



Town of Pittston
Select Board Work Session Minutes
February 02, 2026

ORIGINAL

Board Members Present: Cathy Thomas (Chair), Joe Caputo, Christine R. Holzinger

Other Town Officials Present: Greg Lumbert (CEO), Autumn DeVries (ORC), Jane Hubert (ORC), Christian Jensen (Treasurer, Tax Collector, Office Supervisor)

Recorder: Marie-Anne Flowers (Administrative Assistant)

1. **Call to Order:** 9:03 am
2. **Approval of January 12, 2026 Minutes:** signed
3. **Executive Session:** none
4. **Town Business:**

ORC - Update:

- Autumn DeVries and Jane Hubert attended the work session to review ORC progress. Ben Averill has reported to Autumn that there may be grant money available to help implement LD1829. There is a requirement that municipal officials who administer that portion of land use be trained. Autumn is requesting permission to enlist Christian Jensen for assistance in seeking, writing, and applying for available grants. Autumn stated the treasurer had helped with the LD2003 grants. The SB agreed to the request.
- **LD1829 training:** Autumn is asking for SB authorization to forward the training required for LD1829 to the Planning Board, Appeals Board and any other board members who administer LD1829. Autumn will make the request to the PB Chair, Marlene Colvin. The Select Board has approved Autumn's request to coordinate training with the Planning Board Chair. Clarification on who would be required to be trained should be sought from MMA and the State.
- The ORC has 2 open positions available:
 1. Ordinance writer/Technical Support.
 2. Committee Secretary.

She would like to be added as a public speaker at the February 04 SB meeting.

- Autumn would like to have a post made to the website after review from the Select Board. She will present her post to the SB for review.
- The ORC is focusing on what they are currently working on before taking on any new ordinances.
- A burial ground ordinance is being requested from Greg Lumbert, CEO for future consideration.

CEO – Update: Greg stepped away at 9:39 for an appointment, and returned at 10:15 am.

- Greg mentioned there may be a discrepancy between the road requirements in the building ordinance and the road ordinance. Greg reviewed his work over the last few weeks.



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- The Arnold Road property owner will be in Maine this spring to evaluate the property.
- Nash Rd - a tiny lot has been bought. The new owner claims there is septic and water on the site. The neighbor claims the well is on his property. There are no records found to indicate a septic system exists.
- An existing cement pad is considered a structure.
- The construction is going well on the RT 27 new building.
- Morse Rd. mining issue was reviewed. Greg believes the issue is in Chelsea, not Pittston.
- Has updated residential ventilation class and Health Officer Training.
- Greg is requesting a vacation in April. Tentative dates will be sent to the SB once confirmed. He has lined up a CEO to cover him during his absence.
- New England Rd does not look like there has been any progress. Marie will send a letter for an update on the progress.
- The discontinued East Rd. (Formerly known as E. Webb Rd) winter maintenance was discussed. Discussion regarding who is responsible for maintaining the road.

Historical Society: Louise Kruk and Jane Hubert attended the work session in preparation for the budget. The Historical Society is requesting \$500.00, as well as \$1100.00 for equipment, totaling \$1600.00. The previous and current budget year was reviewed for the Historical Society and Colburn House. Discussion regarding matching grants and the 2026/2027 request for budget ensued. It was suggested that the Select Board ask for a request of \$10,000.00 for the Colburn House, so that the money to ensure funds are available to meet the anticipated grant requirements.

The PLHS asked if the remaining money from last year, could be kept in reserve for the Colburn House repairs, and managed by the select board. Jane is concerned that Historical Society money may be spent on the Colburn House. Joe reviewed that the money being discussed had been approved for the Colburn House, not the Historical Society. Donations to the Historical Society, and how they are managed by them was discussed. Jane suggested an article or policy regarding how donations are managed.

Budget Preparation: Employee pay and COLA was discussed. The plowing contract was reviewed. The Roads budget figures (Prepared by Joe C.) were reviewed. The budget requested from the Road Commissioner has not been turned in as of yet. The next work session will include Christian Jensen to finalize the budget, prior to submitting to the Budget Committee. The warrant articles will be drafted by Christian and Val, and finalized by the Select Board.

Sam Snow Invoice: Will be discussed at the next select board meeting. Prior invoices requested of the RC on 01/07/2026 (Showing history of billing for time) has yet to be presented to the Select Board.



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Schedule Special Town Meeting for SB Change Petition: Cathy would like to discuss the schedule with Val before setting the date.

Website Change: The cost for changing websites was reviewed.

