

**Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting
November 1, 2023**

Board Present: Jane Hubert, Jean Ambrose, Joe Caputo

Staff Present: Deb MacInnes, Sam Snow, Christian Jensen, Deputy Chief Greg Thompson

Residents Present: Todd Lindstrom, Wayne Peaslee, Cheryl Peaslee, Pat Philbrook, Tony Garvan, Jeff Peaslee, Sarah Hubert

Via Zoom: Linda Caputo, Horace Moody, Mary Lawrence, Jeff Campbell

1. **Call to order:** Chair, Jane Hubert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Select Board messages:** Jane Hubert was upset about the actions displayed at last week's meeting. Jane explained her part in last week's Select Board meeting. Jane stated that it is her responsibility to control the meeting and will seek to improve in maintaining protocol and procedure.

Joe Caputo stated that he can't apologize for his beliefs but can apologize for his presentation. Joe stated that his presentation was not kind or smooth and came across as harsh. Joe said that he is passionate about doing the best for the town. Joe apologized to everyone in the room and on Zoom.

Jean Ambrose stated that last week's meeting was the most embarrassing Select Board meeting she has been to. Jean stated that if we can't do better, we need to resign and move on. Jean stated they did not represent the Town of Pittston. Jean said she would do her best to do better and forgive others' mistakes because she also makes mistakes.

4. **Approval of old minutes:** Jane Hubert made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes of October 25, 2023. Motion approved: 3-0.
5. **Accounts payable & payroll warrants:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve preview warrant #45 in the amount of \$37,562.34. Motion approved: 3-0.
Jean Ambrose Made a motion to approve payroll warrant #4523 in the amount of \$4,514.31. Motion approved: 3-0.

The checkbook balance is \$1,180,387

6. **Roads (Sam Snow, Road Commissioner)**
 - a. **Old Business**

out. Sam Snow Construction will be fixing the two bad spots on this road.

Joe Caputo stated that sample RFPs were dropped off today.

- viii. **Frozen Roads Ordinance:** Two proposals were presented. #1 Section 4. Exemptions: Remove this exemption completely from the ordinance. #1 Section 4. Exemptions: This would change the temperature from 32 degrees to 20 degrees. The Road Commissioner prefers option #2. There needs to be a decision so that the ordinance and the posted signs match. That will be done at a Special Town Meeting.
- ix. **Review of Pinkham Road Bridge:** Calderwood Engineering has looked at this Bridge.

b. New Business

- i. **Loader for sand/salt shed:** Jane Hubert called three different places regarding loader rentals. Two don't rent and one never called her back. Sam Snow Construction has offered to lease his loader to the Town at last year's price of \$2,300 per month. Jane Hubert will prepare a contract for the next meeting.

Jane Hubert stated that Willett Construction wants to meet with her regarding the municipal plowing contract.

7. General Town Business

a. Old Business

- i. **No-bid limit increase:** Items such as office supplies and fuel for the fire trucks will not have to go out to bid. According to the Treasurer, highway items will go out to bid due to a natural conflict of interest. Some items may not go out to bid after review by the Select Board. More work will be done on this at a Select Board work session.
- ii. **Recycling bins:** This item will be discussed during a Recycling Committee Meeting on November 6, 2023.

iii. **Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce Workshop:** Jane Hubert will attend a workshop in Waterville on November 2, 2023. The topic is "Conflict in the workplace."

iv. **Abatements:** The Select Board signed some abatements.

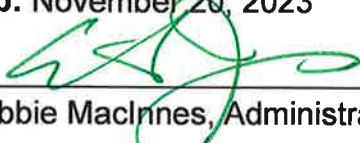
8. **Budget Committee Meetings:** No dates have been scheduled.

9. **Executive Session: Legal 1M.R.S.A.§405(6)(E):** Jane Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0.

10. **Adjournment:** There was no more Town business done after the Executive Session ended.

Next Select Board Meeting: November 15, 2023

Next Select Board Workshop: November 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted by:  *CHRISTIAN JENSEN* 11/15/23
fol Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant Date

 11/15/23
Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Date

Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson Date

 11/15/2023
Joseph Caputo, Selectperson Date

