

ORIGINAL

**Town of Pittston
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024**



Board Members Present: Jane Hubert (chair), Jean Ambrose, Joe Caputo
Other Town Officials Present: Sam Snow (Road Commissioner), Christian Jensen
(Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk)

Recorder: Christian Jensen

Resident (Sign-In Sheet): See attached.

Present on Zoom: Autumn DeVries, Emily Duggan, Jeff Campbell, Larry Ireland, Mary Lawrence, Raymond Snider, Michael McCaslin, Joyce McCaslin, Horace Moody, Janet Richards, Liz Jensen, Kim Pelletier, Jessica Soucy

1. **Call to Order** at 6 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited
3. **Approval of Old Minutes** request made to amend FEMA comment by Sam to the Troop Rd. Provisionally approved 3-0 with correction.
4. **Accounts payable & payroll warrants**
AP WARRANT PREVIEW: #1, \$68,833.54
PAYROLL WARRANT: #1, \$2,733.14
CASH BALANCE: \$1,470,227
5. **Open Public Speaker(s)**
 - a. **Cheryl Peaslee** commented on the recall effort and her hope for reconciliation in the Town.
 - b. **Autumn DeVries** commented on the recall effort and shared her support for Joe Caputo.
6. **Recall Petition Certification** Christian, addressing the Select Board, read his letter concerning the recall petition certification and submitted the recall petition to the board.
7. **Road Business (OLD)**
 - a. **Major Road Projects**
 - i. **Blodgett & Pinkham culverts (2024)** no update.
 - ii. **Togus Stream (Barber-Pinkham) culvert**
Sam recommended removing this item from the agenda as he believes this will not see completion for "4 or 5 years."

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- h. Chelsea-Randolph-Pittston Regional Public Works Coordination** no update

8. Road Business (NEW)

- a. Missing Old County Road Sign** It was actually missing "road closed" signs. These were ordered and are ready at the Town Office.

Additional missing signs include "Four-Wheel Drive Rd" (or similar).

Lastly, the Scott Road sign doesn't say "Road." The Road Commissioner acknowledged that he was aware of the omission when the sign was delivered.

Christian asked Sam to verify the 9-1-1 list on the name of the "Four-Wheel Drive Rd" and order it from White Signs. He also asked Sam to inquire about the Scott Road sign and find out if they omitted the lettering, or if it was ordered incorrectly, and to get the sign corrected.

9. General Town Business (OLD)

- a. No-bid limit increase** no update
- b. Riverwalk Title Research** Jean met with a Farris Law title lawyer and was told for approximately \$300 the lawyer would provide a letter that states the lien process was correctly followed and that the Town owns the property. She confirmed with John Cressey at DEP that this would be sufficient for their requirements. Jason Corliss recommended having a title search completed, if the lawyer's process does not include one.
- c. Woodlot Harvesting Contract** should be signed in-person on Monday.
- d. Building Maintenance & Cleaning Personnel** no update
- e. Speed Radar Trailer Disposition** still at Town Salt Shed
- f. Engine 23 Disposition (2024)** no update
- g. Spirit of America Nominations** Jean recommended setting a deadline for submissions. Jane suggested February 1.

10. General Town Business (NEW)

- a. Paperwork Shredding** Jane suggested contacting On-Site Shredding to get needed paperwork shredded from the Town. Board had agreement on this action.

11. Town Announcements & Information

- a. Next SB Meeting(s): Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 (6 pm)**