



## Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes May 31, 2023

**Board Present:** Jane Hubert, Jean Ambrose, Joe Caputo

**Staff Present:** Deb MacInnes, Sam Snow

**Residents Present:** Todd Lindstrom, Sarah Hubert, Cheryl Peaslee, Sharon Gleason, Pat Philbrook, Tony Garvan.

**Others:** Vaughn Stevens, Hagar representative, and Hunter, All State representative.

**Via Zoom:** Deb Barry, Amy Cooper, Cody Kelley, Emily Dugan, Linda Caputo, Larry Ireland, iPad, and iPhone.

**Call to Order:** Chair, Jane Hubert, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Select Board Minutes:** Jane Hubert made a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of May 24, 2023. Joe Caputo 2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes were tabled until the next Select Board meeting in order to do a revision.

The dirt bike rider in the town pit has not been located. Jean Ambrose will check on this.

**Accounts payable/payroll warrants:** Jane Hubert made a motion to approve preview warrant #23 in the amount of \$16,522.92. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve payroll warrant #2300 in the amount of \$248.93. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #2323 in the amount of \$3,675.01. Motion approved: 3-0.

The checkbook balance is \$1,063,267.95.

### **Old Business:**

**1. Award Paving Contract:** Jane Hubert said she called towns regarding Hagar Paving and All State Paving. Everyone that she spoke with spoke well of both companies. Jane stated that All State supplies the mix which eliminates the middle man. With that consideration, Jane would go with All State.

Todd Lindstrom made a motion to have this decision go to the town to vote because \$13,750 is a lot of money. Todd was informed he was not in a position to make a motion.

All State gets sand from the Kelleys, which is part of the mix.

All State would get the mix from Richmond or Windsor.

Joe Caputo made a motion to accept the bid from All State. Jane Hubert 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Jean Ambrose agreed with Todd Lindstrom. This would take a special town meeting which would delay awarding the contract.

Sam Snow, Road Commissioner stated that Hagar was low bid and that this is the first time that he knew of that the town did not go with the low bid. The bids were Hagar at \$389,875 and All State at \$403,625.

Jane Hubert recited examples of extra money spent on Jewett Road.

Jean Ambrose wants to save the town \$13,750.

The vote was called. Motion approved: 2-1.

It was stated again that it is best for the Select Board to work with the Road Commissioner for what is best for the town.

Sam Snow stated that Hagar will never bid on paving in Pittston again.

Pat Philbrook said to look at the bigger picture.

## **2. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner: Current Road Work.**

Sam Snow stated that he met with St. Germain at Blodgett Road and Pinkham Road. Jane Hubert stated that she also met with St. Germain at the office and Joe Caputo met with them in the parking lot. Sam stated there is an issue with cutting down any 3-inch trees for bat habitat. Sam suggested that before Army Corps has the application for the Blodgett Road, that roadside mowing be done.

The culvert area on North Beech Hill Road will be done next week and will not cost more than \$5,000.

The office and Sam Snow received the certified letter for the ratings of two bridges on Pinkham Road. Pittston shares the bridge over Togus Stream with Randolph. Sam Snow stated that the road commissioners and the select board members of each town should meet to discuss that replacement. The Road Commissioner in Randolph is Art Forand. Jane will contact Randolph for more information.

**3. Salt Bids:** The State bid price for salt is \$79.07 per ton. Pittston has used Harcross and that bid price is \$81.60 per ton. It was asked if the low bid was going to be skipped over. Sam Snow stated that Harcross has been good to us.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to go with Harcross. Motion approved: 3-0.

**Entrance permit:** An entrance permit for adding on to an existing entrance was signed.

There was a discussion regarding what type of patching material is to be used on Jewett Road. Sam Snow asked Joe Caputo what he wanted and Joe replied he had no



Idea. Joe asked, "Was he the road commissioner or was Sam"? This discussion was tabled until the next Select Board meeting.

### **New Business:**

**1. Nehumkeag Scholarship:** Jane Hubert reported that there is a qualified graduating student that Jeff Hanley and herself have discussed and agreed upon. They also agreed upon having the dollar amount increased to \$1,000 instead of \$500. Jean Ambrose said that maybe \$2,000 would be good, but Jane stated that was not the amount already agreed upon.

**2. New office hours:** Jane Hubert stated that the Town Office will be closed on Mondays starting on July 3, 2023. The tax collector works 24 hours, the administrative assistant works 35 hours and the town clerk works 40 hours. For safety reasons, there will be two people in the office each day. Other towns in the area are closed one day per week. The Select Board made this decision to have the office closed on Mondays. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays the hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Amy Cooper commented from Zoom, why is it that Sam Snow shouldn't be questioned? People shouldn't be above questioning no matter how many years they've served. How many years has Jane served on the Select Board? People question her.

Jane Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session Personnel Matters:  
1.M.R.S.A.§405(6)(A) at 6:47 p.m. Motion approved 3-0.

That executive session was switched with Legal Matters: 1.M.R.S.A.§405(6)(E)

The Select Board came out of the Legal Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

The Select Board went into the Personnel Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

The Select Board came out of the Personnel Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Select Board adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted by: Debbie MacInnes 6/14/2023  
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Mary J Ambrose 6-14-23  
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Joseph Caputo 6/14/2023  
Joseph Caputo, Selectperson Date