

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, April 10, 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: 03-27-23
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Slate Valley Trails report to Selectboard
 - Sarah Pelkey update to Selectboard
 - Dan Williams: Transfer Station update
 - Liquor Licenses
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 8) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 9) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 10) Executive Session: Tax Stabilization discussions re: Regenerative Landholdings
- 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, Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell and Mark Teetor. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Highway Foreman, Courtney Behnken, Chris Smid, Sarah Pelkey, Carol Bunce, Mary Sue reed, Carol Stierle, Margaret Mag, Jonathan Andrews, Dan Williams, Kim Carter, and Nic Stark. Attending via Zoom members included Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, and Alex Hilliard.

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

Approval of Minutes: Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-27-23 with two typographical errors corrected. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- The crew graded Hillside Road on 3-30-23;
- The crew has been cold patching potholes with the assistance from the Village crew on Meadow Lane, the transfer station, Candlestick Lane and Morse Hollow Road;
- The Hampton truck has been repaired and returned;
- The crew replaced a failed culvert on River Street;
- We provided mutual aid to the Town of Hampton with Dick Ferguson doing some brush cutting;
- The new John Deere backhoe has been delivered;
- The crew applied gravel and grading to Endless Brook Road, Hampshire Hollow and Morse Hollow;
- There is a culvert on DeBonis Quarry Road that needs to be replaced once the water subsides a little;
- Jones Road was graded;
- Gravel was added to Finel Hollow Road;
- Joel brought Pike and Peckham to provide paving quotes for Morse Hollow and to look at the condition of Upper Road (which will need a lot of work, probably within the next five years);
- The crew is trying to prioritize grading based on usage amounts;
- The crew has clean a good deal of scrap metal from the yard.

Town Managers Report:

-Courtney Behnken and Chris Smit presented to the board a draft of the Slate Valley Trials strategic plan that they have been working on. Ms. Behnken presented a slide show over zoom detailing SVT's goals and objectives. SVT will be engaging other stakeholders about this plan, i.e. PDRC, Rotary, etc.

-Sarah Pelkey provided to the board a Q! Economic Report and discussed with the board initiatives she has been working on in the community.

Further discussion on the East Poultney Village Center designation renewal. Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to authorize Sarah Pelkey to apply for the renewal. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Dan Williams advised that the PHS senior class has been doing the bottles drives at the transfer station. Last year they made \$8300. The last drive for the PHS baseball team raised between \$1300-\$1400. Dan stated there are several repairs needed at the facility, including, a ramp for the zero sort platform should be added. Alex Hilliard stated that the town should seek some grant money from ARC Rutland Area for ADA issues. He stated he has spoken to Bill Lyle and Dick Ferguson about crafting a railing for the furniture bin. He has spoken with Don Smith on quoting prices to place a roof cover over the demolition and furniture bins. He stated there are some large crack in the building there that needs to be addressed. He stated some of the cement by the port-a-toilet is settling. Discussion re: Green Up Day. The highway crew will be there to assist in the morning and will see if it is busy they will stay.

Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the liquor licenses for the East Poultney General Store and Toad's Burgers. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:

Paul Donaldson advised the board that the State of Vermont wants to attend our May 8, 2023 meeting via Zoom to present bridge options for the South Street bridge.

Paul Donaldson stated that Green Mountain Power will be putting e-charging stations at their facility off Church Street.

Discussion re: four 10-hour days at the highway Department. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to permit the crew to switch to their schedules to four 10-hour days. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: No report.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

-Mary Sue Reed inquired about outstanding questions regarding the audit report. Paul Donaldson advised that the auditor has stated she will get us answers after tax season calms down. She asked about the tree planting on Main Street, and Paul Donaldson stated it is supposed to happen this spring. She asked if the charge stations at GMP will be open to the public. Paul Donaldson stated they will be. She inquired as to the kinds of chargers but Paul Donaldson did not know the answer.

-Alex Hilliard advised the board that they had emailed Paul Donaldson, Jeff King and Sheryl Porrier about violations of the open meeting laws and failure to post minutes timely.

-Carol Stierle advised the board that the Farm To Table events will be 7-22-23 and 8-19-23 on the East Poultney Green.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders: Mark Teetor made a motion to pay board orders. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mark Teetor asked if the board orders are available to review before the meeting. Paul Donaldson stated he is usually here at 6PM so folks could come review them before the meeting.

Adjournment: Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Teetor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson