

Poultney Selectboard  
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

**Monday, January 9, 2023 – 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 19, 2022 and January 5, 2023 Special Budget Meeting
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
  - Highway Mileage Certification
  - MRGP Renewal and Notice of Intent
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
  - Nic Stark: branding initiative update
  - Dan Williams, Transfer Station Report
- 8) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 9) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 10) Executive Session
- 11) Board Orders
- 12) 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, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier and Richard LaPierre. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Highway Foreman, Mary Sue Reed, Nic Stark, Dan Williams, Mark Teetor, Carol Steriele. Attending via Zoom members included Mark and Kim Flynn, Tim Loomis, Janice B. Edwards, Alex Hilliard, Nic Stark, and Ron Kelley.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition of discussion re: Stonebridge, Letter of Resignation of Terry Williams, and Open House Retirement Party for Ron Kelley. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 12-19-2022 and 1-5-2023 Special Budget Meeting. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Road Report:** Joel Roberts reported the following:

- The VTrans truck that we borrowed has been returned
- We continue to make use of Hampton's spare truck
- The dodge truck had corroded wires on the transmission that have been repaired
- The crew has been doing brush and tree cleanup from the last storm
- We are working on securing quotes for another non-CDL truck
- Truck 1 is supposed to be finished this week
- The loader is fully serviced
- Discussion re: Wells Highway garage has been broken into. We do not have cameras but do secure all tools in the shop
- We just ordered more road salt
- Plenty of sand left
- Joel answered a survey from RRPC re: storm damage, and updated them when he learned of private damage re: Pond Hill Ranch roof
- He has scheduled a site visit for 1-13-23 to see Rupert Highway garage. He should also look at Tinmouth's new garage

**Town Managers Report:**

- Paul Donaldson asked the board to sign the Highway Mileage Certification. He completed the form and removed Pomeroy Place from the map and downgraded the same to a legal trail
- The board signed the MRGP Renewal and Notice of Intent

-Paul is still waiting from a letter from the architect re: Stonebridge estimates

-Sarah Pelkey is working on a Use Form for the Slate Quarry Park

-Sarah Pelkey is diving into the Merger Study

-The board has received Terry Williams' Letter of Resignation. Paul Donaldson stated he needs to advertise the vacancy in the local paper and allow interested parties 10 days to give a letter of interest, and the board must appoint at the next meeting. He cannot give a date certain when the board can appoint until he knows the publishing date. Paul Donaldson and Aaron Kerber will be the new Emergency Management Coordinators and Sarah Pelkey will be the new RRPC?TAC contact

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

-Nic Stark presented the board with the PDRC banner project on Main Street. While he acknowledged that Main Street is in the Village, he wanted to apprise the Selectboard on the project since it deals with the branding initiative he has been working with the Town and Village on. The project will have a history of the area with QR codes on 23 lamp posts. The historical society has been working on it with the PDRC. Hadeka Stone will donate the slate and will be engraved by Reclaimed. He is seeking a Letter of Support from the board. The board tabled the matter until he secures support from the Village.

Dan Williams gave a year end report for 2022 that 239 containers were pulled: 93 trash; 93 zero sort; 27 furniture; 21 demolition; 5 metal. He has concerns about contractors disposing of asbestos. He heard Hubbards requires inspectors (\$250 per inspection). Paul Donaldson stated one way to ensure there is no asbestos is to stop taking demolition. Discussion followed. Alex Hilliard wondered whether the town could go through its records and compare the volumes of each container and see if there has been changes.

Dan Williams also reported that the bottle drives have benefitted 21 different groups and raised a total of \$14,854.92. The last drive of December 10, 2022 raised \$554.00 for the Tree of Giving.

Dan Williams stated that the local Girl Scout Troop wants to sell cookies some time in February. Discussion followed. The board consensus was to allow the sale. Alex Hilliard asked if there is a policy on who can use the transfer station. Paul Donaldson stated it was on a case by case basis. Alex Hilliard suggested without a written policy on who can promote/sell what at the transfer station there was a bias.

Jeff King advised he has been appointed to the board at the Senior Center and advised the center may be seeking funding through the town or fundraisers for defibrillators, the costs are \$1200 to \$1800 per unit. Discussion as to whether the town hall should also have one. He stated that the center has a meeting with Same Sun Solar to discuss possible solar project. The center is also looking into a generator fundraiser.

The board set a date for a retirement party for Ron Kelley of 1-28-23 from 2:00PM – 5:00PM.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Sara Pelkey is unable to attend the next TAC meeting.

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

Alex Hilliard questioned the board about the procedure to seek an appointment to the board and also simultaneously seeking to be elected. Jeff King advised them to speak with the Town Clerk as she is in charge of elections.

Discussion with Mark Flynn re: seeing if we can secure funding for flashing speed signs. Paul Donaldson will discuss with the RRPC to see if funding is available. The board did consider more police coverage but has indications from the Sheriff that staffing could be an issue.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Board Orders:** Richard LaPierre made a motion to pay board orders. Sheryl Porrier 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