

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, June 12, 2023 – 6:30 pm

NOTE this meeting has been moved to 55 Firehouse Lane (the Poultney Firehouse)

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Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes: 05-23-23
- 5) State of Vermont Alternatives Presentation for South Street/Grove Street Bridge
- 6) Kim Rupe Lennox, Development and Communications Manager, Vermont Counsel on Rural Development
- 7) Citizen Concerns re: criminal activity in town
- 8) Road Report
- 9) Town Manager's Report
- 10) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 11) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 12) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 13) Executive Session
- 14) Board Orders
- 15) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes
Poultney Selectboard**

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Poultney Firehouse**

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, and Richard LaPierre (attending via Zoom). Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Highway Foreman, and several members of the public (see Attendance Sheet attached). Attending via Zoom members included Nancy Blair, Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, Rachel Kukene, Georgeanne Hall, Melissa Kristensen, Loomis, Karen and Idris Atwood, Martin VanBuren, Wallace Handfield, Melissa Weiss, Britney Ruley, Rebecca Cook, Jason Kenner from VHB, Robert Klinfelder, State Engineer, Ryan Barnes, Nicole Yuest, Aaron Gvette, from VHB, Alex Arpino, Alici _____, Barbara _____, Carol Brown, Gail and Chuck Helfer, Geraldine Fox, Hannah _____, Judy _____, Kathy Hunter, _____ Lilligard, Kristin Whitman, Mia Shultz, Nancy Blair, and Patrick Fowler, Jr., and several other phone numbers.

Adoption of the Agenda: Mark Teetor 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 5-22-23. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

State of Vermont Alternatives Presentation for South Street/Grove Street Bridge:

Engineers from the State and VHB presented the board and the public with the Alternatives Presentation for the South Street Bridge. A link to the report is here:

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/21J164>

Vermont Counsel on Rural Development: Kim Rupe Lennox, Development and Communications Manager, Vermont Counsel on Rural Development, presented to the board an opportunity that VCRD has been thinking about for some time, and bringing a workshop to Poultney. She stated that VCRD is a non-political group that tries to connect people, and municipalities with different agencies in VT to try to accomplish goals and objectives for new ideas to develop in town. The board accepted Kim's offer to bring the workshops to town.

Citizen Concerns re: criminal activity in town: Dale Kerber, Constable, David Fox, Sheriff, RCSD, and Deputy Gregory Ricketts, RCSD, presented to the public, some obstacles they face in dealing with juveniles in terms of law enforcement. Senator Terry Williams said he was willing to write and present bills to address these types of issues. There were many discussions, and comments from community members present on offering some solutions to criminal activity by minors from working with youths, and creating opportunities for the youth in town. Some members believe that creating more recreation opportunities will help curtail criminal behavior. Alex Hilliard and Mia Schultz said the community should participate in training to address underlying racism. There was discussion re: hazing, bullying, and harassment training. Discussion re: starting a neighborhood Watch Program, and Sheriff Fox stated his department

works with communities to train folks. The public gave the board a list of ideas. Sheryl Porrier stated the board will review the list and suggested members of the public pick one or two ideas out and try to implement them. A link to the meeting recording can be found here:

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- Since our last meeting, the crew has added material and graded the following roads: Endless Brook, Evergreen, Pond Hill Ranch, New Boston, and East Road
- The crew is working on Bird's Eye Road this week removing brush, replacing culverts, adding materials, and grading.

Town Managers Report: No additional reporting.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: Sarah Pelkey reminded the board and public present that there is a Town To Trails Meeting/public meeting this Friday, and the PHS starting at 5:30PM..

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Sarah Pelkey stated that next Tuesday the RRPC is havinh its annual budget meeting,.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

-Mary Sue Reed stated there is an Open Meeting Laws Seminar that board members could attend. Sarah Pelkey stated that VLCT was having a similar training.

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