

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, July 24, 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: 07-17-23
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
-Setting the Tax Rate
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business
- 8) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 9) Public Comments (limit of 15 minutes)
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Executive Session: 2 Contract matters
- 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, Sarah Pelkey, Mary Sue Reed, Kim Carter, and Margaret Mug. Attending via Zoom members included Janice B. Edwards, Nic Stark, and Paul Hanson.

Adoption of the Agenda: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition of discussion of estimates for work at the transfer station. 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 7-17-23 with three clerical error corrections. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- The crew cut brush on Route 140 by Morse Hollow Road on the west bound lane.
- They added materials and have been grading Lewis Road and Hillside Road.
- They are working on rounds 2 and 3 of grading.
- They are back on Watkins Hill Road getting ready to do MRGP work.
- The have been using limestone and gravel for the roads.
- Discussion on several roads the crew would like to explore reclassifying or discontinuing: Lennox Road, Lakeview Road, Ridgeview and Fair Lane Roads, and the road off Gorhamtown (Oliver Allen's driveway) as well as Maslack Drive, The board members will try to visit the roads between meetings. Mary Sue Reed reminded the board that to be cautious of MRGP requirements in reclassifying roads.
- High Road has been graded, as well as New Boston and Jones Road.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson thanked Mary Sue Reed and Margaret Mug with their help with fireworks donations and cleanup the next day. He stated Sarah Pelkey did a great job with the events and the parade.

Paul Donaldson asked the board to set a date to have a Special Meeting to set the tax rate. The board set a date of 7-27-23 at 4:00PM.

Paul Donaldson stated he has no updated on the Town sign.

Discussion re: Don Smith estimate for ramp at transfer station and Lyle Welding as well. Mr. Lyle stated he has already discounted his estimate by \$10,000.00.

Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: Sarah Pelkey reported the following:

- She will have Quarterly Report for the board at its next meeting.
- The VOREC wayfinding signs are done and will be put up soon.
- She is looking for business incentives or grants to entice new businesses to town. CEDR has been working with a couple of local businesses with grant opportunities.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Sarah Pelkey stated the RRPC last worked on the FY24 budget and discussed Town To Trails in their last transportation meeting.

Public Comments on matters (limit of 10 minutes total)

-Mary Sue Reed inquired about the status of staffing of the Rescue Squad, Paul Donaldson will ask them to attend a board meeting coming up. She also inquired about negotiations with Regenerative Land Holdings. The board has been discussing the proposals. She reminded the board the 88th Annual East Poultney Days was coming up on August 12, 2023. She asked Sarah Pelkey about highway garage discussions and Ms. Pelkey advised she may have information about that in coming meetings.

Margaret Mug asked about police coverage discussions and Paul Donaldson advised the board is having the same.

Kim Carter asked whether the highway crew could move branches out of the ditch on Route 30 north of the Village. Paul Donaldson advised that is a State road.

Executive Session: At 7:27PM, 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 8:08PM, Sheryl Porrier 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