

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, May 22, 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: 05-15-23
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 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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Sheryl Porrier called the meeting to order and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present included: Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell and Mark Teetor. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Highway Foreman, Margaret Mug, Kim Carter, Jonathan Andrews, and Alex Hilliard. Attending via Zoom members included Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, Mary S. Reed, and Marc Scorca.

Adoption of the Agenda: Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Mark Teetor made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-15-23. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- The crew continues to apply gravel to roads, fixing potholes, and grading roads (Finel Hollow, Lewis, Ward, Walker Hannon, Hillside, Town Hill, Hampshire Hollow, Endless Brook, Dayton);
 - He believes the beaver issue on Hillside has been resolved for mow;
 - We did some ditching and driveway culvert on White Road;
 - The crew did some retaining wall repairs on the culvert/bridge on Lewis Road pursuant to an ANR permit;
 - We had a grader breakdown while working on Hannon Road. Dick Ferguson was able to repair;
 - There was a tree down recently on Route 140, which the fire department also responded to;
 - We spot graded portions of Hampshire Hollow, Pond Hill and Pond Hill Ranch Roads;
 - We have been brush cutting on Morse Hollow in preparation for paving;
 - The crew worked until about 1PM on Green Up Day. The crew also picked up green up bags along the roadsides;
 - The crew did additional clean up at the transfer station;
 - The Chloride truck recently had a breakdown which was repaired;
 - The crew is getting ready to mow around the rock walls on Route 140;
- Next week we hope to dress up Birds Eye Road. There is some culvert repair needed there as well;
- Truck 4Q is being repaired and needs a windshield replacement to be inspected which is scheduled;
 - Evergreen Road had material added and has been York raked;
 - We were able to secure additional bulk tank for our chloride storage from the City of Rutland; we have added our storage capacity at no cost.

Town Managers Report:

-Paul Donaldson advised members present that Mark Stackpole had passed away and that as we heard more about the funeral arrangements the Village and the Town would do something to remember Mark for his years of service to the community for the flowers, and his service as a dog warden.

-Paul Donaldson stated that Neisja Crawford and he mailed out 305 reminders that all taxes were due by 5-31-23.

-Paul Donaldson stated that they started on the 2022-2023 audit. Hopefully we can get it done sooner as to not delay the Town Report and to allow the auditor to report findings to the board. He also stated we have sought quotes for other auditors and that we will retain the services of our current auditor based on those inquires.

-Paul Donaldson stated that Sarah Pelkey is working on putting an RFP for consultants in connection with the Merger Study. They will also work on a Notice for publication seeking interested parties for the Merger Study Committee.

-Paul Donaldson stated that he is working with an engineer firm to put together an RFP for the Trestle Bridge Study.

-Paul Donaldson stated that all the yearly allocations have been disbursed.

-Discussion re: the highway garage. Paul Donaldson stated he wants to wait for the Town to Trials Report, and cautioned the board to be purposeful and methodical about the study and location for the new garage.

-Paul Donaldson and Joel Roberts and Sarah Pelkey have a meeting scheduled with Steffanie from the RRPC to review requirements for the MRGP.

-The Diesel Emissions Control Grant should be finalized May 31, 2023.

-Paul Donaldson stated that since he had already sent notices to neighbors re: South Street bridge meeting for June 12, 2023 at the town office, the meeting will be there and not at the firehouse. He hopes that especially since voters required zoom and we have the equipment that people will attend the meeting via zoom.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:

-Discussions re: Bottle drives at the transfer station.

-Paul Donaldson stated that a couple board members discussed questions about the Little League with Mr. and Mrs. Milazzo, and information is supposed to be coming from them as to questions recently asked.

-Discussion re: dog registrations and whether there should be a sliding scale for fees.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: No report.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

-Mary Sue Reed inquired asked Joel Roberts about the materials pushed into the ditches on Hampshire Hollow Road, and whether the crew would remove it. Joel Roberts stated there was some material that was peeled off the edges of the road that may require additional ditching.

-Alex Hilliard stated it was important for transparency doing the bottle drives at the transfer station and whether there was criteria as to who funds could be raised for. They stated Black Lives Matter as an example.

-There was also further discussion re: the Bridge No. 7 project.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders: Mark Teetor made a motion to pay board orders. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson