

## **PITTSTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**May 27, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Jean Ambrose at 6:00.

Those present: Jean Ambrose, Roger Linton, Ernie Martin, Sam Snow, Sarah McLaughlin, Jim Lothridge, Jeannie Lothridge, Gerg Lumbert, Greg Lumbert Jr., Jeff Ricker, and Ben Goodall.

Ernie Martin, CEO, discussed the following items:

- The Hunts Meadow sub-division is ready for a road sign for 911. The Select Board approved Deb MacInnes to order a road sign for Heidi Lane.
- Andy Moulton's property on the Troop Road has begun clean-up in accordance with D.E.P. and Ernie Martin. Mr. Martin will take pictures when it is complete.
- Palmer Road complaint. Ernie took pictures of the T.V. and other junk and is sending the property owner a certified letter stating he has 20 days to clean the mess up and a copy of the State Statute on litter control.
- Alexander Appliance Repair Shop on Rt. 126. Ernie Martin went to this property and Mr. Alexander is not in compliance with the Planning Board's approval decision. Mr. Martin took pictures and is sending the Alexander's a certified letter stating the non-compliance and they have until July 1, 2015 to become compliant.
- Dennis Rideout Manufactured Housing Sales. Ernie Martin took pictures. Mr. Rideout is allowed to have 8 trailers on the property. He has 6 and 2 are sold. He is in compliance.
- Ernie Martin received a complaint in regards to a resident having a screen house too close to the water on Nahumkeag Pond. Ernie understood that was legal for 7 months of the year and he will check with the Town Ordinance and with D.E.P.

6:15 Jean Ambrose opened the one and only bid the Town received for the repair of 150 feet of the Town sand/salt shed wall. Jewett Builders bid \$28,000.00 for the project. The Select Board asked Sam Snow what he thought and he said it was "in the ball game." Roger Linton made a motion to accept this bid. Jean Ambrose 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a 2-0 vote.

An annual review with Ben Goodall, Town of Pittston plowing contractor, Rt. 1, was held. The Select Board, Mr. Goodall, and Sam Snow discussed equipment, communication, complaints, concerns, and response time. An inspection of Mr. Goodall's plowing equipment will be scheduled for some time in September.

An email regarding an opportunity to apply for culvert upgrade grants was discussed. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, told the Board that he is working with E.J. Prescott on culverts. The Board and Sam will review this email.

Sam Snow returned a letter from DOT in regards to Rt. 27 being paved in 2016. He said that project has nothing to do with the Town of Pittston. Sam returned his copies of the bridge inspections and said that nothing looked bad to him. Sam reported that someone smashed the salt/sand shed door and that it will need to be replaced. Sam told the Board that there is no material to work with in the pit. Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve Sam Snow to crush up 1,000 yards of ¾ inch gravel at \$4.00 per yard. Roger Linton 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a 2-0 vote. Sam told the Board that he would like to have the issue of residents plowing snow across the road addressed. Sam told the Board that he will put together a road list for paving to get ready to go out to bid.

An annual review with Jeff Ricker, Town of Pittston plowing contractor, Rt.2 and Rt. 3, was held. Mr. Ricker said that he made the best out of a bad situation. He said he had a few calls about mailboxes. Mr. Ricker said there is an issue with 2 roads that are basically just driveways. He suggested that the roads be discontinued to maintenance or something be done in the way of a turnaround. Jeff said that you just need to be dedicated to the job.

Jim Lothridge turned in the job description for the Pittston Health Officer from the Personnel Committee. Mr. Lothridge told the Board that if there are no personnel issues, that the Personnel Committee will be taking the summer off. Mr. Lothridge said call him if a need arises.

An email from MMA for a Municipal Human Resources Conference will be reviewed.

The American Legion Smith Wiley Post #4 in Gardiner replaced the P.O.W. flag at the Veterans' Memorial. Deb M. will get prices for a new Maine Flag for the Memorial and a new American flag for the Town Office. Pittston needs to find someone to lower the flag at the Memorial when needed. Deb M. will follow up on this.

Deb M. reported to the Select Board that with the help of Larry Gove and Sam Snow, the estimated quantity of salt to be part of the State bid is 300 tons. The estimated amount was emailed to the appropriate department.

Jean Ambrose reported that she had been to the Lapham Cemetery and could not get near it because it is so over grown. A letter will be drafted to the resident that is supposed to be looking after this cemetery. She could not see any flags in the cemetery.

Roger Linton made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2015. Jean Ambrose 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a 2-0 vote.

Warrant #20 was signed.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve warrant #21 in the amount of \$3,535.93. Roger Linton 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a 2-0 vote.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #2115 in the amount of \$2,134.87. Roger Linton 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a 2-0 vote.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to adjourn @ 7:34. Roger Linton 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a 2-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie MacInnes, Secretary for the Board

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson

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Roger T. Linton, Selectperson