



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03263**

MEETING MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Anderson, Chair
Gerard LeDuc, Vice Chair (joined at 6:34)
J.C. Allard
Jim Adams
Carole Richardson

OTHERS PRESENT

Cara Marston, Town Administrator
Noel Gourley, Superintendent of Public Works
Fire Chief Peter Pszonowsky
Chief of Police Joseph Collins
Police Sergeant Devon Rego
NH Representative Merrimack District 13, Clayton Wood

PUBLIC INPUT – agenda items only

None

AGENDA REVIEW

Jim – personnel, closed session

Visit from NH Representative Clayton Wood

Carl

All right, 6:01, public hearing. We're going to start that at 6.15. Clayton, you got 14 minutes.

Clayton Wood

Excellent. Thank you for agreeing to listen today or meet me today or let me present something to you on short notice. Honestly Carole invited me twice to come to the Selectboard and I really couldn't figure out a good reason to do it.

Carole

I invite anybody that wants to listen to us.

Clayton

Is that how it works? But I do have a good reason to come here today. These two bills really surprised me, HB 1291 and HB 1399. What really surprised me is that they passed, and they had a lot of Republicans that voted on it. I think it was 67 Republicans. The state is doing well, by the way. I can give you a five minute, two minute update if we have time. The first bill has to do with ADUs, which I was on the planning board when we had this. The same thing, by right, so it's mandated. It's not an enabling law. So it'll come in here, moving ADUs to two units per property and changing some of the parameters, maximum square footage parameter. One of the things, I tried to kill both of these bills, the reason why I'm here, I need help, because these are ridiculous in my mind. There's a handful of people that build planning board stuff in the state house, but

there's a group of people that have a different attitude, that's a second comment I put here. They think that the planning board is kind of just doing whatever they want, have no stake in this, just going. And it's, you know, being on a planning board for, what 15 years, it was a difficult job, but at no point did I feel that anybody felt like there was no stake in it. So there's some misrepresentation here. There's two things driving this. The misrepresentation of the planning board and zoning boards all put together, and also they're a little crazy on housing right now. They're looking for solutions. I don't see either of these really good solutions. I see them being more of a problem further down the road. So I'm working, this passed the house, I'm working with the Senate to see where they are. They're just seeing this. So, I haven't got any input, but the Senate might be against this and there's nothing we can do. But I would like to work with one of you and try to get enough information to make sure you know whether you like this or not. I don't think you will take much time to know that you don't like these two bills. The first one, like I said, is by right, so you don't have a lot of choice. We worked hard to enable ADUs, which is accessory dwelling units. I think you did a pretty good job. My memory served me, I've been off the board for a while, but we've probably had about eight or ten of them in town since this thing was changed, but we can find out a better number on that. So I think that has to be stopped.

The other piece is HB 1399, which allows two residential units to be built on a single resident, in a single resident zone. And it's amazing, both of these units can be duplexes. So we're talking about any house that's on a single resident, single residence zone, can be changed to a duplex. And if you're building in that zone for the first time, you can actually build two duplexes. So, this is allowing or enabling, so the zoning board will have more control over, or the town will have more control over this. But I know all these things start, once they come into town, if somebody really wants to do that, it makes it hard for the zoning board to, because they say, look, the law allows you to do this, you gotta start justifying your position on it, which is kind of crazy. Now, we don't have the time. I try to work with a bunch of people saying, okay, what do I do with a property with two duplexes, one owner owns four buildings, I mean, what is this? Are they rented out? I said, what do you leave the town with? Do you think you're increasing the value of the town or decreasing the value of the town? No answers. And yet, somehow, the state has more of a stake in this than we do.

So I think, and then, I did a little more homework, we've got to come to cross over. The Senate chimed in with their own bill, 538, which basically allows an office conversion to residence. And this is a little bit, again, there's a little you can do about it. Enables allowing the government body to adopt certain zoning ordinance changes. So you'll have a say in this one.

And they're also talking about tax relief. There's already ways for the town to do tax relief if the project is valuable to the town, but I got to believe this is going to take it out of your hands. Both these bills are going to the Senate, although this one is going to be coming to us. This has passed the Senate, so this one is going to be coming to us. So I just kind of got that Senate bill, so I'm a little, I need a little more time to catch up on that.

So, pretty much, I would leave, if you go to the council of Gatsas and tell them you don't want this, the best way to stop it probably is from the Governor's office. The Council doesn't listen to House Members. So we will, and to work to get his attention.

And I don't even know, at this point, how much this is spirit. This just got passed last Thursday. So no, the Thursday before, we didn't have a session, the 28th, sorry. So this just got passed. I was surprised that I think a lot of the Republicans were kind of duped in voting for this, didn't really understand like I said. They really don't understand, the only thing they seem to understand about planning boards is that we're bozos, so, I'm not gonna give you a strong term, but, but that's pretty much my take from it. I think we need to stop this, and I don't see this being of value at all to this town, or any other, they already be in town, but that's my opinion. So I'm going to try to work with the Senate to educate them. I've already told them I'd testify. But I don't know if they respect the planning board experience as much as I do. So I will definitely try.

Carl

I would say don't assume that we're all opposed to this just because you are.

Clayton

No.

Carl

Here's one thing that bothered me about the original ADU law that we had, and it hasn't changed in this one, and that's that the state allows the town to say, one of the units must be owner-occupied. That all sounds good on paper.

Clayton

But you can't tell.

Carl

But you can't tell. And how are you going to enforce it? And then if you've got grandma who's living in the ADU and junior gets transferred to San Diego and sells the house to somebody else, what do we do then? Evict grandma?

Clayton

When we looked into this, I think, I was working with a town attorney, I said, how do I find out who's living in these homes, legally? So you're right. We don't have a clue who's there. Once this is done.

Carl

So we've already had something foisted on us that's an enforcement issue. And I can hear the screaming now, when somebody does get found out, that person saying, well, you're not enforcing this equally for everybody. Everybody's got to be treated the same. You're overlooking us. I've heard that said. I've heard it from you. That, you know, you're concerned that enforcement is not equal across the board. We've got no way of doing that equally across the board. So I can see another lawsuit. You get the town getting dragged in because we're on the one hand, yup, we've been notified of something. We now know about something that's a violation. We're supposed to do something about it. People expect us to do something about it. But guess what? We don't have the manpower or even the means to go down the road of figuring out where all this is. So I don't know.

And there's one other thing that people aren't taking into account, which is going to come back and shoot some people in the foot, and that's getting a mortgage. Because getting a mortgage on a single-family residence, possibly with an ADU in it, that's one thing the mortgage companies go along with. But now if you've turned them into multi-families that are income producing, now all of a sudden these property owners are going to have their hands tied because they're not going to be able to sell it to any Tom, Dick, and Harry that comes down the street wanting to buy a single-family residence, who is going to say, well look at that, we get two incomes from two ADUs, we can afford it easy. The banks will say, uh-uh, that's a multifamily, that's an income property. You've got to go a whole different route. But that's not our, that ain't our problem. That's somebody's, that's a business problem. We're not supposed to solve those.

Clayton

But I disagree a little bit because the bottom line, what stake we have is what the property is worth. And like I said, you're going to build two duplexes on a single family lot, two acres or less, it says in here. What's that land worth? Now, I'm sitting in these meetings. They say, well, we can't build a house for \$400,000. You think this is going to be a \$400,000 property with two units on it? And that two units are tied together to run one lot. You can't share a lot legally that I know about. They haven't really put a lot of thinking in this, in my opinion. So I think if we sat down, if you don't dislike this now, if we sat down for another half an hour, I think all of us would be on the same page, but that's my problem, and I am working to kill this, but I'm thinking this is more important enough to bring to the town than to get Gatsas involved. And I've got a belief we can get other

towns to do that too, because I would start here. I've already talked to a senator, to look at it. I don't know where it's at.

Jim

This is an unfunded mandate from the state. Because you bet your sweet bippy when you start trying to move somebody out, they're going to get the law firm of Dewey, Cheatham, and Howe.

Clayton

And some of the testimony I heard, Carl, was just like that. The towns put roadblocks in the way. I said, what are you, back in my mind, what are you talking about? Do you realize what it's like to put two families in one lot, legally, and have them completely independent? Now we're going to have three families on one lot, and no idea who's in there. So like you said, legally, the only thing I think that was holding this together was the fact that the owner was supposed to be there. So you had some tie to the owner.

Carl

Like I said, it sounds good on paper, but...

Clayton

Exactly, but if he's not there. What leverage do you have?

Carl

None.

Carole

But who's pushing this? There's got to be somebody pushing this. I mean, we have all kinds of lobbyists on there. I'm not familiar, is this a special committee on housing? Is that a new committee? I've never heard of that.

JC

It's all this workforce housing.

Carole

But how about the group that we pay dues to? Are they over there for this, against it?

Clayton

I don't know.

Cara

NHMA? I can look and see where they stand on this.

Carole

They should be out there fighting this.

Carl

If they're not in favor of it.

Carole

Well, it would be nice to know if they are in favor of it.

Clayton

Yeah, I can't get into the hall without running into these lobbyists.

Clayton

I was blown away because I really thought this was dead.

** Discussion was paused for the 6:15 public hearing.*

Carl

So if you've got anything else, Clayton, we've got a big agenda tonight.

Clayton

What I was going to suggest is think about it a little bit and then I would work with one of you to try to answer all your questions I think contacting the Council would be a good idea sooner than later especially so you start putting pressure on the Senate they have more control in the Senate I

have zero on that. I do like Howard, but they are on the other side of the wall. So, it's out of my hands now. This passed, 220 to 140, both of them.

Carole

That was the vote?

JC

I can't see this taking effect in Exeter or New London or Hopkinton.

Jim

How about Durham? Hanover?

Clayton

This makes absolutely no sense.

Carole

It sounds like they're really trying to rush it through, because one bill is 60 days after passage. That is absolutely ridiculous.

Clayton

That is absolutely ridiculous. You know, I told them about that. There's no way the planning boards will be able to put the paperwork together. You know how long it took us to do the first one? It was over a year. And they gave us time to do it. And we would push it back, but we knew we had to do it. But it took us over a year to do the first one. And this one, maybe because we got it in place, all we had to do was change it from one to two.

Carl

They could cure the enforcement about a owner being required to live in one of the units. The state could cure that if they rewrote the part that says a town may require that, which is how it reads now, as you know, if they wrote it to say a town cannot.

Clayton

Look, I'm going to testify in the Senate, so if you have some suggestions like that, I will bring them in there. Because if you can't stop it, sometimes the amendment adds a little sanity. I think it's going to take more than that, to be honest with you. I think this is nothing but problems for the town. And then what we're left with now, maybe no one does it. I don't know how this is going to make housing cheaper. In my mind, it makes it cheaper after the fact. You have a single family residential unit, five or 50 beautiful homes, you can only leave 50 left. They said up to 50, they could put those duplexes in. What the heck is that going to even look like? Two acre lots or less, we're not talking about the big, five acres, you put two houses on it, you know, you spread them out pretty well, but you know, two acres or less with two duplexes? I don't even know how they thought this was gonna happen.

Carole

It sounds like it'll probably go to the study committee.

Clayton

Not if it's already passed.

Carole

No, but it hasn't passed the senate.

Clayton

Study committee is as good as dead, so I won't be back.

Jim

There was a group of attorneys, Carl, you brought it to us. This was probably two or three years ago. Remember, they wanted to have, after you and I and you were duly elected to the planning board, we had to pass a test to make sure we weren't stupid. And that was all pushed by the lawyers. They wanted to have a lawyer on every planning board.

