



Town of Pittston
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Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes April 20, 2022

Board Present: Kerri Farris, Jean Ambrose, Jane Hubert

Staff Present: Sam Snow

Residents Present: Wellman Cromwell: via Zoom Mary Lawrence, Deb Barry, Matt Barron.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kerri Farris at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Approve Select Board minutes of April 13, 2022.**
Jane Hubert made a motion to approve Select Board minutes of April 13, 2022.
Voted approved: 3-0.

3. **Warrants:**

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve preview warrant #16 in the amount of \$665.99. Voted approved 3-0.

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve payroll warrant #1622 in the amount of \$3,667.91. Voted approved 3-0.

4. **Emergency Plan:**

There was an incident at the office on Monday April 18, 2022 where the front door was unlatched. The alarm went off and the Sheriff came. This has prompted the need for emergency protocol that shall include items such as procedures, a phone tree, tracking office keys and regular updating of information. Kerri Farris called ADT but was unable to receive any information from them because she did not have the verbal password. Kerri has that password now. On Monday, ADT did try to call Jean Ambrose on her landline and her cell phone and was unable to reach her. ADT did not call the next contact person. Kerri stated that it was determined that the staff did nothing wrong.

Action item: Kerri Farris will call ADT and the Select Board will work on procedures at a work session.

5. **Approve the gift of Bodge Island.**

Jean Ambrose has spoken with the Town Attorney who stated that the next step in this process is for the Select Board to vote to accept the donation of the 1/3 interest in Bodge Island. The document prepared by the Town Attorney will be reviewed. The last step of the process will be to convey the value of the 1/3 of the island to Mr. Wood for a tax deduction.

Kerri Farris made a motion to accept the donation of the last 1/3 interest of Bodge Island with terms of the agreement pending review. Voted approved: 3-0.



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6. Nehumkeag Fish and Game Scholarship:

Jane Hubert wrote a letter of explanation for updating the criteria for the Nehumkeag Fish and Game scholarship. This was reviewed. Updates include “post-secondary instruction”

Kerri Farris made a motion to accept the language in the updated version of the Nehumkeag Fish and Game Scholarship. Voted approved: 3-0

Action item: Jane Hubert will take the updated version of the scholarship to Wentworth (Whimpy) Goodwin for his review, input and signature.

7. Miscellaneous items:

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve the Select Board work session minutes of April 14, 2022. Voted approved: 2-0-1. Jean Ambrose was not present at the meeting.

Jane Hubert would like to use some of the Spirit of American money to be donated to the Spirit of American Foundation. The approved budget for Spirit of America is \$100 and is in Article 2 which states unspent money goes to surplus. This item could be put in the article for charitable affiliations next year. Money from article 2 spent for something other than its intended purpose would need a Special Town Meeting.

Action item: Jane Hubert will gather more information for next week’s meeting.

A letter of support for the Colburn house was discussed. Signature lines will be added.

Action item: Jean Ambrose will add the signature line, scan and email the letter to David Rodrigues.

There is no response from Pete Coughlan, DOT in regards to the South Beech Hill Road speed limit. Wellman Cromwell discussed the legality of some of the speed limit signs in Pittston.

The start time of 5:30 p.m. for Select Board meetings was discussed. Kerri Farris stated that it is sometimes tough to get to the Town Office by 5:30. Jean Ambrose likes the 5:30 start time. No decision was made. It was also discussed having the Select Board meet every other week in the summer with the flexibility



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to have a Select Board meeting on an off week if necessary. Kerri stated that if the Board were efficient with their time, every other week would work. Jean

Ambrose agrees. Jane Hubert prefers meeting every week. If the Select Board meets every other week in the summer and comes in on an off week, it would be posted on the calendar on the Town website. Another suggestion was to have a 5 member Select Board to share the work load and have more input. This is something Kerri said would be good to think about and look at that process.

8. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner:

Sam reported that he has spoken with St. Germain Engineering and they are being difficult about the culvert design for the Blodgett Road. Sam stated that the Town can't afford the proposed design and we are not going to do that. Sam did his own site testing.

The beavers are back on the Palmer Road. The beaver trapper has been called.

The paved roads have been unposted. The dirt roads will be graded this week with the intent to take the posting of these dirt roads off in a week or so, when they are dried up some more.

The culvert on the Village end of the Kelley Road has been worked on. Sam has not been out. Wellman Cromwell reported that he observed that the culvert was rocked in and hay was put around it.

Action item: Sam Snow will call St. Germain again on April 21, 2022.
Sam Snow will go look over the culvert site on the Kelley Road.

Jane Hubert made a motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Voted approved: 3-0.

These notes were written by Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant, from the tape recorder.

Kerri Farris, Selectperson Date

Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson Date

Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Date