



TOWN OF PITTSION  
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## Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

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

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

**Residents Present:** Sue Tardiff, Wellman Cromwell, Todd Lindstrom, Mike Salonen, Sharon Gleason, Rodney Hembree, Cheryl Peaslee, Joe Caputo and Jim Lothridge.

**Via Zoom:** Deb Barry, Amy Cooper, June Salonen, Jessica Soucy, Michael McCaslin, Linda Caputo, Larry Ireland, and Greg Lambert.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kerri Malinowski Farris, at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Review Agenda:** Cub Scouts, washroom change, and ice on the roof were added to the agenda.
4. **Current Road Work:** The posting of dirt roads was discussed. Some other towns have already posted their roads. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner, will post most dirt roads and watch the weather to determine when to post the rest of the roads.

Wellman Cromwell asked about the follow-up reporting what damage to Parker Road. Wellman and Sam Snow thought Kerri Malinowski Farris would take this to small claims court. Kerri's response was that would have been something the Board would have been involved in. This is something that the Board will discuss to move forward.

5. **Riverwalk property discussion:** Todd Lindstrom sent an email to the Select Board. Some of Todd's bullet points were that there is a lot of scrap metal at the property and it won't be cheap to get rid of it. A scrap yard could be called.

Todd said that there was once a dump there and a soil test should be done to make sure the property is safe for families and kids. Jim Lothridge stated that Ann Pistell had checked with DEP regarding part of the property. There was uncertainty about the outcome of that discussion. There are 60 acres here. A reasonable look at the property was recommended.

The meeting times were also discussed. The next meeting will be on Feb. 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Jim Lothridge stated that the committee wants more people to come to the meetings. All are welcome. A survey was put on the town website asking people what time is good for meetings. A new survey will be sent



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to the website. When more people join, the meeting dates and times will be adjusted.

Todd inquired about using ARPA funds for this project. It has not been the intent of this committee to use ARPA funds. All money spent is public record.

The access road was also discussed. There will not be a finished road until after the logging is done. Todd Lindstrom asked if there will be a scope of work when the road is constructed. The stone dust could be used on hiking trails.

A timeline was discussed. A man contacted Jane Hubert that was interested in harvesting wood on the town-owned property off Old Cedar Grove Road and the sand/salt shed property. A forester was called with the idea that the lumber would pay for the forester.

ARPA funds need to be dedicated by 2024 and spent by 2026.

Chief Johnson has been unable to find a contractor to do the work at the central fire station that would have used some of the ARPA money.

- 6. Set date for meeting with Personnel/Budget members:** The Select Board wants to set a date to speak with the Personnel Committee members and the Budget Committee members to discuss setting a schedule for increment raises for town employees. Cheryl Peaslee, Chair of the Personnel Committee, and Steve Costello, Chair of the Budget Committee have been contacted and any Wednesday night is fine with them. This discussion will be on March 1, 2023, at 6:35 p.m.

**Action item:** Jane Hubert will call Steve Costello.

- 7. Sign Social Media Policy:** Kerri Malinowski Farris made a motion to adopt the Social Media Policy. Motion approved: 3-0. The policy was signed.
- 8. "Follow Up":** Jane Hubert reported that the Pittston-Randolph School has no students with peanut allergies at this time. There will be a healthy snack drive held at the office to donate snacks to the school. This will be posted and an email blast will be sent out.

Jane Hubert reported that she spoke with Chief Johnson regarding Efficiency Maine and he will get back to her in a week to let her know if there is something the fire stations would qualify for. Sam Snow, Road Commissioner stated there is nothing that the sand/salt shed qualifies for due to the fact that the shed doesn't use enough power. The lights at the shed are over 20 years old.



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Jane Hubert has called a person regarding a confidential letter three times and has been unable to reach the person.

Jane Hubert has been in contact with Spectrum in regard to the fire station. The fire station should not have been paying for basic cable.

The Select Board members were to contact engineers regarding Jewett Road. Jane Hubert called Pete Coughlan who gave her two names, Cole Engineering, who said there would be no charge to supply an estimate and work to be performed on the repair of the Jewett Road. The other was Josh Platt who said he could work up an estimate in a month then \$80.00 per hour. Kerri Malinowski Farris spoke with Cole Engineering, they will put together a proposal. Thayer Engineering was also called and stated that this is not in their scope of work and suggested Summit. Jane Hubert will call Coffin Engineering and Jean Ambrose had not called St. Germain but will contact them this week. All repairs would need to go out to bid.

Gary Trask has been contacted to look at the floor in the back meeting room where some seems are opening up, but had not come in as scheduled. Jean will call again.

The ice on the office roof should take care of itself with the warming temperatures.

The Gardiner Cub Scouts are looking for old electronics to dissect and learn from. There will be a collection bin at the Recycling Center and one at the town office for the donation of small electronics.

A change in the washrooms at the town office was discussed. The washroom near the lobby will remain a public restroom and the one down the hall will be handicap accessible.

9. **Approve and sign accounts payable/payroll warrants:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve preview warrant #6 in the amount of \$91,097.84. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #623 in the amount of \$2,447.62. Motion approved: 3-0.

10. **Approve Select Board minutes of January 11, 2023, and February 1, 2023:** No minutes were approved.



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There will be no Select Board meeting on February 15, 2023.

Kerri Malinowski Farris made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion approved:  
3-0.

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

Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant      Date

*Kerri Malinowski Farris*      *2-22-23*  
Kerri Malinowski Farris, Selectperson

*Mary Jean Ambrose*      *2-22-23*  
Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson

*Jane H Hubert*      *02/22/23*  
Jane H Hubert, Selectperson