments on matters discussed at this meeting (limit of 5 minutes)
- 13) Executive Session
- 14) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes  
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Terry Williams called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Nic Stark, Andrew Ohl, Mark Teetor, Mary Sue Reed, and Margaret Mug.

Terry Williams called the meeting to order and led the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carol Bunce requested two items to be added to the Agenda: 1. setting a date to establish the tax rate; 2. Discuss the State of Vermont's request to have an informational meeting on the commencement of construction for the East Poultney Bridge. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-11-2022. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Public Comments on matters (not on the agenda)**

Nic Stark inquired about the Lily Pond parcel to be conveyed to the Sports Federation. Terry Williams stated it is a wetland that the group, with the assistance of the Poultney Fish and Game Club, will make into a better suited wildlife viewing area, and maybe a better put-in for canoes and kayaks.

Nic Stark inquired about the ARPA ideas he had provided to the board. Paul Donaldson stated a number of those items the board have already been considering. The office sign Paul had put on hold because he was not convinced about the design. He also thought it would be a good idea to incorporate the new brand logo the Selectboard recently approved.

Mary Sue Reed inquired about the Pomeroy Place discussion. Terry Williams advised that the board meet this afternoon and deliberated, and decided to downgrade the road to a Public Trail. Paul Donaldson stated that he has to draft the decision and run it by the town attorney before it becomes official.

Mary Sue Reed asked about meeting minutes for the June 29 Site Visit to Pomeroy Place. Paul Donaldson stated he had drafted minutes but was not sure whether those minutes should be incorporated into the decision on Pomeroy Place.

Mary Sue Reed stated that she read in the Rutland Herald recently that costs of building materials are so high right now that the board may want to consider holding off on making any decisions about building a new garage.

Andrew Ohl stated he was here representing the Poultney Republican Committee and the group would like to fundraise and work with the town to get new benches for the East Poultney Green. He requested to be put on the next agenda to further explore this.

Margaret Mug questioned as to whether the East Poultney Green is town owned property or owned by the church. Paul Donaldson explained that while records had been burned, his understanding is that the green and the parking lot behind the church is town-owned, while the footprint of the church itself is all that is owned by the church. Mark Teetor confirmed Paul Donaldson's understanding.

**Road Report:** Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- the crew has been cutting brush and ditching on Watkins Hill Road, the Class 3 section;
- the crew is stripping out the transmission of the old truck to put in Joel's truck;
- Ron has been roadside mowing;
- Ron went to Westminster to get Dick's truck, which needed repairs to the A/C, which was covered by warranty;
- the crew has been grading roads.

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

- we are ready to do the transfer paperwork for the Lily Pond parcel. Paul Donaldson asked Terry Williams to have the Federation get in touch with him to coordinate;
- Regenerative Land Holdings will be here August 8 to discuss tax stabilization. Paul Donaldson confirmed with the town attorney that the discussions can be held in Executive Session under "negotiations of contracts", and once a more concrete proposal is formalized, the board could have public meetings to share with the public before they have to vote on it. Mark Teetor advised the board to keep in mind that Mr. Bhakta has stated he may sell the hotel portion of the project and how that could impact any agreement.
- we are still waiting for some zoom equipment to come in

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

Discussion re: setting a date for setting the tax rate. The board settled on August 3, at 5:45PM. Paul Donaldson will check with Jeff King to see that his schedule can accommodate that date.

-Paul Donaldson will speak with the State's Informational Consultant to set a date for a public meeting on the East Poultney Bridge. He will propose August 15, at 6:30PM, and will check to see if we can use the firehouse for that meeting.

-Terry Williams shared a letter from David Sawyer about a zoning violation. Paul Donaldson stated he had sent a proposed letter to the town attorney to review before he sends it to the parcel owner.

**Health Officer:** There are a couple of rodent issues Paul Donaldson is dealing with.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams stated that there was no July RRPC meeting but there is a TAC meeting on Thursday at 5:30PM.

**Board Orders:** Richard LaPierre made a motion to pay board orders. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments on matters discussed at this meeting:** Nothing further.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Carol Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard LaPierre seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson