



Town of Pittston
38 Whitefield Road
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Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022

Board Present: Kerri Farris, Jean Ambrose, Jane Hubert

Staff Present: Deb MacInnes, Sam Snow

Residents Present: Wellman Cromwell, Cheryl Peaslee, Hope Ricker, Tim Lawrence, Pete Kelley: via Zoom Mary Lawrence.

Others Present: Deputy Fire Chief Greg Thompson

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kerri Farris at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Sign the Grounds Maintenance contract:**

The Grounds Maintenance contract with Joshua Howe, owner of First Alarm LawnCare, LLC was signed.

Action item: Deb M will call Joshua Howe for signing

3. **Approve Select Board minutes April 6, 2022:**

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve Select Board minutes of April 6, 2022. Voted approved 3-0.

4. **Approve Select Board work session minutes March 31, 2022 and April 7, 2022.**

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve March 31, 2022 and April 7, 2022 workshop minutes.

Voted approved 3-0.

5. **Warrants:**

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve preview warrant #15 in the amount of \$24,718.75. Voted approved 3-0.

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve payroll warrant #1522 in the amount of \$3,390.46. Voted approved 3-0.

The checkbook balance is \$1,270,699.71.

6. **Municipal Broadband.**

Jane expressed interest in attending a broadband workshop sponsored by MMA for \$35.00

Jean Ambrose made a motion for Jane to attend this workshop. voted approved 3-0.



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7. Harbor Management Grant.

Jane Hubert inquired if the Riverwalk Committee would be interested in this grant opportunity.

Action item: Jean Ambrose will give a copy of this to the Chair of the Riverwalk Committee, Jim Lothridge.

8. Nehumkeag Scholarship:

Jane Hubert had a copy of the scholarship paperwork. In part, it states how the bank and school handles this. This is for a Pittston senior going to college for Wildlife management. The Select Board will write a letter explaining this scholarship may be used for, but not limited to: post-secondary education such as environmental studies, forestry, biology, Maine Guide Service, alternative conservation and naturalist studies.

Action item: Jane will write a letter this week and take it to Wentworth (Whimpy) Goodwin to sign. Jane will also go to the guidance counselor at Gardiner High School.

Action item: Information on the scholarship will be put on the Town website when completed.

9. Conversation with Pete Coughlan:

A discussion was held in regards to someone in the office being the backup for Pete Coughlan, Pittston's webmaster. Pete will give Deb M the passwords and instructions needed to access the webpage if necessary.

Jane Hubert made a motion to have Deb MacInnes the backup for the website. Voted approved 3-0.

Action item: Deb M will schedule a meeting date with Pete Coughlan.

Kerri Farris asked Pete about bundling email and the website with GoDaddy. Pete explained that GoDaddy is not geared toward municipalities for websites. Gov office is better for the Town's email blasts and security.

Wellman Cromwell asked Pete if he had a reply from Dave Allen in regards to the speed limit on South Beech Hill Road. Pete replied that he has not and will email him again on April 14, 2022.

10. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner:

An invoice from St. Germain for design and engineering costs for the Blodgett Road was reviewed. Sam wants to hold off a week on paying this invoice and will call St. Germain again. Sam feels this culvert project has gone overboard.



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Road Commissioner cont.

Sam explained a cross culvert issue on Route 194 at the top of Haskell Hill to Pete Coughlan, DOT. This area has had issues of water flooding across the road and DOT has been called a number of times. Sam would like this issue taking care of even if they have to do some ditching. Pete gave Sam the contact name and number for a supervisor in this area.

Action item: Sam will call the DOT supervisor to schedule a meeting at the location.

Sam reported that the junk culverts at the sand/salt shed have been picked up and the intersections and the office parking lot have been swept.

Sam received two quotes to patch the ruined parts of the Jewett Road. They were from Hagar and Willett. The quote is \$14,000. The two companies were within two hundred dollars of each other. Wellman Cromwell stated that he felt that the truckers that ruined the road should have to pay for it.

Some of the main roads will be unposted on Thursday April 14, 2022. The dirt roads will stay posted for now.

Sam met with Mike McGee on the village end of the Kelley Road to review a problem in that area.

June Salonen came to the office to say a great job was done on the Old County Road brush cutting. Sam said that the brush cutting was going pretty good.

11. Colburn House

Jean Ambrose received a phone call from David Rodrigues from the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands. Mr. Rodrigues explained that the bureau is applying for a grant for the Colburn House to make some significant repairs. The bureau is requesting a letter of support from the Select Board. Jean stated that she agrees with a letter of support and would bring it up at the Select Board meeting. Mr. Rodrigue sent a follow-up email that contained a sample letter of support. This is great and important to the Town. Kerri Farris stated that Theresa Guerrette would be interested in this information.

Action item: Jean will compose letter of support that is due by April 29, 2022.



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12. Other Business:

On Wednesday morning, Kerri Farris requested that Deb Barry compile a key list for the town office. Deb had it done for her for this meeting. Kerri stated that she “knocked it out of the park” and wanted to recognize her work. The locks were last update in April of 2021.

Jean Ambrose reported that she had attended a Pittston Fair Association meeting. Patricia Welton had spoken the association in regards to legislation being passed to allow the sale of cannabis products at events held at fairgrounds. This legislation is going before Governor Mills to sign. Hope Ricker stated that the association has the right to accept or reject any vendor application. The association does not want to allow cannabis or cannabis products to be sold at any of the fairground events. Hope also stated that there are no alcohol sales at fair ground events. Kerri Farris stated that if this legislation is signed, there is a need to familiarize ourselves with this law.

Deputy Chief Greg Thompson reported that the forestry equipment is ready in case of a brush fire. Greg also stated that the RFP for the work needed for Central Station and a generator is being worked on.

Jane Hubert made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Voted approved: 3-0

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant Date

Kerri Farris, Selectperson

Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson

Jane H Hubert, Selectperson