

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, January 23, 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: January 9, 2023 and January 12, 2023 Special Budget Meeting
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Petition re: Poultney Rescue Squad
 - Petition re: Thrall Road Bridge lanes
 - Funding re: flashing speed signs
 - Computer upgrades at Town Office
 - Sara Pelkey: funding options for town buildings
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 8) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 9) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 10) Executive Session: Personnel Issues
- 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, Richard Ferguson, Mary Sue Reed, Nic Stark, Margaret Mug, Lauri Provin, Jonathon Andrews, Jane Williams, Mark Teetor, and Andrew Ohl.. Attending via Zoom members included Sarah Pelkey, Nan Greere, Nic Stark, and Janice B. Edwards.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition of adding election of the Vice-Chair. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-9-23 and 1-12-23 Special Budget Meeting. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- Truck 1 is still in the shop as when the head was being repaired the company damaged the valves. Truck 1 is also getting the oil pan replaced.
- Joel has updated the fire extinguishers in all town buildings and found a new company to handle the servicing of the same.
- the crew purchased a Stainless Steel Sander together with the Village to add additional sanding capabilities when needed.
- The one-ton is still at Rutland Dodge. The dealer is having trouble finding a transmission wiring harness for that truck.
- The town is using the Village's ¾ ton through mutual aid.
- the last storm we had flash freezing on many back roads, this caused a delay in the school schedule.
- Dick and Joel met with Josh from ANR to go over a list of projects for this spring/summer season.
- The crew completed an emergency cross drain replacement with the assistance of Ryan Davenport on Route 140.
- the crew continues to clean up brush and down trees from several storms ago.
- We have ordered the new backhoe and should have it by the end of February/early March.
- The crew has been filling potholes.
- The crew did some repairs to the Class 4 section of Dayton Hill Road.
- We still are borrowing Hampton's spare truck.
- Discussion re: the new Freightliner M2 106 truck we will use ARPA funds to purchase.

Town Managers Report:

-Paul Donaldson advised the board that a Petition to be added to the Warning was received and verified by the Clerk re: Poultney Rescue Squad request for continued tax-free status.

-Paul Donaldson advised the board that the Clerk has delivered to be added to the Warning a Petition to stripe the Thrall Road Bridge as a single lane bridge. He advised that he had some concerns about this Petition, and the town attorney is reviewing the same. He has discussed it with the State of Vermont as well. Jane Williams stated she had filed the petition and done some research indicating there would not be a significant delay to redesign the bridge from a 2-lane to a 1-lane. Paul Donaldson stated that is not what the State was reporting.

-Paul Donaldson stated he had left a message with RRPC about possible funding for flashing speed signs. Mary Sue Reed questioned the effectiveness of these lights. Paul Donaldson stated he had concerns as well.

-Paul Donaldson stated he is working with Silloway Network to update the town computer

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:

-Sarah Pelkey gave the board a presentation on some possible funding sources to update town buildings, or build town buildings. She advised the board it would be best to meet and prioritize projects. Discussion re: the same. The board set a Special Meeting of 1-31-23 at 6:30PM to discuss this matter further.

-Jeff King made a motion to nominate Sheryl Porrier as Vice-Chair of the board. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-Paul Donaldson reminded the board that Ron Kelley's retirement party will be at The American Legion on Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 2PM until 5PM.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: No report.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

Mary Sue Reed offered praise for the work the highway crew has been doing on the roads.

Executive Session: None.

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

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson