



Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

Board Present: Kerri Farris, Jean Ambrose, Jane Hubert

Staff Present: Deb MacInnes, Sam Snow, Sarah Perkins

Residents Present: Wellman Cromwell, Fred Kimball, Mike Salonen, Todd Lindstrom, Autumn DeVries, Sharon Gleason, Susan Tardiff, Joe Caputo, Bob Moody, Cheryl Peaslee.

Via Zoom: Michelle & Rick Malinowski, Amy Cooper, Linda Caputo, Mike McCaslin, Aaron Moody, Deb Barry.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kerri Farris at 6:34 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Review agenda:** The agenda was reviewed with no additions.
4. **Current road work:** Road Commissioner, Sam Snow, reported that the sand/salt is now in the sand/salt shed.

Sam Snow reported that there has been no contact with Maine-ly Paving since the last email to Deb MacInnes of September 6, 2022.

Kerri Farris asked Sam Snow who the supplier of the sand was. Supplier was Sam Snow Construction. Kerri asked for documentation of the loads. This was discussed at last week's Select Board meeting. Sam Snow replied that the loader operator and the driver has them. Sam stated it is not in the contract that the documentation being requested be provided. Sam Snow will submit a bill for the work.

5. **Sand/salt estimating project progress report:** Fred Kimball gave a presentation for the sand and salt shed estimate. Fred shared a report that he created including a CAD drawing. Fred stated that this process is not exact and should not be exact. At this time the shed is full and there will be differences, any differences would need to be compelling. Fred will submit his conclusions when all his work is completed.
6. **Follow-up Dave Allen DOT:** Jane Hubert reported that a letter was sent to Deb MacInnes at the Town Office. The letter was addressed to "Mr. Gerioux". Jane read the letter. It states that the speed limit on the South Beech Hill Road is now certified at 40 miles per hour. New speed limit signs will be installed.



Action items: Jane Hubert will contact Dave Allen to have the salutation of the letter corrected.

Sam Snow will check at the sand/salt shed to see what is available for signs, before new ones are ordered.

7. **S.W. Cole work update:** S.W. Cole will be collecting boring samples on the Jewett Road the week of September 19, 2022. The road will be down to one lane traffic for half a day. When asked about the proposed location of boring samples to be collected, Kerri Farris stated that we will trust the consultant's expertise.
8. The Parker Road damage will be discussed at next week's Select Board meeting.
9. **Tyler Road discontinued road discussion:** There is a concern about firing a gun on the North Tyler Road, across and down the road. It is unclear whether the Town had the authority in 1946 to vote to close the road and in 2006 keep an easement. Kerri Farris stated the need for the town attorney to advise on this issue. Jane Hubert and Jean Ambrose stated that all the concerns and questions should be addressed to MMA.

Action item: MMA will be contacted with questions on authority, how to address this concern, jurisdiction and road classification.

10. **Sign a Pole permit:** A pole permit was signed.
11. **Sign catering permit:** A catering permit was signed.

At this time Deb Barry, via zoom, thanked people for the well wishes and that she is doing well and will be back soon.

12. **Request to ask MMA questions about Deputy Clerk appointment:** Jean Ambrose made this request. Jane Hubert suggested to work this out when Deb Barry gets back, Kerri Farris agreed.
13. **Approve & sign accounts payable/payroll warrants:** Jane Hubert made a motion to approve preview warrant #39 in the amount of \$10,130.39. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jane Hubert made a motion to approve payroll warrant #3722 in the amount of \$3,653.36. Motion approved: 3-0.



14. **Treasurer Report:** Sarah Perkins, Tax Collector/Treasurer, submitted a summary of the Town's accounts and reviewed it with the Select Board.

Three journal entries were signed.

The municipal valuation return, prepared by Ellery Bane, Assessor's Agent, was given to the Select Board for signatures. Jane Hubert wants time to review before signing.

An abatement of taxes for Norman Wood was signed in regards to Bodge Island, that is now owned by the Town of Pittston. This does not change the assessed value.

Action item: Jean Ambrose will contact the Town Attorney to determine if the deed has been filed.

15. **Approve SB minutes of September 7, 2022:** Kerri Farris made a motion to approve the amended copy of the minutes, with track changes. Jane Hubert 2nd. Discussion: Jean Ambrose objected to Kerri's added verbiage about the resident's concerns related to the survey and how it was being handled and wanted added language that this topic was added at the beginning of the meeting so there was no time to prepare. Kerri Farris objected to that addition because each Select Board member received the same email from Mr. Lindstrom the week prior and Kerri was unaware that Mr. Lindstrom was going to be present at the meeting. Kerri stated that her edits are more accurate and descriptive of the discussion. Jean stated that had she known about the discussion, she would have been able to tell people who are on the citizen committee to attend. Kerri feels that is inappropriate because, as was established during last week's discussion, the group behind the survey is not sanctioned by the board or related to the town office. Out of this discussion came the suggestion that the board consider a Code of Conduct for Select Board members.

There was conversation to track changes made to the motion in section #5. Kerri Farris' track changes were added to be more descriptive of the discussion. Deb MacInnes' motion was written accurately.

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve September 7, 2022 minutes as amended with track changes to include reverting back to the original language for Jane Hubert's motion in section #5. Motion approved: 3-0.

16. **Work session on Sept. 15, 2022?:** There will be no work session.

Kerri Farris made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0.



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