



## Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes August 17, 2022

**Board Present:** Kerri Farris, Jean Ambrose, Jane Hubert

**Staff Present:** Deb MacInnes, Deb Barry

**Residents Present:** Rosey Schacht, Joe Caputo, Fred Kimball, Cheryl Peaslee, Wayne Peaslee, Sarah Perkins, Larry Ireland, Rodney Hembree, Jen Hembree, Wellman Cromwell, Leroy Usher, Sarah Hubert.

**Via zoom:** Aaron Moody, Amy Cooper, Linda Caputo, Michael McCaslin, Ray Snyder, Jason Corliss, Autumn Devries, Mary Lawrence, Greg Lumbert, Jennifer Gilbert.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kerri Farris at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Review agenda:** Additions: Revaluation update, LRAP paperwork, Select Board response to a letter, staff request for day off and Select Board response to a DOT question. The Executives Session will be changed from “Legal Matters” to “Personnel”.
4. **Revaluation update:** There is no exact update. The work continues at the rate of approximately 15 properties per person per day. The amount of RJD assessors working in Pittston on any day changes.
5. **LRAP paperwork:** The contact person for the Local Roads Assistance Program will be Tax Collector/Treasurer, Sarah Perkins.
6. **Letter of application for substitute recycling agent:** A person is interested in being the substitute recycling agent.

**Action item:** Jane Hubert will call the applicant to set up an interview time.

7. **Jewett Road S.W. Cole estimate:** S.W. Cole has supplied a proposal to collect boring samples from the Jewett Road to help identify the material used to build the road. This data should help the town to better understand the possible cause of the road’s pavement failure. The 10 boring samples at a cost of \$5,000. S.W. Cole’s schedule is four to five weeks out, after notice to proceed. The report would be available two weeks after the testing is done.



**At this time the Select Board meeting was recessed for the Special Town Meeting.**

Town Clerk, Deborah Berry opened the Special Town Meeting. Roseanne Schacht was elected moderator by written ballot.

Article #2: To see if the Town will vote to release a total of \$37,500 from the ARPA Savings Account, \$33,500 for the East Pittston Water District upgrades and \$4,000 for the Riverwalk Road Gravel. Moved by Jane Hubert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Ireland. There was no discussion. Article #2 passed unanimously.

Article #3: To see if the Town will vote to release \$100 from the Spirit of America account to be donated to the Spirit of America Foundation. Moved by Jane Hubert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Ireland. There was no discussion. Article #3 passed unanimously.

Wayne Peaslee made a motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:52 p.m. Larry Ireland 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted unanimous.

**The Select Board meeting continued.**

Back to the S.W. Cole conversation: Some questions asked were: Will there be recommendations based on the report? Are 10 boring sites necessary and will the client have input where the boring sites should be?

The cost of this testing could come out of the highway account, excise tax reserve or contingency.

Jane Hubert made a motion to proceed with S.W. Cole's proposal with no more than \$5,000 to be spent. Motion approved: 2-1.

**Action item:** Kerri Farris will call S.W. Cole.

8. **DOT Report Update:** On July 12, 2022, Jane Hubert spoke with Pete Coughlan who in turn reached out to Dave Allen from DOT in regards to the speed limit report for the Jewett Road. Mr. Allen forgot and will send the report.

**Action item:** If report not received, Jane Hubert will call Dave Allen.

9. **Plowing Update:** Sam Snow Construction submitted a plowing proposal for Routes #2 and #3.

For Rt. #2: 2022 – 2023 season, \$114,750. 2023 – 2024 season, \$121,750.

For Rt. #3: 2022 – 2023 season, \$102,000. 2023 – 2024 season, \$109,000.

As stated in a previous Select Board meeting, Sam Snow, Road Commissioner was unable to attend this meeting.



Sam Snow was able to find people to work under Sam Snow Construction to plow Pittston roads.

There was some discussion and disagreements in regards to this topic.

Jane Hubert made a motion to accept the plow proposal from Sam Snow Construction with a signed contract to be in the office within 13 days. Voted approved: 3-0.

10. **Staff request for day off:** A request for Oct.3, 10, and 17, 2022 for Deb MacInnes was approved by the Select Board.

11. **Select Board response to letter:** The Select Board received a letter that had questions in regards to the Road Commissioner. The Road Commissioner along with the Select Board are elected officials. A response to this letter from the Select Board will be worked on in a Select Board work session.

**Action item:** Jane Hubert will contact the communicator.

12. **Sign appointment papers:** The appointment papers for Sarah Perkins to be the Tax Collector, Treasure and Office Supervisor were signed.

13. **Sign Bodge Island papers:** Papers from the Town Attorney were signed in regards to the final steps of the Town having ownership of Bodge Island. The taxes to the property owner will be abated.

Zoom question: Is there a weekly update from the Code Enforcement Officer? No. There is an initial court hearing on an ongoing case scheduled for Friday, August 25, 2022

14. **Roadside mowing contract:** Gary Castner will be able to do Pittston's roadside mowing at \$85 per mile. Mr. Castner did the roadside mowing in Whitefield. The lump sum of the contract is \$2,890. Jean Ambrose made a motion to hire Gary Castner to do the roadside mowing. Voted approved: 3-0.

15. **Work session on Thursday?** There will be no work session on August 18, 2022.

16. **Approve and sign accounts payable/payroll warrant:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve preview warrant #34 in the amount of \$40,448.96. Voted approved: 3-0. Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #3322 in the amount of \$2,485.30. Voted approved: 3-0.



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**17. Approve Select Board meeting minutes of 7/27/2022 and 8/3/2022:** Jane Hubert made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2022. Voted approved: 3-0.

The Select Board meeting minutes of July 27, 2022 were tabled again for more editing.

Kerri Farris made a motion to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters: 1M.R.S.A.§405(6)(A) at 8:17 p.m. Voted approved: 3-0.

The Select Board meeting adjourned after the executive session ended.

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Kerri Farris, Selectperson Date

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Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson Date

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Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Date