

ORIGINAL

**Town of Pittston
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024**



Board Members Present: Jane Hubert (chair), Jean Ambrose, Joe Caputo

Other Town Officials Present: Christian Jensen (Treasurer, Tax Collector, Office Supervisor)

Recorder: Marie Flowers

1. **Call to Order** 6:00 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Old Minutes** 3-0 vote to approve 02-07-24 minutes.
4. **Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants**
 - a. **PAYROLL WARRANT:** #2413 (\$3,859.95) approved 3-0
 - b. **AP WARRANT PREVIEW:** #2414 (\$10,369.36) approved 3-0
5. **Open Public Speaker(s)**
 - a. **Sharon Gleason** spoke in support of Joe Caputo and against the recall effort/petition
6. **Road Business (OLD)**
 - a. **Sand Supply Status** Sam states we are "all set".
 - b. **Gravel Crushing RFP** Discussed Monday and moved to send out crushing RFP. Voted to send out 3-0.
 - c. **Troop Road Tree Branches** Sam stated he added this work to the schedule to be completed. Jane inquired if Sam would still submit a plan for the entire Town and Sam stated he would.
 - d. **Four Wheel Drive Sign** The sign and post are damaged, apparently from when the sign was removed by the resident. A new sign and post have been ordered. Christian inquired if the person responsible for the damage could be held accountable for the cost. Sam stated that they could. The resident responsible for the damage will be charged for the replacement cost of the sign and post.
 - e. **Salt & Brine/Ice-Be-Gone Supply** will be delivered Monday (02/19) \$240.00 a gallon and it will take 300 – 500 gallons to fill.
 - f. **Morton Brook/Nehumkeag Bridge** More information is needed regarding the work that needs to be done. Sam has not contacted Brian at DOT. He will follow up and report back to the board.
7. **Road Business (NEW)**

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- a. **Pinkham Road Bridge** Joe brought up that Caldwell (engineer) had inquired by email whether to design the bridge surface as asphalt or concrete. Sam stated that he thought it should be asphalt as there is always a bump in a transition from asphalt to concrete. Joe said he would reply to Caldwell that the surface should be asphalt.
 - b. **Jewett Road Potholes** Sam reported he received complaints of potholes. He stated he has not looked at the road but that he would respond.
 - c. **Jewett Road Wood Hauling** A resident complained about wood being hauled across Jewett Road. Joe stated that he had hauled wood across the road. Sam stated the resident complained that she was delayed by the event, but did not specify who or exactly where it occurred. Joe did not think any event like that had taken place while he was hauling, but noted that his hauling was complete.
 - d. **Road Posting** After a short discussion, it was agreed that Sam will post the roads this week.
8. **Executive Session (Legal) 1.M.R.S.A.§405(6)(A)** Jane moved to go to executive session at 6:25pm and was approved 3-0. Executive session concluded at 6:49 pm with a vote of 2-1.
9. **General Town Business (OLD)**
- a. **Recall Petition** Jane moved to “Set the date for the recall vote of Joe Caputo to March 18, 2024, in accordance with the Recall Ordinance.” Jean provided a second. Motion approved 2-0 (Joe was not eligible to vote per Recall Ordinance).
 - b. **Rescinding of Recall Ordinance** A Special Town Meeting is scheduled 02-22-2024 to consider rescinding the ordinance. Jane stated that the town should have its own Recall Ordinance, but not the one currently in place, and would like a new Recall Ordinance be drafted to eventually replace the current one.
10. **General Town Business (NEW)**
- a. **Board of Appeals Appointment** Todd Lindstrom was appointed to the opening on the Board of Appeals by a vote of 2-0-1.
 - b. **Moderator at Special Town Meeting** The board agreed to pay \$50.00 to Chris Cooper for moderating the Feb 22 Special Town Meeting.
 - c. **Woodlot Harvest** Jane and Jean walked the woodlot and expressed approval of the appearance. Christian noted that the check and receipts were received from Grady and that Andy would be in the next day to go over the documents.

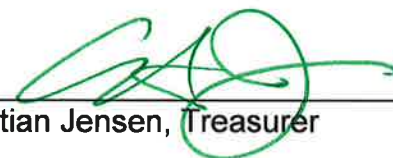
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11. Town Announcements & Information

- a. Next SB Meeting(s): Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 (6 pm)
- b. Next SB Work Session(s): Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 (9 am)
- c. Special Town Meeting: Feb 22 (6 pm)
- d. Planning Board:
 - i. Mar 14 (6:30 pm)
 - ii. Mar 23 (9:30 am) – Site Visits
 - iii. Apr 11 (6:30 pm) – Hearing
- e. Appeals Board: will meet after the town meeting
- f. Budget Committee:
- g. Riverwalk Committee: Mar 4 (6 pm)
- h. Pittston Historical Society: Apr 9 (6 pm)

12. Meeting Adjournment 7:00 pm with a vote of 3-0

Respectfully submitted by:  2/21/24
Christian Jensen, Treasurer Date

 02/21/24
Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Chair Date

 02-21-24
Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson Date

 02/21/2024
Joseph Caputo, Selectperson Date

