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**Town of Pittston
Select Board Work Session Minutes
July 29, 2024**

Board Members Present: Jane Hubert (Chair), Cathy Thomas, Joe Caputo

Other Town Officials Present: Greg Lumbert (CEO)

Recorder: Marie-Anne Flowers (Administrative Assistant)

1. **Call to Order:** 9:00 AM

2. **Approval of Old Minutes:** Accepted and signed 3-0

3. Road Business (OLD)

a. Major Road Projects

- i. **Pinkham Rd Culvert – Meadow Brook (2024):** Test borings have been done.
- ii. **Jewett Road:** There are no known grants available. The select board discussed the future plans for the road. Joe Caputo suggests getting legal advice. The holes will be filled this week and repaired before winter.

b. Medium Road Repair (>\$5,000)

- i. **Kelley Rd./Blodgett Rd. Culvert Flooding:** 2 culverts (Blodgett) were replaced last week. The blocked culvert on Kelley Rd will be cleared out in the upcoming weeks.
- ii. **North Beech Hill Rd Plan:** Marie-Anne Flowers will investigate the amount received from FEMA for North Beech Hill Rd. Pine Tree Engineering will be asked for recommendations.

c. Small Road Repair (<\$5,000)

- i. **Crocker Rd ditching Contract:** The draft is ready, needs a few changes/corrections.
- ii. **58 Stoney Acres:** Jane Hubert spoke to the resident. Her son will be in town Tuesday and Jane will plan to meet with him to discuss the issue and possible solutions.
- iii. **Palmer Rd Dust Complaint:** Marie-Anne Flowers has been asked to request that Sam Snow (Road Commissioner) spread calcium on the road to alleviate dust.

4. Road Business (NEW)

- a. **Missing Road Work Signage:** The signs are not missing; they are being used by contractors. Joe Caputo found many stands in the shed that were reported as missing.
- b. **Webb Rd Washout:** Joe Caputo will address this issue
- c. **Pinkham Rd Brush:** Joe Caputo will investigate

5. General Town Business (OLD)

- a. **Salt Shed Repairs:** Cathy Thomas reviewed options for repairing the shed. She was referred to Ed in Alna. She spoke to him and was told that



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Ice and Weather Shield are being used in their shed. Joe Caputo will investigate the application process. Sun exposure may break the shield down but possibly covering or painting would be a solution.

- b. Entrance Extension & Concrete Pad for Recycling:** Joe Caputo spoke to Larry Ireland regarding the pad for recycling and offered solutions. Moving the dumpsters and adding crushed stone may be a solution for the time being. Marie-Anne Flowers (Administrative Assistant) will follow up with Josh Johnson and ask if Josh the fire station ARPA spending is complete.
- c. Brush Cutting Contract:** Marie-Anne Flowers (Administrative Assistant) has requested that the signed contract be returned. Marie was informed last week that Mike Christie had given his signed contract to Peter Kelley to deliver to town office. The contract has not been delivered yet. Still waiting for another copy to be delivered.
- d. CEO update:**
CUP @ Hembree Solar is seeking an extension. It has been brought to the select board attention that there is no decommissioning bond required for this project. The planning board may require a bond, before the extension is granted. Marie-Anne Flowers (Administrative Assistant) will contact Marlene Colvin (PB Chair) to advise the Planning Board to schedule a work session to discuss the solar projects in town that have not required decommissioning bonds. A state regulation for decommissioning was discussed.

2 open septic tanks were discussed and options reviewed. Greg Lumbert stated that the work is in progress and the family is still in the house.

A resident's well is not working properly. The select board has investigated and are looking for options to assist. There does not appear to be any assistance available. Joe Caputo will contact Ed Bowie to investigate the cause of the well problem.

- e. Performance Reviews:** Still in progress. Cathy Thomas is creating a format for reviews.
- f. Compensation for All Positions:** some positions were reviewed by the select board.
- g. Ellery Bane Conversation:** Presented the options for the mil rate and the select board discussed the options and what option would be best for the town.
- h. Maine Town & City Clerk nominations:** Jane Hubert (Chair) presented the nomination form for town clerk nominations.

6. General Town Business (NEW)



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- a. **General Assistance Ordinance:** Marie-Anne Flowers (Administrative Assistant) will contact MMA to clarify the procedure for hearing and vote.
- b. **Move Select Board meetings to bi-weekly:** was discussed

7. Tabled Agenda Items

- a. **Engine 23 Disposition (2024)**
- b. **Pinkham Rd – Togus Stream**
- c. **Handyman hiring**
- d. **Fiscal Year**

8. Town Announcements & Information


Monday closed
Tuesday 12 – 6 pm
Wednesday 10 – 7 pm
 Recycling 4 – 7 pm
Thursday 8 – 5 pm
Friday 9 – 2 pm
Saturday Recycling 8 – 1 pm

- a. **Next SB Work Session(s):** Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 (9 am)
- b. **Next SB Meeting(s):** Aug 7, 14, 28 (6 pm)
- c. **Planning Board:** August 8 (6:30 pm)
- d. **Appeals Board:**
- e. **Ordinance Review Committee:** Aug 8 (9 am)
- f. **Personnel Committee:** Aug 12 (5:30 pm)
- g. **Riverwalk:** Aug 5 (6 pm)
- h. **Pittston Historical Society:** Aug 13 (6 pm, Town Office)

9. Meeting Adjournment 12:18

Respectfully submitted by:


Marie-Anne Flowers, Admin Assistant 08-05-24
Date


Jane H Hubert, Selectperson Chair 08/05/24
Date


Catherine Thomas, Selectperson 8/5/24
Date


Joseph Caputo, Selectperson 08/05/2024
Date



