

Poultney Selectboard Board

EMERGENCY Special Budget Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 4:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

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Agenda

1) Adoption of the Agenda

2) Budget Discussions

3) Signing of the Warning

4) Adjourn

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Carol Bunce and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, and Mary Sue Reed. People appearing via Zoom included Nic Stark, Janice B. Edwards, Alex Hilliard and Marc Scorca.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Budget Discussions: Budget discussions.

Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the proposed Highway budget in the amount of \$1,016,937. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the proposed General Government budget in the amount of \$1,539,503. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jeff King asked Paul Donaldson whether the Warning included the two petitions that The Town Clerk received. Paul Donaldson stated that the Warning included the petition language regarding the Poultney Rescue Squad's real property tax exemption.

Paul Donaldson circulated two letters regarding the East Poultney Bridge lane striping question. The first letter is from the State of Vermont citing the reasons why the State will not revisit the lane issue. The second letter is from the Town's attorney stating that the issue regarding the bridge is a Selectboard decision that cannot be changed through a petition. This letter states that the Selectboard could have the question on the Warning as an advisory question that would be non-binding. Carol Bunce made a motion that the Warning not include an advisory question regarding the bridge. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Sue Reed stated that the petition regarding the bridge was not done lightly and believes that the people that signed and circulated had done their research on this issue. Paul Donaldson provided copies of the letters to Mary Sue Reed. Paul Donaldson stated he would send the letters to Jane Williams who had filed the petition with the Town Clerk.

Signing of the Warning: The board signed the Warning.

Adjournment: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adjourn. Carol Bunce seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson