

Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2018

Those present: Roger Linton, Jean Ambrose, Greg Lumbert, Wellman Cromwell, Cheryl Peaslee, Wayne Peaslee, Ellsworth Lawrence, Sam Snow, Jessica Soucy and Deb MacInnes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Roger Linton, at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Lumbert made a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of December 12, 2018. Jean Ambrose 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote. Greg Lumbert mentioned that he did not see in the minutes that he spoke last week about harassment in the workplace training. Deb M replied that she was not present for that conversation, she was in her office rewriting the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for 12/20/18.

An email from Fannie Mae was reviewed.

A letter from Consolidated Emergency Communications Bureau was reviewed and Deb M will respond that Pittston will be going with Augusta PD.

The Select Board approved by a 3-0 vote to pay the ACO mileage for November.

Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, reported that things with him were all set and quiet.

A discussion was held in regards to Greg Lumbert wanting some of the office job descriptions to go back to the Personnel Committee for review without really saying what the issue is. Jean Ambrose stated that the Personnel Committee wrote the job descriptions about 3 years ago. Greg said he feels the job descriptions are inadequate to what the employees do and he felt that things were not being done, but would not say what. Roger Linton was not against the idea. More discussion was held. Greg Lumbert spoke about training that is required by law. Cheryl Peaslee said that training would be more policy and not job descriptions and suggested that the Select board sit down and discuss the trainings. Cheryl Peaslee stated that workplace safety was not a job description. A work session will be held on Thursday January 10, 2019 between 3:00 and 5:00.

The Select Board voted 3-0 to close the office on Wednesday December 26, 2018 and there will be no Select Board meeting.

Deb M reported that a new road sign had been ordered for 911 addressing.

Greg Lumbert made a motion to approve warrant #55 in the amount of \$11,007.98. Jean Ambrose 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

Greg Lumbert made a motion to approve payroll warrant #5518 in the amount of \$6,625.34. Jean Ambrose 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

State Surplus paperwork was updated and signed.

A tax abatement was signed.

A letter confirming benefits for Jessica Soucy, Tax Collector/Treasurer was shown to the Select Board.

Foreclosures were discussed. Jessica Soucy, Tax Collector/Treasurer mailed out foreclosure notices. Jean Ambrose stated that the Select Board will go through them during a work session. Payment plans were discussed. A conversation was held whether or not foreclosure letters were sent out last year or not. Jessica Soucy wanted the foreclosure policy. Roger Linton stated that we take care of our citizens.

Wellman Cromwell discussed the sanding, or lack of, of the South Beech Hill Road. Mr. Wellman wanted to know who to call with road issues. Greg Lumbert stated call the Town Office. Mr. Lumbert stated that he is not in charge of the Steve McGee plowing services.

Jessica Soucy reported to the Select Board that she received a complaint about 2 mailboxes that were hit on the Blinn Hill Road and Nash Road and that the caller said that the next storm he would be waiting for the plow guy with his gun. Roger Linton expressed that if that was a joke, it was a poor one. Greg Lumbert instructed Deb M to call the contractors to tell them about this. Greg Lumbert said that he will go out there to see if he could figure out who the resident was.

Jean Ambrose asked the other two SB members to look over the warrant articles for future discussion because this is a team effort. Greg Lumbert asked about the heat pumps. Jean Ambrose said that the front office needs a new AC unit and heat pumps were worth checking into. CMP will be going up 8%.

A conversation was held in regards to the unpaid well related bills. Jessica Soucy inquired if she should contact the people owed. Jean Ambrose stated that she would like to see if they could hang on. Greg Lumbert stated that they did the work and should get paid. Jean Ambrose was not disputing that fact, just where the money would come from. Jean stated that the one she was worried about was Rolfe's Well Drilling, the rest are lawyers and don't care because they have plenty of money. Jessica will make some phone calls.

Jessica Soucy stated that a resident wanted to look at some old Town maps and was told he needed to make an appointment with someone because they were at someone's house. There are many old maps in the document room in the cellar of the Town Office. If what the resident is looking for is not there, the resident could contact the Historical Society.

Last year's Town Report book was discussed.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Greg Lumbert 2nd. It was a 3-0 vote.

