

Poultney Selectboard  
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

**Monday, February 27, 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: 02-13-23
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
  - Letter of Support for PDRC banner project on Main Street
  - Appointment of Sarah Pelkey to RRPC TAC
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and fireworks: July 1<sup>st</sup> or July 8<sup>th</sup>? ( as 4<sup>th</sup> is unavailable))
  - RFP's for Trestle Bridge study
  - March 6 Informational Meeting, 7:00PM
  - Appointment of Town Moderator for Town Informational Meeting (Pro Tempore)
- 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, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier, Richard LaPierre and Alan-Glen Burnell. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Highway Foreman, Dick Ferguson, Nic Stark, Jane Williams, Mary Sue Reed, Mark Teetor, John Andrews, and Margaret Mug. Attending via Zoom members included Nic Stark, Rebecca Cook, Alex Hilliard, Kim Carter, Peter Kelley, Andrew Ohl, Janice B. Edwards, Ron Kelley, and Nancy Blair.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carol Bunce requested that discussion re: transfer station permit be added to the Agenda. Paul Donaldson requested that Personnel Matters be added to the Agenda under Executive Session. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the revised Agenda. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-13-23. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Road Report:** Joel Roberts reported the following:

- We have had 2-3 thaws on the gravel roads. The crew applied stone to soft spots on Old Lake Road, Finel Hollow, Lewis (in 2 spots) and Hannon Road (in 2 spots).
- We have used the grader on Jones Road and Hampshire Hollow Road.
- We assisted Wells with adding stone on a muddy spot on Endless Brook Road.
- Truck 1 is back; three injectors needed to be tightened.
- The Hampton Truck is down as of this morning. It is being assessed (shifting issues).
- Joel, Dick and Paul reviewed a project on Blissville Road that needs to be addressed.
- We had a couple of instances with hydraulic hoses failing.
- Joel has been communicating with Towns of Castleton, Wells, and Fair Haven re: mutual aid agreements.
- We should get the one-ton back by this Friday.
- Discussion with Jane Williams re: excess salt being left on the road in front of her house.

**Town Managers Report:**

-Paul Donaldson stated the Village of Poultney recently supplied a Letter of Support for the PDRC banner project on Main Street. The Town Selectboard will issue its own letter of support. Nic Stark will draft the same.

Discussion re: Appointment of Sarah Pelkey to represent Poultney at the RRPC and RRPC TAC. Richard LaPierre made a motion to appoint Sarah Pelkey to those positions. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion re: 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and fireworks. The company that does the fireworks does not have a crew for the 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of alternative dates Alex Hilliard wondered if the Selectboard should do a cost per person analysis for fireworks. The consensus of the board was to have the fireworks on July 1, and the parade on July 4. Paul Donaldson will discuss with the company, but was advised July 1 is available.

Paul Donaldson reminded parties of the March 6, 2023 Informational Meeting, at 7:00PM, at the firehouse. Paul Donaldson asked Jamie Lee, and she agreed to be the Town Moderator for this upcoming meeting. Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to appoint Jaime Lee as Town Moderator Pro Tempore for this meeting. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

-Discussion re: selling transfer station stickers at the transfer station on a Saturday. The consensus of the board is to sell stickers from 8AM to 2PM on 3-18-2023. Alex Hilliard and Nic Stark questioned whether the town should sell stickers online. Jeff King wondered if logistically that would be hard since we also supply trash bags and that there is not enough staff to do it on a regular basis.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** No report.

**Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)**

Margaret Mug and Mary Sue Reed volunteered to help clean up the school grounds after the fireworks display.

Mary Sue Reed thanked the highway crew for the good work they had done on Hampshire Hollow Road.

**Executive Session:** At 7:15PM Richard LaPierre made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations ( Tax Stabilization Agreement re: Regenerative Land Holdings). Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion, and motion passed with all in favor. Joel Roberts joined the board in Executive Session for the Personnel Matters only. At 8:37PM Carol Bunce made a motion to leave Executive Session. Richard LaPierre seconded the motion, and motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

**Board Orders:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to pay board orders. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Punce seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson