

Poultney Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2026 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney and via Zoom

Zoom Recording located here:

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Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance: Sheryl Porrier called the meeting to order and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectboard members present included: Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, Valerie Broughton, Jay Morgan and Abby Teetor. Also present were Paul A. Donaldson, Joel Roberts, Courtney Behnken, Greg O'Brien, Johnathan Andrews, Aaron Kerber, Angelo Nittello, and Karen Guttman. Members of the public attending via Zoom included Janice B. Edwards, Mary Sue Reed, 802-287-0357, Iphone, Patricia's Ipad, Patty Davenport, Micheal Miller, NB, and Jesse Rose.

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

Approval of Minutes: Valerie Broughton made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-1-26. Jay Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Road Report: Joel Roberts reported the following:

- Sheryl Porrier thanked the Village crew for painting the crosswalks.
- The crew continues to work on Jones Road, grading, and roadside mowing with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the paved roads having been mowed.
- Last weeks storm produced no damage to report to the State.
- The crew lent a truck to assist with landscaping at the Stonebridge.
- The crew assisted SVT with sign placements.
- A tree came down on the roof of the Town Office. The crew was able to remove it, and there is no new damage to the roof. Paul Donaldson stated he is hopeful we can do some repairs to the roof with MERP funding.
- Discussion about the old Green Mountain College signs was tabled.

Community Development: - Paul Donaldson reported that we met with the MERP architect who did a more in-depth inspections of the Town Office and the Senior Center.

Town Manager's Report:

-Courtney Behnken, Executive Director of Slate Valley Trails, and Greg O'Brien, President of the Board of Directors of SVT presented to the board and the public the updated Slate Valley Trails Strategic Plan for 2026-2028. They both emphasized that their user amounts are increasing every year, and that their youth programming has been strengthening every year.

-Further discussion regarding disposition of the soon-to-be-decommissioned brush truck at the fire department and the needs of the highway department which is currently in need of two trucks – one utility, and one crew cab for the crew to use all at once for travel purposes to training, as well as job sites, as well as a reliable and dependably truck to allow for travel for parts, etc. They also want to have another smaller truck equipped with a plow. Discussion about the fire departments budget shortfalls to maintain their equipment replacement funds. Chief Kerber stated there is currently no plan to repurpose the old brush truck. Assistant Chief Nittoli stated the truck's age mandated it be taken out of service. Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to transfer the truck to the highway department once it has been decommissioned at the fire department.

-Paul Donaldson stated that the Planning Commission is still wanting the board to submit comments regarding the draft of the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Johnathan Andrews reported that the State is close to having their own proposal, so the PC is letting the matter breathe for a minute or two.

-Paul Donaldson stated that we are having some work done at the Stonebridge on the front steps and foundation fail on the front porch. We are required to keep the building in good repair pursuant to the preservation easement on the building.

-We continue discussing with Green Mountain Power on the location to move the telephone pole in our parking lot.

-Paul Donaldson is waiting to hear back from VLCT about a model Personnel Policy. He thinks they no longer offer a template.

-We have had several applications to fill the transfer station position. Sheryl Porrier, Valerie Broughton and Abby Teetor said they are available to review applications and help with interviews. To avoid a quorum we need to keep all meetings to two members. Discussions about coverage for the position until it is filled. Alan-Glen Burnell stated one of the Village employees may be able to offer assistance on Saturdays.

-Jay Morgan made a motion to allow Paul Donaldson to sign the contract with CGR in connection with our Municipal Planning Grant for Capital planning. Abby Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

-the Dirt Devils will assist with parking at the 4th of July fireworks. We will have a RCSD deputy on duty on the night of the display, and have contracted with Censor Security from Rutland to provide some security at the event.

Transact Any Other Lawful Selectboard Business: The BCA had recent training.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Joel Roberts and Paul Donaldson recently attended an Emergency Management Meeting.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Board Orders: Alan-Glen Brunell made a motion to sign the board orders. Valerie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Session: None.

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

s/Paul A. Donaldson