

Poultney Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Town Office
9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM, January 19, 2022. Members in attendance included Doug Langdon, Mark Teetor, Mary-Sue Reed, Neal Vreeland, and Jaime Lee.

1) Adoption of the Agenda

Neal V. made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary-Sue R. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

2) Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2021 & January 12, 2022 (Public Hearing)

Doug L. made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021 and January 12, 2022 (Public Hearing). Neal V. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

3) Unified Bylaw Update

Poultney's application for a Bylaw Modernization Grant was successful. Commission members discussed various considerations to keep in mind as the project moves forward, including:

- Incorporate minor amendments that slipped through the cracks during the previous update (e.g. section references)
- Various court decisions that have occurred since the previous update, as applicable
- Statutory updates, as applicable
- Due consideration to enforcement language and process

Jaime L. will reach out to the RRPC to request their attendance at the Planning Commission's regular meeting in February.

4) Public Comments and Concerns

The floor was opened to the public for comment.

5) Old Business

- The Commission debriefed from the Town Plan Update and discussed the adoption process to be undertaken by the Poultney Selectboard. Jaime L. will attend their next regular meeting to move this forward.
- Professor Bill DeForest and students from the Castleton University Community Lab will be providing an aesthetic update to the Town Plan. More information to follow.
- Mary-Sue R. highlighted that the Transportation Map embedded in the proposed Town Plan was missing a label. Jaime L. will inquire with the RRPC about getting an update, and providing that to the Selectboard as a non-controversial, unsubstantial inclusion.
- Mary-Sue R. provided follow up regarding the Trolley Tracks Solar project. According to the website, no further meetings for finalization had been scheduled.

6) New Business

- Mary-Sue R. volunteered to attend a meeting on **EV Charger grant opportunities**.
- Mary-Sue R. volunteered to acquire more information from the **Dark Sky Initiative** for consideration during the upcoming bylaw update.
- Mark T. distributed a Zoning Permit Application Fees Schedule obtained from the Town of Castleton (copies can be requested from Castleton). Poultney's flat fee of \$35 for a permit application is far lower than Castleton's. Jaime L will ask the RRPC if they have crunched numbers for other surrounding towns so that the Planning Commission can be prepared to propose an update to the Selectboard.

7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business

N/A

8) Adjourn

Doug L. made a motion to adjourn. Mark T. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

s/ Jaime Lee, Chair