

**Town of Pittston Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023**

Board Present: Kerri Farris, Jean Ambrose, Jane Hubert

Staff Present: Deb MacInnes and Sarah Perkins

Residents Present: Wellman Cromwell, Joe Caputo, Tony Garvan, and Cheryl Peaslee.

Via Zoom: Deb Barry, Jessica Soucy, Todd Lindstrom, Ray Snider, Mike McCaslin, Linda Caputo, Amy Cooper, Mike Salonen, and Mary Lawrence.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kerri Farris, at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Review Agenda:** Two items were added to the agenda. They were Facebook live and keys.
4. **Facebook live:** Kerri Farris suggested that the Select Board meetings have a Facebook live option because it is difficult to log into zoom from a cell phone. This option does not allow participation, only to be able to watch and listen. Kerri Farris made a motion to have Facebook live on the Town Facebook page. Motion approved 3-0. This will start next week.
5. **Forestry Report:** Kerri Farris would like to see separation of the accounts associated with the timber harvest plan. The Riverwalk property will be for recreation and the sand/shed property will be timber management. Sarah Perkins, Treasurer, explained the separation of revenue and expense accounts. If revenue comes in, the funds would go into the general fund. If there is revenue, most of the revenue will come from the sand/shed property. There is a massive clean-up that needs to be done on the Riverwalk property. Some property line maintenance needs to be done. Kerri Farris stated that we cannot count on using any ARPA funds and is concerned about the cost of \$6,500 for the forester. Andy Shultz supplied the board with an itemized estimate list. This list will be reviewed to see which items are necessary. More work will be done on preparing and presenting a plan to the Town body.
6. **Letter of Resignation:** Sarah Perkins, Tax Collector/Treasurer/Office Supervisor, submitted her letter of resignation last week but the letter was not read. Jean Ambrose made a motion to sadly accept the resignation. Motion approved 3-0.
7. At this time Kerri Farris stated that over several months she has heard rumors that she is trying to fire Deb MacInnes. Kerri said that she is not and has told the

office staff that over many months. Kerri wants whoever is spreading the rumors to stop.

8. **Approve & sign accounts payable/payroll:** Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve preview warrant #1 in the amount of \$82,524.37. Motion approved: 3-0.

Jean Ambrose made a motion to approve payroll warrant #123 in the amount of \$3,484.19. Motion approved: 3-0.

9. **Keys:** Jane Hubert reported that all three Select Board members have keys to the new personnel file cabinet and the keys to the fireproof cabinet will be returned to Deb Barry. The Select Board members working together, moved the files.

10. **Treasurer's Report:** Sarah Perkins stated there was nothing new to report. Laurie Ann may come to the office one day in January to help with W2s

11. **Approve Select Board meeting minutes:** Jane Hubert made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2022. Motion approved: 3-0.

Kerri Farris made a motion to approve the minutes of December 28, 2022, as corrected. Motion approved: 2-0-1.

12. There will be no Select Board workshop on January 5, 2023.

Jean Ambrose and Deb MacInnes will manage the zoom meeting on the town owned laptop.

13. **Executive Session Personnel Matters 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A):** Jane Hubert made a motion to go into executive session, personnel matters at 7:34 p.m. Motion approved: 3-0.

The Select Board meeting ended after the executive session.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Debbie MacInnes, Administrative Assistant Date

Kerri Farris *1/11/23*
Kerri Farris, Selectperson

Mary Jean Ambrose *1-11-23*
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Jane H Hubert *01/11/23*
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