

Poultney Selectboard  
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

**Monday, December 12, 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: November 14, 2022, December 1, 2022 Special Meeting, December 7, 2022 Special Meeting
- 5) Road Report:
- 6) Town Manager's Report
  - Lyle Jepson, Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region
  - MRGP Letter of Intent
  - Date for next budget discussions
- 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
- 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, Ronald Kelley, Highway Foreman, Dick Ferguson, Joel Roberts, Mary Sue Reed, Crispin White. Carol Stierle, Margaret Mug, Olivia Lyons, Tyler Richardson, Dale Kerber, Kim Carter, and Mark Teetor. Attending via Zoom members included Nic Stark, Jane Williams, Alex Hilliard, Nancy Blair, and Ed Taylor.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carol Bunce requested that Slate Quarry Park be added to the Agenda, and that Board Orders be moved on the Agenda to after Executive Session. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the revised Agenda. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 11-14-2022 with a correction to the date of December 4, 2022 for a Budget Meeting, , 12-1-2022 Special Meeting and 12-7-2022 Special Meeting. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Road Report:** Ron Kelley reported the following:

- We are down one truck, it is at Allegiance Trucks waiting to be diagnosed. It could be a warranty issue.
- The crew has been repairing potholes.
- Joel Roberts was able to grade Lewis Road once more.
- We have stocked extra salt at the Village Treatment Plant, about 50-60 tons.
- Discussion of Class 2 paving or structures grant for Upper and High Road.
- We just filed for Grants-In-Aid reimbursement for \$20,250.
- Route 140 and Finel Road guardrails were finally repaired.
- We applied for and received a diesel emissions reduction grant to replace our backhoe.

**Town Managers Report:**

-Tyler Richardson, Chrispin White and Olivia Lyons, all from Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region presented to benefits of being a sponsoring town. They ask for an allocation of \$1.00 per capita, or \$3,020.00. Terry Williams made a motion to contribute. No second on the motion. To be discussed in budget meetings.

-Paul Donaldson asked the board to permit him to sign a Letter of Intent for MRGP. Terry made the motion for Paul to sign the LOI. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion, Motion carried with all in favor.

-The board agreed to have an Emergency Budget meeting on 12-14-2022 at 4:30PM.

Paul Donaldson advised the board we received a \$40,000.00 grant from the Conine Family Foundation for fire equipment.

-Paul Donaldson stated he did request a quote from Sheriff Fox to increase weekly coverage from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week. Discussion followed.

-Sarah Pelkey is working on a Use Form for the SQP. He is aware that caroling will take place there but was advised that the group would likely not go into the park, but rather stand along the sidewalk.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:** Constable Dale Kerber stated that Regional Dispatch is still an ongoing issue and concern which could impact budgets immensely. Discussion followed.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Terry Williams stated the next TAC meeting is 12-13-2022.

**Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)**

Margaret Mug asked if there is any plan to put a sidewalk in front of the Dollar General. Paul Donaldson advised the Village Board of Trustees has been discussing this matter.

Mary Sue Reed questioned when, and if, Mr. Williams will be resigning from the Selectboard. He stated that he would have to at some point in the near future.

Alex Hilliard questioned the transparency of the board's procedures and expectations when meeting with prospective candidates. Paul Donaldson stated his recollection was he had inquired with the town attorney about procedures and was advised that the board could meet candidates and discuss appointments in executive session. He will inquire again.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Board Orders:** Carol Bunce made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson