**Meeting Minutes**

**Poultney Selectboard**

**Monday, May 12, 2025 – 6:30 PM**

**Poultney Town Hall**

**Zoom Recording located here:**

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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, Mark Teetor and Valerie Broughton. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Sarah Pelkey, Carol Bunce, Patty Davenport, Jonathan Andrews, Carol Stierle, Ernie DeMatties, Jeremy Stacey, Brenda Jones and Nancy Blair. Parties appearing via Zoom included Jess Rose, Janice B. Edwards and Iphone.

**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 Teeotr made a motion to approve the minutes of 04-28-25. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

-The crew did some ditching on Pond Hill Ranch Road, and exposed to daylight a spring in the road.

-The crew did some ditching on Highland Grey Road, and exposed to daylight a spring in the road.

-They have been brush cutting on Hampshire Hollow Road.

-They have been grading as weather permits.

-We took possession of the new truck 3, F600, it is being stored in the firehouse.

-We have been brush hogging roadsides.

-Evergreen Road had some flooding with the recent rains, the flooding is slowly recessing.

-We are aware of a culvert that needs to be replaced on Birds Eye Road and DeBonis Quarry Road.

The work, and road closure on Route 140 is scheduled to commence on June 2, 2025, and be closed through June 16,2025. We will be signing the road in advance and putting the information on the internet.

-The steel plates on Route 140 will be replaced at a later time.

-The crew completed installing a stoned French drain at the Jane Williams property on On The Green.

-Carol Stierle commented that the Meals on Wheels program will need to make arrangements during the closure of Route 140.

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

-She has been working with Sheryl Porrier on the Poultney Rec, and the new rec. website.

-She has been working on 4th of July parade/events.

-She has been working on the Outdoor Rec. Hub study/highway garage site study.

-There has been no word yet on our request for CDS.

-We have a meeting this week re: assessment of the bank building.

**Town Managers Report:**

-Discussion about feral cat issues throughout town and the village. Some suspect Therone Durman may be hosting feral cats. Paul Donaldson stated that he was contacted today about the same issue on Furnace Street. The board will look into whether there is an ordinance we could enact to address this issue.

-Discussion re: South Street bridge. Paul Donaldson stated that the entrances to the bridge are intentionally narrow to discourage trucks from attempting to traverse the bridge. Some of the public present stated they have observed Fed Ex box trucks going over the bridge. Paul Donaldson has reached out to DMV in an effort to get some enforcement as to the weight limit.

-Paul Donaldson presented the Letter of Intent to Participate in the Grants-In-Aid program for highway repairs. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to permit Paul Donaldson to execute the LOI. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-The D&H Rail Trail discussion was tabled.

**Transact any Other Lawful Selectboard Business:** None.

**Health Officer:** None.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Sarah Pelkey reported the following:

-There is a special meeting next Monday at 6:30PM at the Firehouse, the RRPC will be reviewing Act 181 for the different boards.

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

-Jeremy Stacey is asking the board to address issues with the assessment of his garage. He stated that he has requested the assessor to adjust the dimensions as to as-built, which is smaller than what was permitted. Jeff King advised him that he needs to go to the Clerk’s Office and request a BCA hearing.

-Ernie DeMatties is requesting that the Town consider grading Windy Wood Acres, which he will pay for time and materials. He said he could put two culverts lower than they are. Joel Roberts will visit the site and see what work would need to be done.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Board Orders:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the board orders. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Adjournment:** Valerie Broughton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan-Glen Burnell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

s/Paul A. Donaldson