Dispatching Services - Augusta: the information has been reviewed.

Staff Involvement in Elections: The Treasurer asked the Select Board it's position on enlisting town employees to assist with re-election campaigns. After some discussion, the general opinion of the SB is that while a town employee is acting in the capacity of the town or "on the clock", employees should remain neutral and not aid in election campaigns outside their normal duties.

Nehumkeag Scholarship: Cathy reviewed the scholarship and the accounts related to the scholarship. The bank account balance for the scholarship was reviewed with discussions that included possibilities for higher earning accounts.

Ordinances and Policies:

- i. **Solar Farm Ordinance:**
Primary: Action:
- ii. **Fund Balance Policy:**
Primary: Action: *suggested per annual town audit*
- iii. **Formal Assessors Agreement/Contract Renewal:**
Primary: Action:
- iv. **System Administration Policy:**
Primary: Action:
- v. **Disbursement Policy:**
Primary: Action
- vi. **Purchasing Policy:**
Primary: Action:
- vii. **Refund Policy for Permits:**
Primary: Action:
- viii. **Cell Tower Ordinance Review:**
Primary: Action:
- ix. **Building Use Policy:**
Primary: Action:

5. Road Business:

a. Major Projects:

- i. **Old County Rd: Culvert**
Primary: Action: DEP letter was received, our response was sent by the requested 12/10/2025 deadline, we in turn await their reply.

b. Medium Road Repair (>\$10,000)



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c. Small Projects (<\$10,000):

i. Ditching/Culverts:

ii. Potholes:

iii. Trees and Debris:

6. Tabled Agenda Items:

a. Review of the Following Ordinances:

Tier 1

- i. **Land Use – LD 2003 & LD 1829 (in development)**
- ii. **Building**
- iii. **Subdivision**
- iv. **Mobile home, RV, Camper**
- v. **Business Development -_maybe moved to tier 1/get feedback from PB**

Tier 2

- vi. **Shore Land Zoning**
- vii. **Resource Protected Land (needs to be developed)**
- viii. **Flood Plain**

Tier 3

- ix. **Addressing**
- x. **Mailbox**
- xi. **Entrance**
- xii. **Well Head Protection**

b. Arnold Road Complaint Update: *Uninhabited home/yard is not being maintained referred to CEO. Letter sent to property owner by CEO – 2nd letter sent certified mail. Property owner contacted CEO and stated the property will be addressed in 2026*

c. Road Striping: Spring

d. Jewett Road:

e. Identify Caretakers for Cemeteries in Need:

f. Tax club

g. Secure Records Storage Request:

h. Engine 23 Disposition (2025)

i. Pinkham Road - Togus Stream:

j. Misc. Town Work:

i. Troop Rd



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- ii. Ledge Hill Rd:
- iii. North (Beech Hill) Rd Plan

k. Salt Shed Seal Repair & Containment:

- xiii. Congressional spending grants
- xiv. Funding Plan for plant containment

7. Town Announcements & Information

THERE WILL BE NO SELECT BOARD MEETING:

FEBRUARY 11 & 25

MARCH 25

THERE WILL BE NO SB WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 16

Next SB Work Session(s): Feb 09, 23, Mar 02, 09, 16 (9 am)

Next SB Meeting(s): Feb 04, 18, Mar 04, 18 (6 pm)

Planning Board: Feb 12 (6:00 pm)

RiverWalk: Mar 02 (6 pm)

Pittston Historical Society: Feb 05 (1pm) Town Office

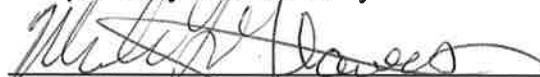
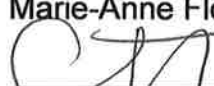
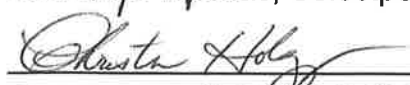
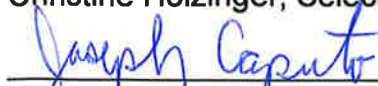
Appeals Board: Feb 03 (5:30pm)

Budget Committee: Feb 16 (6pm)

- Joint Board Meeting:
- Cemetery Caretaker Meeting:
- Ordinance Review Committee:
- Personnel Committee:

8. Meeting Adjournment: 3:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

	2-09-26
Marie-Anne Flowers, Admin Assistant	Date
	2/9/26
Catherine Thomas, Selectperson Chair	Date
	2/9/26
Christine Holzinger, Selectperson	Date
	2/9/2026
Joseph Caputo, Selectperson	Date

