



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263

MEETING MINUTES OF Tuesday August 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carl Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Anderson, Chairman
Gerard LeDuc, Vice-Chairman
J.C. Allard
Carole Richardson
Jim Adams

OTHERS PRESENT

Cara Marston, Town Administrator

PUBLIC INPUT - regarding agenda items only

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

J.C.: None.
Carole: None.
Jim: None.
Gerard: None.
Carl: None.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion about State Primary Election - Tuesday, September 13th

Board members met with moderator Carole Dodge to discuss the upcoming State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 to be held at the Pittsfield Middle High School gymnasium. A majority of Select Board members will be present on election day.

2. Selectboard September meeting schedule

Due to the State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 the Select Board discussed holding board meetings on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday September 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

3. Budget year 2023 schedule

Board members discussed the scheduling of the 2023 budget review meetings to start in October, on the off-regular scheduled meeting weeks at 6:00 p.m.

4. Consideration of acceptance of a donation for HarvestFest - \$500

Jim made a motion to accept a donation of \$500 for HarvestFest with thanks.

J.C.: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. Consideration of fixed price energy supplier contract

Carole made a motion to approve a fixed price energy supplier contract for municipalities with NextEra Energy Services for a 15-month contract due to the significant energy price increases that began on August 1, 2022, to attempt to stabilize the budget.

Jim: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. State form 2022 MS-535 – 2021 Financial Report

Gerard made a motion to approve the State form 2022 MS-535-2021 Financial Report.

J.C.: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

7. State form 2022 MS-1 – Summary Inventory of Valuation

Carole made a motion to approve the State form 2022 MS-1-Summary Inventory of Valuation.

Gerard: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

8. State form 2022 MS-434 – 2022 Revised Estimated Revenues

Jim made a motion to approve the State form 2022 MS-434-2022 Revised Estimated Revenues.

Gerard: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

9. Notice of Intent to Cut Timber – Map R30 Lot 15

Carole made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Timber for Tax Map R30 Lot 15.

Gerard: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

10. Timber Yield Tax – Map R22 Lot 3

Carole made a motion to approve the Timber Yield Tax for Tax Map R22 Lot 3 in the amount of \$964.49.

Gerard: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

ADDED ITEM – Employee Performance Evaluation for Police Patrol Officers Wyatt Gulliver and Trent Rodrigues

Jim motioned to approve the employee performance evaluations as prepared for Officer Wyatt Gulliver and Officer Trent Rodrigues moving from Step 4 to Step 8.

Carole: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

ADDED ITEM – Notice of Intent to Cut Timber – Map R49 Lot 15

Gerard made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Timber for Tax Map R49 Lot 15.

J.C.: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

ADDED ITEM – Rescind Hiring of Clark Craig for Public Works

Carole motioned to rescind the hiring of Clark Craig for Public Works with regret.

Gerard: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gerard said a BCEP meeting will be held this Thursday August 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Carole said she attended the second CIP meeting this last Monday August 22, 2022 where a quorum with four members was met. Some of the budgeting discussions from the meeting were major increases in Public Works for equipment, Police Department furnace repair/replacement, and the Josiah Carpenter Library has a leak in the roof that might need to be replaced. Carole said there were three more CIP meetings to be scheduled and that the next CIP meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

J.C. said the Community Development Committee is currently working on getting a solar company to come in and present their proposal to the Selectboard.

Carl said the Planning Board will be meeting on Thursday August 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. July 2022 Wastewater Treatment Facility report

The Treatment Facility report appears decent for July. The new aerator has been delivered and the town is now waiting to hear back on the samples taken for PFAS. Once the results are in a report will be sent to DES.

2. Senate Bill 401 notification of 2022 special one-time highway payment - \$98,393.77

3. Notification of State fiscal year 2023 Highway Block Grant Aid - \$116,956.53

OLD BUSINESS

1. Perambulation of town lines (8/14/2018)
2. Zoning & RSA 155-B violations (8/27/2019)
3. Proposed Health Ordinance (8/11/2020)
4. Surveying of town owned property (4/27/2021)
5. Fencing at 36 Main Street lot (11/9/2021)
6. Library Trustees & Strickhart family discussion of traffic flow at Library/Berry House (1/11/2022)
7. Review of solar project proposal – Bright Spot Solar (6/14/2022)
8. Consideration of terminating a 79:E Covenant for non-compliance – 18-22 Main Street (6/28/2022)

CHECK MANIFESTS

1. Accounts Payable

Gerard made a motion to approve Accounts Payable.

Jim: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Payroll

Gerard made a motion to approve Payroll.

Carole: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

MINUTES

1. August 8, 2022 – Public Session Minutes

Gerard motioned to approve the August 8, 2022 Public Session minutes.

Jim: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. August 9, 2022 – Public Session Minutes

Gerard motioned to approve the August 9, 2022 Public Session minutes.

Jim: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Howard Pearl introduced himself along with his wife Heather Pearl stating he was running as a Republican Candidate for State Senate 2022 representing District 17. Mr. Pearl said he wanted to start by thanking his wife and family for taking care of the responsibilities on the farm and his dedicated staff allowing him time to run as a State Representative.

Howard Pearl said his family is multigenerational farming by trade since the late 1800s owning Pearl and Sons Farm on Loudon Ridge in New Hampshire which was on Pearls Corner before that. Along with running a farming business, Mr. Pearl stated he has been involved in his local town elections in Loudon with a long community service of volunteering on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 13 years, Moderator for 2 years, and a Trustee of Trust Funds for 4 years.

Howard Pearl said he has stepped back from town community service in order to represent District 17 and bring forward the same fight for personal liberties, lowering taxes, bringing property tax relief, finding solutions to energy inflation prices, and putting additional funds back into New Hampshire towns that he has brought with the last few terms serving as State Representative. Mr. Pearl added that he has experience with sponsoring/cosponsoring over 30 bills and can use his same experience to get in and get things done for another term and thanked the Board members for letting him come in and speak.

Dan Schroth said he recently attended the Community Development Committee meeting because he is adamant about bringing solar power to Pittsfield. Mr. Schroth stated at the meeting he learned the solar project will need to put a bill together by the end of the year in order to take advantage of the tax credits being offered.

Dan Schroth said for every 1/10th degree in temperature that goes up with Climate Change there will be new challenges and problems facing humanity. Mr. Schroth said it was not about the adults, but about the children who are sad, afraid, and anxious about the future because they can see what is going on with government inaction.

Dan Schroth said when he grew up the parents left the house and the kids wrecked it but it is the reverse now. The parents and grandparents have wrecked the house and the country needs radical action. Mr. Schroth stated the school is talking about an Environmental Impact Committee and he would like to see a solar deal go through so Pittsfield can start taking some radical action on Climate Change.

Board members thanked Howard Pearl and Dan Schroth for coming to the meeting.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

Gerard motioned to go into Non-Public session under RSA 91-A:3; II (a) at 7:19 p.m.

Jim: Second.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

When the Board returned to public session Gerard made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes and the motion was seconded by Carole.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0. Roll call was done and all approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Carole motioned to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

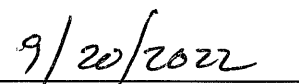
Jim: Second.

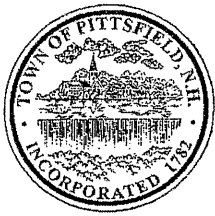
Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approved:


Carl E. Anderson, Chair


Date



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TOWN OFFICE, 85 MAIN STREET
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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