



Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023

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

Residents Present: Wellman Cromwell, Amy Cooper, Joe Caputo, Steve Costello, Sharon Gleason, Tony Garvan, Cheryl Peaslee, Sue Tardiff, Mike Salonen, Todd Lindstrom, Lynette Eastman, and Sarah Perkins.

Via Zoom: Larry Ireland, Deb Barry, Michael McCaslin, Linda Caputo, Jessica Soucy, and Jason Corliss.

1. **Call to Order:** The Chair, Kerri Malinowski Farris, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Review Agenda:** Follow-up items from last week's meeting were added to the agenda.
4. **Discussion of pay scales with Budget and Personnel Committees:** A discussion was held regarding working on a predictable and incremental pay scale for town employees. The Personnel Committee and the Budget Committee will meet to see what direction they would like to go in and if this is a task they want to take on.
5. **Follow-up items from the last Select Board meeting:** Jane Hubert is still waiting for Chief Johnson to reply to her regarding Efficiency Maine.

Work is still being done regarding the Spectrum bills for basic cable.

The University of Maine has been contacted regarding the open Town Office position of Tax Collector/Treasure/Office Supervisor.

6. **Current Road Work:** The Road Commissioner was unable to attend. There was no discussion.
7. **Frozen Road Ordinance:** Last year, the posted roads sign was changed to remove the frozen road language. The Road Commissioner felt this was in the best interest of the town. This change contradicts the current "Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Roads". The signs currently posted will need to be replaced with the old signs. Jean Ambrose will contact the Road Commissioner. In the event that the ordinance is proposed to be changed, there will need to be a public hearing and then a Special Town Meeting for the Town body to approve, or disapprove the proposed change.



Kerri Malinowski Farris made a motion to post a public hearing to be held at the Town Meeting. Motion approved: 3-0. The ordinance will need to be reworked prior to posting.

8. **Small Claims Court:** Deb MacInnes contacted Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, regarding going to small claims court for the Moore situation on Parker Road. Sam responded that he would like to talk about that at a Select Board meeting. This item is on the back burner for now.
9. **Snow removal:** Jane Hubert reported that the plowing contract for the office areas is not being followed. The area by the generator, the walkway, and the back steps have not been shoveled. A letter was written to Sam Snow Construction and sent to the Select Board for their review and approval.
10. **Engineering Firms – Jewett Road:** A discussion was held regarding engineering firms that may be interested in submitting a proposal to the town on how to proceed with the Jewett Road. Some firms will charge for a proposal.

A suggestion was made to put out an RFP.

A suggestion was made to have an engineering firm that has a project manager.

A discussion was held to make an insurance claim to the contractor's insurance.

The Select Board will build on the report that they already have and move forward with obtaining a proposal from an engineering firm.
11. **Remodeling of backroom:** Jean Ambrose contacted Gary Trask regarding the floor and she stated that the floor was repaired. Gary Trask previously was contacted regarding building a closet in the back room. Jean will contact Gary again regarding the closet.
12. **Workshop re: Hatch Hill:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve \$90 for three members of the Recycling Committee to attend a meeting at KVGOG. Voted approved: 2-0-1.
13. **Workshop - Hot issues:** This item was not discussed.
14. **Office closed on Election Day:** Lynette Eastman will keep the front office open on March 20, 2023. on Election Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



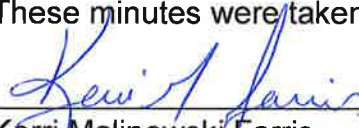
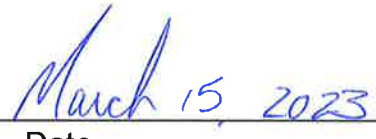

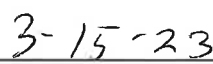

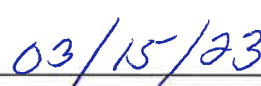
- 15. **Item not on agenda:** A discussion was held regarding ways political candidates for any position, could get information out to the public.
- 16. **Approve and sign accounts payable/payroll warrants:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve preview warrant #9 in the amount of \$4,620.64. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #923 in the amount of \$2,374.85. Motion approved: 3-0.
- 17. **Approve Select Board minutes of February 22, 2023:** Jane Hubert made a motion to table this item until next week. Motion approved: 3-0.
- 18. **Spirit of America:** The Spirit of America award is given to a volunteer in town and is given to the recipient at the Town Meeting. This is not done in open meetings to keep it a secret until the Town Meeting. Jane Hubert suggested that the Select Board go to the Select Board office to discuss this, but not an executive session. They will leave the door open. The Select Board will not be conducting any more business when they return. At this time, the Select Board left the room.

The Select Board returned to the meeting, having made their decision.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved: 3-0.

These minutes were taken from the recorder.

	
Kerri Malinowski Farris	Date
	
Mary Jean Ambrose	Date
	
Jane H Hubert	Date

