

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom
Monday, October 17, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

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Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes: September 26, 2022
- 5) Road Report:
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Town office sign
 - Personnel Policy revisions
 - Stonebridge architecture consultation
 - BRIC Grant / Poultney River trestle bridge study
 - Senior Center grant project
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
 - Chief Kerber/fire truck purchase proposal
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 12) Executive Session: Personnel matters
- 13) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes
Poultney Selectboard**

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Jeff King called the meeting to order and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present included: Jeff Jing, Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Ronald Kelley, Highway Foreman, Mark Teetor, Fire Chief Aaron Kerber, Bill Jones, Nate Bourn, Mary Sue Reed, Nic Stark and Tim Loomis. Attending via Zoom members included Nancy _____, Kimberly _____, Nan Greer, Janice B. Edwards, Laurie Lewis, and Iphone 6?.

Adoption of the Agenda: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- The crew will start hauling winter sand this Wednesday
- All the sanders have been checked over and are ready for winter.
- The crew has been ditching and brush cutting on Lewis Road and Gorhamtown Road
- New plow blades have been installed on some of the trucks.
- UST Recertification was done today.
- We signed sand contract with Stanly Martell.
- We have a meeting with the RRPC to complete the Grants-In-Aid paperwork.
- We will continue to grade roads weather permitting.
- The crew will go back to a 5-day work week next week.

Town Managers Report: Paul Donaldson reported:

-Paul Donaldson reminded the board about the Celebration of Life for Jonas Rosnethal on October 29, 2022. The Town and Village will contribute to paying for the food for the celebration.

-Paul Donaldson stated he has met with Danny Lang to design the new sign.

-Paul Donaldson stated he will have the draft revisions to the Personnel Policy for review soon.

-Paul Donaldson has a meeting with an architect to look at the Stonebridge scheduled for early November.

-Discussion re: The Bric Grant to study the D&H Rail Trail trestle bridge. We received a \$63,000 grant to do a hydrology study. This is an engineering study, and if there are solutions we would need to apply for more funding to implement fixes.

-Paul Donaldson is working on wrapping up the Senior Center grant that Jonas Rosenthal was working on.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: Chief Aaron Kerber circulated the September, 2022 Captain's Report. He also discussed the new truck purchase. There is currently \$483,439.49 in equipment fund; this figure includes \$21,000 for the police cruiser fund. The new Ford chassis is on the ground. The truck total is \$372,346.00 with an \$8,000.00 amount for tool mounting. The radio is not included in this price. The old truck will be sold or donated. Discussion followed. Carol Bunce made a motion to purchase the 2022 Ford F550. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams stated he was unable to attend the last TAC meeting.

Board Orders: Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

Tim Loomis asked for clarification on the BRIC grant and the trestle bridge study.

Mary Sue Reed asked about recording the Zoom meetings. Paul Donaldson stated he will not be recording the meetings. She reminded the board to get minutes posted within 5 days of the meeting.

Nic Stark inquired as to why the Zoom meetings are not being recorded. Paul Donaldson stated that he is not required to record the meetings. He inquired as to the status of the Merger Study. Paul Donaldson stated he has started to look at what other towns have recently done for merger consideration.

Executive Session: At 7:14PM Sheryl Porrier made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. At 7:55PM Richard LaPierre made a motion to leave Executive Session. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

Adjournment: Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard LaPierre seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson