

Poultney Selectboard
Special Executive Session Meeting In-Person and via Zoom

Monday, August 21, 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) Executive Session: 2 Contract matters

- 5) Adjourn

**Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes
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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, Raj Bhakta, and Alex Hilliard. Members of the public appearing via Zoom were Mary Sue Reed and Daniel Norwood.

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

Public Comments and Concerns:

Alex Hilliard proved Paul Donaldson with a Letter of Interest to fill the vacant Selectboard position.

Mary Sue Reed asked who would be joining the board in Executive Session. Paul Donaldson informed her that it would be Raj Bhakta and Dan Norwood. She asked why the town attorney was not at the meeting. Jeff King informed her that we have been consulting with the Town Attorney on an on-going basis. She asked if she could rejoin the meeting if the board planned to take any action once it left Executive Session. Paul Donaldson advised he would send her a cellular text message if the board planned to take any action stemming from the Executive Session once it left Executive Session. Both Alex Hilliard and Mary Sue Reed left the meeting once the board entered into Executive Session.

Executive Session: At 6:45PM, 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. The board entered Executive Session with Dan Norwood and Raj Bhakta, both of Regenerative Land Holdings. At 8:16PM, Sheryl Porrier made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

Adjournment: Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul Donaldson