

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, July 17, 2023 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall

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NOTE: This is the meeting that was rescheduled from July 10, 2023

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes: 06-26-23
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
-Liquor License for outdoor consumption: Whaleback Vineyard
- 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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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, Dick Ferguson, Michelle McCarron, Margaret Mug, Johnathan Andrews, Mary Sue Reed and Kim Carter. Attending via Zoom members included Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, Alex Hilliard and Lori's Ipad(?).

Adoption of the Agenda: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-26-23 with a clerical error correction. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- On 6-27-23 Joel, Paul and Sarah had a MRGP planning meeting.
- On 6-28-23 the crew responded to a tree down on Hampshire Hollow Road and did some brush clearing on Watkins Hill Road.
- He has been reviewing past, present and future road projects.
- We had a meeting with Fiskov and Sons for the Watkins Hill Road culvert project.
- On 7-3-2023 the crew dressed up On The Green and Bird Street in preparation for the parade.
- On 7-5-23 the crew applied gravel to Finel and Griffin Roads.
- After the rains on 7-10-23 the crew checked all the roads for road damage.
- On 7-11-23 Jeff King and Joel Roberts reviewed all the roads for damage assessment. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the crew assisted Mt. Holly with their extensive road damages. He reported that 75% of their roads were impassable. He reported that a number of people in that town thanked the crew for their assistance. This was done through a regional Mutual Aid Agreement that both towns are members of. Mark Teetor asked if there would be reimbursement and Joel Roberts advised he is working on submitting the proper FEMA forms for reimbursement. One morning a couple of the guys stayed back to do some road repairs in Poultney. We sued the following equipment in Mt. Holly: 2 tandems, 6-wheeler, and excavator. They hauled about 40 loads of material from Casella in Rutland.
- On 7-13-2023 the crew finished in Mt. Holley and mobilized to Bird's Eye to do some road repairs there.
- On 7-13-2023 there was a brief storm with trees and brush down on a number of roads. The crew worked until 2:00AM working to get the roads passable. The Chevy broke down for a bit as well.
- The crew continues to clear brush and trees and are working on Lewis Road applying material and plan to start grading again.

Town Managers Report:

Mark Teetor made a motion to approve the Liquor License for outdoor consumption for Whaleback Vineyard. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:

Jeff King mentioned that the Senior Center needs some drainage work by the ramp. Discussion followed. Sheryl Porrier had brought this issue to the attention of Jonas Rosenthal when the track and pavilion were built.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: No report.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

-Mary Sue Reed inquired about the ongoing Community Meetings being held at the former GMC campus. Jeff King advised there was another meeting taking place on July 18, 2023 at 4PM. She also asked about the Law Enforcement discussion. Jeff King stated that the board has been having discussions but no decisions have been made yet. He stated that there was a youth that has tried out for football so he is hopeful that some of the youths can redirect their focuses on positive matters.

Johnathan Andrews said he would like to organize a Financial Planning Seminar. It was suggested he ask the library to sue their space or inquire at the GMC campus.

Michelle McCarron thanked the road crew for all their work in town and in Mt. Holley after the recent storm. Joel Roberts stated that the Village crew covered for the Town crew when they were out of town.

Executive Session: At 6:53PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made the following motion: "Pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)(1), I make a motion that this board finds that premature general public knowledge would clearly place this board or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage if certain matters related to contracts were discussed. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Alan- Glen Burnell further made the following motion: "Pursuant to 1 VSA Section 313(a)(1)(A), I make a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract matters." Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. At 7:53PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

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. Sheryl Porrier seconded the Motion. Motion carried. s/Paul A. Donaldson