**Special Merger Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Poultney Board of Selectmen**

**Monday, May 13, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

**Poultney Town Hall**

Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell and Valerie Broughton. Village Board of Trustees present included Joe DeBonis, Gerri Harrison, Robert Williams, Idris Atwood, and Bonnie Gray (as a member of the public, not participating as a board member). Other appointed members of the board included Ben Thirkield, Steve Betit, Carol Bunce and Nic Stark. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson and Sarah Pelkey.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Idris Atwood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Robert Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Valerie Broughton made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024. Idris Atwood seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Merger Discussion/** **Review and Discussion of bids:** Paul Donaldson stated we had no bids come in on the project. He stated there was one inquiry about additional funding for the consulting work with an opinion that the study will need quite a bit more funds to pay for the study. Discussion followed.

Sarah Pelkey will explore other funding options, and will circulate the RFP and other merger study information from other communities she has and used as a basis for the RFP. The board members will review these items and will review the Town and Village Charters and come prepared at the next meeting to consider shifting some tasks into smaller committees to see what the board can do without outside consultation.

**Public Comments and Concerns:** None.

**Adjourn:** Robert Williams made a motion to adjourn. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.