

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, June 26, 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: 06-12-23
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Acceptance of South Street Alternative Bridge presentation
 - MRGP Grants-In-Aid project
 - July 1 fireworks and July 4 parade
 - Community organization around criminal activity in town
 - VCRD workshops in town
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 8) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 9) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 10) Executive Session: Personnel Matters
- 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 King, Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell and Mark Teetor. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Highway Foreman, Kim Carter, Mary Sue Reed, Jonathan Andrews, Carol Bunce, Patty Davenport, and Alex Hilliard. Attending via Zoom members included Sarah Pelkey, Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, and Karen Atwood.

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

Approval of Minutes: Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-12-23 with a clerical error correction. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- The crew did some major repairs to Birds Eye Road including replacing two culverts, ditching, roadside mowing, adding material and grading.
- The crew had to remove a beaver dam on Saltis Road.
- The crew did some ditching and stone-lined swales on Saltis Road.
- The did road work on Evergreen and Amerio Roads.
- The added a catch basin on Blissville and Saltis Road.
- Morse Hollow Road was graded.
- A culvert was added to a driveway on Morse Hollow Road.
- The crew cleaned up their turn around area on Lake View Road; there was 5-10 years of buildup from the plow truck.
- The crew has been doing various small jobs.
- We continue to work on MRGP compliance matters.

Town Managers Report:

-Acceptance of South Street Alternative Bridge presentation: Mark Teetor made a motion to accept the State's recommendation for the South Street bridge which was discussed at our last meeting. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-MRGP Grants-In-Aid project: Paul Donaldson stated that we are working on identifying our next MRGP Grant-In-Aid project and reported completed sections.

-July 1 fireworks and July 4 parade: Paul Donaldson reminded the board that the fireworks are July 1, 2023 with a rain date of July 2, 2023., and the parade is July 4.

-Community organization around criminal activity in town: Paul Donaldson stated there was a meeting that was spearheaded by Ben Worthing after the June 12, 2023 Selectboard Meeting. Jeff King did attend this meeting and there was discussion about finding non-sports related activities to do for youths after school. There is another meeting on July 18 at 4PM on the GMC campus.

-VCRD workshops in town: Paul Donaldson stated that Kim Rupe hopes to bring her meetings to town towards the end of August.

-There is an events liquor license application for a dinner party at the Bhakta Campus. Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to approve the license. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Paul Donaldson advised the board he would be out-of-town on July 10, 2023. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to move the regular Selectboard meeting from July 10 to July 17. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:

Sarah Pelkey reported that the Town To Trails meeting went well and the draft plan to the town will be done within a couple of months. She discussed some grant deadlines for September. She reported that CEDRE was working with Rabid Baits for some grant applications. She continues to have housing development meetings with some organizations. She is working on a MERP grant and the board needs to determine whether we apply those to the Stonebridge, Senior Center, or Town Office. There is a \$4,000 mini grant for energy resilience she is seeking. Carol Bunce asked about the Bhakta Campus and whether they are participating in the 4th of July. Sarah Pelkey advised that they are having EnerJazz, and a couple of food vendors and a hot dog/hamburger/lemonade stand fundraiser for their elementary school on their campus/

Sarah Pelkey will look at the recent Lyndon and Lyndonville merger for some guidance on our merger study.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Sarah Pelkey advised that the RRPC meeting was last week and that they were discussing their FY24 budget as well as micro transit priorities.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

-Mary Sue Reed inquired about the highway garage project. Paul Donaldson stated he is working with an architect and engineer to study size requirements and whether we have enough room where the garage is currently located. She asked about website updates and Paul Donaldson advised we are working with a consultant to identify a new host as our current host's prices have gone up significantly.

There was some discussion about whether the board should consider a different law enforcement structure. Paul Donaldson stated some of these issues would be discussed in Executive Session.

Alex Hilliard opined that there is an underlying racism element to what has been going on around town.

Patty Davenport asked the board how to get involved in different groups in town and their boards. Jeff King advised her to seek out the groups and make inquiries.

Executive Session: At 7:29PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made the following motion: “Pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)(3), I make a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.” Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. At 8:39PM, Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Mark Teetor made a motion to compensate Joel Roberts for ½ of an hour for every Selectboard Meeting he attends. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson