

**Special Meeting Minutes
Poultney Selectboard**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 4:15 PM
Site Visit on Lennox Road and Poultney Town Hall**

Sheryl Porrier called the meeting to order (and once the group returned to the Town Office, led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance). Selectmen present included: Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, Mark Teetor and Valerie Broughton. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Michael Arnold, Annette Arnold, Mark Dimick and Jennifer Dimick.

Adoption of the Agenda: Mark Teetor made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Site Visit on Lennox Road:

Those present conducted a site visit on Lennox Road via foot, the entirety of the road.

Reconvening at Town Office for comments and testimony: All parties reconvened at the Town Office. Discussion followed. Joel Roberts provided commentary about the difficulties the highway crew has in traversing/plowing the road during the winter months. Discussion about possible solutions, short of reclassifying the road. Some matters discussed were straightening the road, building a turn-around area at the top of the road, or half-way up the road. The public present expressed concerns about emergency services accessing the road, the short notice to provide private plowing should the town reclassify to other than a 3rd Class road. Paul Donaldson read into the record a letter received by one landowner who was unable to attend the meeting, James B. Reynolds. Discussion followed.

Mark Teetor made a motion to continue to maintain the road as a Class 3 Road and to come up with a long-term plan by the springtime to create a suitable turn-around at the top of the road to allow for the highway crew to safely maintain the road. There was no second to this motion.

Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to downgrade the road from a Class 3 road to a Class 4 road, with no winter maintenance, but to still explore the labor and materials costs to improve the turn-around at the top of the road in the springtime. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor, with the exception of Mark Teetor who voted against the motion.

Adjournment: Mark Teetor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul Donaldson