

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, November 14, 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 24, 2022
- 5) Road Report:
- 6) Town Manager's Report

- 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 Jing, Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Margaret Mug, Mark Teetor, Nic Stark (in person and via Zoom), and Dale Kerber. Attending via Zoom, members included Ben Thirkield, Janice B. Edwards, Nan Greer, and Kim Carter.

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 October 24, 2022. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- The crew finished putting up 3000 yards of winter sand.
- The trucks are setup for winter
- He has heard some positive and some negative comments about the additional signs on Hampshire Hollow and Finel Hollow Roads.

Town Managers Report: Paul Donaldson reported:

- Vacation schedule for Christmas will be December 23 through December 26, 2022.
- He met with an architect this afternoon to assess the town office for renovations and the Stonebridge. He will get a report sometime after Thanksgiving. The architect will also assess the highway garage for us.
- Paul circulated an email from the State regarding closing the work zone for East Poultney bridge. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson will advise the contractor that we wish for a chain link fence.
- He mentioned that the DRB will have a meeting re: Regenerative Landholdings on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00PM.
- He spoke with Danny Lang requesting the sign mock-up and dimensions.
- Sarah Pelkey is working on the Merger Study.
- SVT still has some signs that were intended for Route 30. SVT is working on improving the trail crossing on Route 140.
- The Village of Poultney worked with RRPC and PES to apply for a grant to improve the crossing by the school and sidewalks.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: The board set the following Special Meeting dates:

December 19, 2022, 6:30PM: Selectboard Meeting;

November 16, 2022, 4:30PM, Budget Meeting;
December 1, 2022, 4:30PM, Budget Meeting.

Health Officer: Paul Donaldson reported that he allowed a landlord to dispose of much garbage and furniture for no fees at the transfer station as a public health matter since there was rat infestation, bedbugs, and other rodents in one apartment of a multi-unit building. He will use budgeted public health funds to cover the disposal costs.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Terry Williams reported the following about the recent TAC meeting:

- Devon Neary has stepped down as the RRPC contact on TAC and is being replaced by Ethan Pepin.
- Marble Valley Transportation was recently awarded \$4M for electric buses.
- Discussion of the Better Connections Town To Trails grant in Poultney.
- Working on prioritizing bridges in Rutland County.
- Poultney has reached 15% MRGP compliance.
- TAC can assist with traffic counts if it is needed in Poultney.
- VTrans is coming out with more highway safety grants.
- VTrans in the future would like to have shoulders on all roads for bike travel.
- VTrans is working on new signage for highways.

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

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

Nic Stark informed the board he will be recording Selectboard meetings and providing them to Peg TV pursuant to his legal rights under VSA T1, Section 312, and VSA T9, Chapter 139.

Mark Flynn asked about Regenerative Landholdings intention to install a Helipad on former GMC campus. Paul Donaldson stated that he was unaware of the intention but is sure it will come up in their upcoming DRB meeting.

Mark Flynn asked about more police coverage to catch speeding vehicles on South Street. Dale Kerber advised he has been patrolling that area frequently. Paul Donaldson will also mention it to the Deputy Sheriff as well, and he will provide email address the Deputy set up for Poultney residents to submit concerns to him.

Executive Session: At 7:31PM Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:22PM Carol Bunce made a motion to leave Executive Session. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. No action taken.

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson