



Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes June 28, 2023

Board Present: Jane Hubert, Jean Ambrose, Joe Caputo

Staff Present: Deb MacInnes, Sam Snow,

Residents Present: Todd Lindstrom, Sarah Hubert, Sharon Gleason, Susan Tardiff, Steve Costello, and Cheryl Peaslee.

Via Zoom: Jason Corliss, Mary Lawrence, Deb Barry, Linda Caputo, Harris Plaisted, and iPad people.

Call to Order: Chair, Jane Hubert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Select Board minutes of June 14, 2023: Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of June 14, 2023. The motion was approved: 2-0.

Special Select Board Meeting of June 14, 2023: This item was tabled until next week.

Accounts payable/payroll warrants: Jane Hubert made a motion to approve preview warrant #27 in the amount of \$11,082.48. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve payroll warrant #2723 in the amount of \$3,710.07. Motion approved: 3-0.

Old Business:

1. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner: Current Road Work

Sam Snow reported that there is a water issue on the Hunts Meadow Road, at the town line.

There was a culvert replaced on Old Town Farm Road. That area will need to be paved back in by someone who does paving. There are other places in town that also will need to be paved back in.

Sam Snow checked the roads that are scheduled to be paved. Sam reported that there are some high shoulders and the Blodgett Road needs to culverts replaced.

Joe Caputo requested to Sam Snow to mark the start and end places on the roads to be paved.

Joe Caputo stated that Maine-ly Paving will be fixing the Hanley Road.

Joe Caputo reported back that there is no 1-inch gravel at the Town Pit.

Joe Caputo stated that Sam Snow Construction quoted a very good price for crushing 1-inch gravel at \$6.00 per yard.



Sam Snow stated that it may be a while before he can do the 1-inch gravel crushing.

Jane Hubert made a motion to have Sam Snow Construction do the 1-inch gravel crushing at \$6.00 per yard. Motion approved: 3-0. There will be 2,000 to 3,000 yards processed.

An Entrance permit was signed.

2. Jewett Road: Jane Hubert stated that something needs to be done regarding a plan for Jewett Road. Jane suggested that Sam Snow and Joe Caputo get a person of their choice to sit together to meet with just the four of them to work things out and move forward.

Cold paving the Jewett Road was discussed. Joe Caputo stated that All State did cold paving in Leeds with good results. Joe also stated that All State would be willing to set up in Pittston's pit for cold paving. Sam Snow stated that the Town pit's material is not clean enough to meet the standards used in making the cold paving material. The Windsor pit would have clean sand. Joe Caputo will try to go to Leeds. Joe and Sam will do more research on this and research pricing.

3. Office phone line upgrade: The office would like two cordless phones and one more hearing aid device for the office phone system. Jean Ambrose made a motion to do this upgrade with the current company. Motion approved: 3-0.

4. Update Weight Limit Ordinance: Jean Ambrose read her example/suggestion for a change to the ordinance. Some towns adopted Pittston's sign for posted roads. An ordinance change would need to go to a Special Town meeting for approval.

If there is going to be a Special Town Meeting, the Select Board would bundle some items to be discussed.

5. Meeting w/Randolph re: Bridge: A preliminary meeting was held with the Randolph Select Board regarding the shared bridge on Pinkham Road. Randolph is going to take the lead on this project. Randolph will apply for the grant. This project may be done in 2025. This project may cost one and a half million dollars.

6. Fireproofing room update: Jane Hubert found New England Fireproofing to discuss fireproofing the document room down cellar. They will get back to her.

7. Handyman update: This position will not be a Town employee. This will be a general maintenance contractor with their own insurance.

New Business:

1. Sign appointment papers: Jane Hubert wanted more follow-up on this. This item was tabled.



2. Riverwalk update: Todd Lindstrom thanked Sam Snow for the amount of work he provided for free in removing the big tank and breaking up the cement mixers. The Riverwalk received \$630 in scrap metal for the tank. There is a core group of people that have put in many volunteer hours cleaning up the site, Wayne and Cheryl Peaslee, Todd Lindstrom, Jim Lothridge, and others. Also, Cody Kelley was thanked for hauling the dumpsters.

There is a possible grant that will be applied for, to cover environmental studies and clean-up. There are 22 companies certified to do clean-up. Sarah Hubert and Jean Ambrose will fill out the application.

(At this time, Sam Snow was leaving the meeting when Jane Hubert asked him about the fence. Sam replied for her to "talk to my lawyer". It is out of his hands. Sam left the meeting.)

Back to the Riverwalk conversation. Items discussed included testing the lagoon, DEP will help with liquid contamination areas, don't encourage people to be on the site at this time, and target practice and hunting may be questionable for this site, DEP representative stated that he did not see anything harmful at this time, posting no trespassing until the testing is done.

There will be more discussion after the next Riverwalk Committee meeting, August 7, 2023.

3. Recycling: Jane Hubert reported that there was extensive clean-up done by volunteers at the Recycling Center. The dumpster that is rotten on the bottom will need to go, and there is now a replacement for it. The locks need to be replaced.

Jane Hubert will be getting an estimate on putting a cement pad underneath the bins and maybe more pavement at the end of the row of bins.

A Recycling Attendant is needed for Saturday. It is 5 and a half hours.

4. New schedule/compensation: There was a discussion on how to pay the office staff for Monday holidays with the new office hours having the office closed on Mondays. Paid holidays are a benefit for the staff. This included not paying the staff for Monday holidays and having them receive their scheduled work hours pay for holidays other than a Monday. No decision was made.

5. Executive Session: Personnel Matters: 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A): Jean Ambrose made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jane Hubert made a motion to come out of the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted by: Debbie MacInnes 7/5/2023
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Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Date

Mary Jean Ambrose 7-5-23
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Joseph Caputo 7/5/2023
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