



## Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023

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

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

**Residents Present:** Todd Lindstrom, Pete Kelley, Cody Kelley, Sarah Hubert, Sharon Gleason, Susan Tardiff, Tony Garvan, Cheryl Peaslee, Wayne Peaslee, Kerri Farris, Lynn Chadwick.

**Others:** Lindsey Shields (ReVision Energy) Vaughn Stevens (Hagar Paving) All State Paving representative.

**Zoom:** Amy Cooper, Mary Lawrence, Laurel Chadwick, Autumn DeVries, iphone people, and ipad people.

**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.

**SB minutes of May 10, 2023:** Joe Caputo made a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of May 10, 2023. Motion approved: 3-0.

**Accounts payable/payroll warrants:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve preview warrant #21 in the amount of \$19,955.15. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #2123 in the amount of \$3588.55. Motion approved: 3-0.

The checkbook balance is \$1,007,985.56.

**Noise Complaint:** Bruce Engert, Code Enforcement Officer, received a noise complaint coming from the Kelley Solar Farm project. The complaint stated that loud work has been starting on site by 4:30 a.m. Bruce spoke with the construction company and told them according to the State, they were not allowed to start before 6:00 a.m. The construction company agreed, but the next morning they started at 4:00 a.m. None of the residents that made complaints were in attendance. Pete Kelley and Lindsey Shields (ReVision Energy) were present. Lindsey Shields, project manager stated that she had spoken with the sub-contractor regarding start times and thought the sub-contractor had understood. In the Business Development Ordinance of the Town of Pittston, page 9, Appendix A, there is a "Noise" section. This appendix states 7 a.m. through 8 p.m. for start and finish times. Lindsey stated that she would speak to them again. Bruce Engert thought that was reasonable and fair. The loud noise may be a wood chipper. The loud work should only last approximately one more week.

**Executive Session: Legal Matters: 1.M.R.S.A.§405(6)(E):** Jane Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0. Jane Hubert made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.



## Old Business:

**1. Current Road Work:** Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, reported that a beaver issue on Old County Road has been taken care of.

Sam Snow stated that a driveway culvert on North Beech Hill Road does not need to be replaced. Sam stated that when things dry up the whole ditch line in that area will be cleaned out, and the driveway culvert will be cleaned out as well. There are two other culverts in town that will also be replaced.

**2. Award paving contract:** Jane Hubert had an email from a person regarding concerns about awarding a paving contract. He was not in attendance to further explain, so the email was set aside. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner stated that he wanted Hagar awarded the contract. Hagar has paved the roads in Pittston before and Sam stated that their work was good. Joe Caputo questioned Vaughan Stevens, Hagar's representative, asking him if Jefferson was pleased with their work. Mr. Stevens replied yes. Joe stated he heard scuttlebutt that Jefferson had a bad experience with Hagar. Joe Caputo will reach out to Jefferson to check this reference.

Joe Caputo also asked Sam Snow what two roads would he suggest be paved, if the Palmer Road and Jewett Road were not paved. Sam Snow stated that he has been elected Road Commissioner for 12 years and has already submitted the list of roads to be paved according to his road cycle and suggested that Joe and Pete ride around and pick the roads they feel should be paved. Joe stated that this is another reason he is unwilling to award the contract at this time. It was stated that the town reserves the right to add or delete any roads. Vaughn Stevens stated that road changes happen all the time.

Jane Hubert stated that Newcastle was happy with Hagar and she asked Vaughn Stevens about his provider. Mr. Stevens is comfortable with Hagar's provider. The Select Board was not ready to award the contract at this time. This was tabled again until next week.

**3. Jamie Ward, re: Hanley Road:** Sam Snow was asked if he had yet met with Jamie Ward regarding Hanley Road. Sam Snow replied that he had not and suggested that the Select Board and Pete meet with Jamie Ward.

**4. Safety Grant update:** Deb MacInnes applied for a safety grant from MMA for three new floor mats for the town office. The criteria for the grant were items to prevent slip and fall. The grant award amount is \$584.97.



**5. Property management:** Jean Ambrose reported that it was not cost-effective for the town to use a property management company and that the town should get a handyman. Jane Hubert stated that it was suggested that a handyman be contracted instead of a town employee.

**6. MMA liability:** MMA does not recommend that volunteers be permitted to use town equipment. MMA did not say you can't, but stated to be cautious. There was a discussion regarding having all volunteers sign a waiver.

**Action item:** Jean Ambrose will contact MMA regarding a waiver.

**7. Parking Lot: E. Angel:** E. Angel is employed by the firm Artifex which has been retained by the State of Maine Parks and Lands to rehabilitate the Colburn House. They will be making a parking lot on site that will provide sufficient parking for visitors and be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new parking lot will be away from the front of the building.

**8. Recycling:** The Select Board voted 3-0 to have the Recycling Center open on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Lincoln County said there is a spare roll-off that can be used. Two fabricators have been contacted regarding repair to a roll-off and will provide a cost.

### **New Business:**

**1. Pete Kelley's letter request:** Pete owns land off Warren Road on a discontinued section of Peaslee Road. 2006 Town Meeting documentation shows that the Town discontinued Peaslee Road, just to maintenance, and that the Town retained an easement. Pete would like the Select Board to write him a letter stating this. Pete provided the documents.

**Action item:** This letter will be written and available for next week.

**2. Sign MSAD#11 warrant:** The Select Board signed the warrant.

**3. Dirt Bike in town pit:** Joe Caputo received a complaint that stated that a dirt bike had been observed riding in the town pit with a passenger on the back. Jean Ambrose knows who the person is and will call to let him know that the Select Board is concerned for their safety. The town pit is posted "no trespassing".

**Action item:** Jean Ambrose will call the dirt bike rider.

**4. Lynn Chadwick:** Lynn Chadwick came to the Select Board for municipal signatures on a document needed for the mobile unit for Chadwick's Craft Spirits. The document was signed.

The next Select Board meeting will be May 24, 2023.



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A Select Board work session is to be determined.

Jane Hubert made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant Date

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Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Date

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Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson Date

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Joseph Caputo, Selectperson Date