

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom
Monday, October 24, 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: October 17, 2022
- 5) Road Report:
- 6) Town Manager's Report
-Town office sign: Danny Lang and Nic Stark
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 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
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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 King, Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Mark Teetor, Margaret Mug, Carol Stierle, Mary Sue Reed, Sheila Nichols, and Nic Stark (present and via Zoom). Attending via Zoom, members included Kimberly and Mark Flynn, Janice B. Edwards, Jane Williams, Nan Greer, and Lauri Lewis.

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

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- The crew has been hauling winter sand.
- The crew continues to grade roads.
- We have ordered salt, with concerns that it will be difficult to get salt this winter if railroad employees strike.
- Sheryl Porrier asked if the crew would be doing more roadside brush cutting on Route 140. Paul Donaldson will inquire.
- Terry Williams asked if the crew would be brush cutting more on Ruby Road. Paul Donaldson will inquire.

Town Managers Report: Paul Donaldson reported:

- He is working on finishing the Senior Center grant that Jonas Rosenthal had been handling.
- He has a few more things he needs to provide to close out the Downtown Transportation grant for the Slate Quarry Park.
- He had some issues with saving the draft of the new Personnel Policy, and is working on recreating the draft.
- The bridge in East Poultney will be removed soon.
- The town continues to work with DuBois on the Better Connections Planning Grant.

-He has a meeting scheduled with an architect to look at the Stonebridge. He had recently discussed with Pattie McCoy that an architect had scoped the building for a town hall when it was rebuilt in 2004/2005. Neither he nor Betsy Wescott can find the report, and that architect recently retired.

-He has done some preliminary leg work on the merger Study, and may ask Sarah Pelkey to assist with that.

-The board set a Special Meeting for Thursday, November 10, at 4:30PM for budget discussions.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: Nic Stark reported that he and Danny Lang had designed the new office sign. They will be getting some slate pieces to carve the town seal. Sheryl Porrier asked if the slate would be painted. Ni Stark stated they will experiment with a couple different things. He is not sure of the timeline to have the sign done. The board would like to see a mock up of the sign.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams reported there is a TAC meeting this coming Thursday.

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)

Margaret Mug asked if there could be some sidewalk improvements at the Church Street and Beaman Street intersection. Paul Donaldson stated he will bring this issue up at the Village Trustees Meeting.

Sheila Nichols stated she was here as a Board member of the Young At Heart Senior Center. Now that Jonas Rosenthal has passed that group would like to keep in touch with the Selectboard and work together to continue to enhance the center. Discussion about placing a fence along the parking lot and replacing the existing metal fence along Lake Road to make it look nicer coming into the Village.. Mrs. Nichols also stated they would have a Pavilion dedication and track dedication in the springtime.

Mary Sue Reed inquired about the Village Meeting regarding the lot owned by the Town and Village on Granville Street that Mr. and Mrs. Loomis want to purchase. Paul Donaldson stated there will be no sale at this point while we work on the Bric Grant.

Nic Stark advised the board that the PDRC is working on banner replacements for Main Street. He has asked the Village Trustees about contributing funds for that project. He also advised the board that they are working on a downtown mural project in three locations through a Better

Places Grant.. He asked if the East Poultney Green is town owned or Church owned. Paul Donaldson stated it was Town owned.

Mark Teetor cautioned the board that when looking at the Stonebridge to consider that the Leap Frog Nursery School is vital to the community and attracts people to the community. He also stated that there are grant funds available to move town offices to new locations.

Mark Teetor stated that the OCCUD is looking at 2 different fiber network providers. There are 216 locations in Poultney that do not have internet fiber. This is a \$40M project.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Richard LaPierre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Porrier seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson