

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, December 19, 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: December 12, 2022 and December 14, 2022 Emergency Budget Meeting
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 8) Budget Discussions
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 11) Executive Session Budget Discussions
- 12) 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, outgoing Highway Foreman, Dick Ferguson, Joel Roberts, incoming Highway Foreman, Katrina Davenport, Mark Teetor, Margaret Mug, and Mary Sue Reed. Attending via Zoom members included Mark and Kim Flynn, Janice B. Edwards, Sam Ferguson, Jane Williams, Alex Hilliard and Christina Kerber.

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

Approval of Minutes: Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 12-12-2022 and 12-14-2022 Emergency Budget Meeting. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- The International Tandem Truck is still in the diagnostic stages
- They have been familiarizing the new drivers with their plow routes
- AOT/VTrans has lent us a truck until next week. The truck got stuck once and we were unable to use sand just salt in the truck
- the one ton truck is down as well
- The 2014 Western Star has a broken main leaf spring, and will need to go to Westminster to be repaired
- Hampton, NY loaned us a spare truck
- The crew still needs to do roadside brush and tree pickup from the last storm

Town Managers Report:

-Katrina Davenport presented to the board that in order to stay in business the Poultney Rescue Squad needs to double its town allocation request. She believes with the additional funds they will be able to attract more fulltime employees. They also risk the chance of losing dispatch from Washington County, NY since short staffing makes it difficult to respond to calls. Alex Hilliard suggested that some grants may be available to the squad even though they are non-profit. Discussion on whether the squad should consolidate locations with the Fire Department and sell their facility. Katrina Davenport advised the board that in the past the squad board was not amenable to such a consolidation.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: N/A

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

Nic Stark inquired as to whether the Village is going to seek some Downtown Transportation Fund grants. Paul Donaldson stated he was looking at some projects with Sarah Pelkey.

Mark Flynn stated that there had been some power lines down on Route 31, and some cones had been placed near the low hanging wires that can be removed.

Mary Sue Reed had some questions about the December 14, 2022 budget meeting, and whether there will be more budget meetings. She inquired about the ARPA funds and whether there will be special meetings to garner public input. Paul Donaldson stated there has been some folks inquiring about ARPA fund allocations, and he has advised those people to present requests to the Selectboard.

Executive Session: At 7:20PM, Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. At 8:31PM, Terry Williams made a motion to leave Executive Session. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The board set the next Special Budget Meeting for 01-05-22 at 4:30PM.

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

Adjournment: Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Bunce seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson