

**Poultney Selectboard  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 22, 2025 – 6:30 pm  
Poultney Town Hall  
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**Zoom Recording located here:**

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**Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** Shery Porrier called the meeting to order and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present included: Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, Mark Teetor, Valerie Broughton and Jay Morgan. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Sarah Pelkey, and members of the public on the list attached hereto. Appearing via Zoom included Janice B. Edwards, Nancy Blair, Sophia Buckley-Clement, Ken White, Karen and Idris Atwood, owner, Tara R, Betsy Wescott, Alexis Lignos, Hamparsoumian and Shaun R.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Mark Teetor made a motion to approve the minutes of 09-08-25. Jay Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

- Route 140 paving will be this Wednesday, weather permitting. Wilk will also be grading by Town Farm Road to prepare for the paving.
- The Grants In Aid/MRGP work has been completed. We are working on closing out the grant reporting.
- Winter sand has been put in the shed.
- Trucks 4 and 6 are still out for repairs.
- The cones and barrels on Route 140 have been damaged, with some stolen.
- Lewis Road has had significant amount of gravel put down.
- Roadside mowing continues as we can.
- Discussion as when the South Street bridge should be closed since we will not be able to plow when winter comes. No decision was made as to when the bridge should be closed yet.

**Community Development:** Sarah Pelkey reported the following:

- We filed a Letter of Interest to a new program led by ACCD called 802 Homes.
- The Merger Report is done and circulated to the Merger Committee and posted online. The presentation will be on September 29, 2025 at 5:30PM at the firehouse.
- Further discussion about the proposed ATV ordinance. The RRPC has assisted by mapping ATV networks in other area towns. The board will continue to gather and digest information about how other towns are responding to requests to enact ATV ordinances or have ordinances in

place in an effort to glean what is working or not working. Jesse Rose and other members of the public participated in this discussion.

-Rec Hub update: the Town 2 Trails Committee is reviewing the reports thus far, which proposal does potentially have housing elements to it.

-She is working on closing out 3 grants.

### **Town Managers Report:**

-Hunter Hailey introduced himself as the new Transfer Station Supervisor. Discussion about whether to continue hosting bottle drives at the site. Some board members feel that the drives have morphed into gatherings, and impeding the flow of users of the facility. There are concerns for safety and equity in the drives. Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion that the town should discontinue hosting bottle drives. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

### **Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:**

Burn bans are in effect throughout the state. This included fire pits as well as brush piles, etc.

**Health Officer:** No report.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** the GMC campus project continues to be a priority on the RRPC priority projects list.. There will be upcoming Complete Street training.

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

-Mary Sue Reed asked about the status of the tax sales. Paul Donaldson stated they have yet to commence. She inquired about the perpetual yard sale on East Main Street. The ZA has issued the owner a cease and desist letter giving them 30 days to clean the property up. She asked about the REC Hub project potentially containing a housing element. Sarah Pelkey stated it could be a source of funding and that the consultants feel there is more than enough usable land for housing as well as a Rec Hub. They are keeping in mind the proximity of the Poultney River. Mary Sue Reed asked about the bank. Paul Donaldson stated that the attorney is working on the wording for the bond vote warning. She inquired about the highway garage project and Paul Donaldson stated that communications with one landowner we are considering has been stagnant for a while and he is making efforts to rekindle discussions.

### **Executive Session:**

At 8:06PM, Alan-Glen Burnell made the following motion: "Pursuant to ONE V.S.A. 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 contract matters were discussed outside of an executive session. Jay Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

At 8:07PM Alan-Glen Burnell further made the following motion: "Pursuant to ONE V.S.A. section 313(a)(1)(A), I make a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract matters. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. The board entered into Executive Session with Paul Donaldson and Sarah Pelkey.

At 8:35PM, Jay Morgan made a motion to leave Executive Session. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. No action taken.

**Board Orders:** Mark Teetor made a motion to approve the board orders. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Adjournment:** Alan-Geln Burnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

s/Paul A. Donaldson

Selectboard Attendance Sept. 22, 2025

Sam Tran

Cam/Bart

Tim Jones

Travis Beyer

Carol Stierle

Nancy Liberatore

Nic Stark

Mary Sue Reed

Pat Davenport

Hunter Haley

Richard Rye

DAVID VAN WESTERWELT

Cony Strehlidge

Cardyn Stellatella

Ed Slater

Hayg Hamparsumian