Carl

And they assumed that anybody that ran for planning board couldn't be too bright to begin with.

Jim

But that's, I think it's the same guy running this.

Clayton

The leadership, the Republican leadership have to be connected to this. There's no way. And this group got 67 votes without some leadership involved. Absolutely no way. We struggled to get two or three votes on some of them.

Carole

It's got a lot of sponsors.

JC

Yeah, all from Rockingham County.

Clayton

It was 30-something Dems against us. So it's clear that there's a mixed message, something in it. Something I'm missing. But it doesn't matter. If someone's pushing it that hard, I'm thinking this is true. The best place to kill this is with the Governor, because he has nothing to waterproof, you know, so. He's done. He's tired. So, I guess that was worth coming to.

And the other thing I was thinking is if I worked with one member of the board, I do a review of in the paper of the bills, I could over the phone even say look these are the things we work it on and stuff. I'm on the election committee so we have a couple of important bills.

Carl

If someone is to be working to oppose a bill from the select board, it ought to be a unanimous decision of the select board. And I don't have a strong feeling about it one way or another. And I'm not interested in trying to work to kill it, frankly.

Clayton

OK, well, let me know where you stand on it.

Carl

If the board decides that they want to oppose it and have somebody else work with Clayton to try and oppose it, that's out of my hands.

Clayton

I guess I could go to the planning board and talk to them. Do you think that's worth doing?

Carl

We ain't got no jurisdiction on the planning board.

JC

Yeah, but it's their business. They're the ones that are going to put up with it.

Clayton

Well you know where I stand. I will let you know if I'm successful. There are other people who are as against this as I am. So, there's a bit of arrogance that in a room in Concord they could set these zoning laws up for every town. And as you mentioned, there's about 280 towns. So, it would take a few, and so far apart, every town is so far apart. Chichester, big difference between Chichester and Pittsfield.

Jim

If you follow the tea leaves you will find a mountain of money.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:15 p.m. consideration of acceptance of a non-monetary donation over \$5,000

Carl

I'm going to open the public hearing on the consideration of acceptance of a non-monetary donation over \$5,000. Anybody from the public wish to speak?

Hearing none, I close the public hearing on the consideration of acceptance of a non-monetary donation.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of acceptance of a DataPilot from Operation Underground Railroad, Inc.

Carl

Consideration of the non-monetary donation over \$5,000.

Cara

The DataPilot.

Carole

So moved.

Jim

Second.

Any further discussion? All those in favor of approving the donation over \$5,000, say aye. Aye.

None opposed, 4-0.

2. Consideration of acceptance of three donations from the Clothes Closet, \$2,200

Carl

Consideration of acceptance of three donations from the closed closet totaling \$2,200.

Jim

So moved.

JC

Second.

Carl

All those in favor of accepting the three donations from the closed closet, say aye. Aye.

Motion passed.

Carole

Can we list them separately in the minutes?

Cara

Yes. I just didn't want the agenda to be a bazillion separate items.

JC

Are these earmarked in some way, these donations? Or are they just going into the general fund?

Cara

So they go into the general fund, but the committees or departments will know that they have this money to spend. If they don't spend it, it does lapse. But they do spend it.

JC

It seems to me that this donation ought to go to something other than general funds, you know, to do some positive stuff.

Cara

Well, they are.

JC

Okay, that's all I'm asking is so that the people, the clothes closet people, think that their good work is going to something positive.

Carole

Well, they list what it's going for. Library supplies, Old Home Day, and the pool, the Forrest B. Argue pool.

Carl

Okay, for the minutes, that's \$200 from the clothes closet for library supplies, \$1,000 for Old Home Day, and \$1,000 for the FB Argue pool.

3. Consideration of volunteer appointment to the Community Development Committee

Carl

Consideration of volunteer appointment to the Community Development Committee, Marc Smith.

Jim

So moved.

Carole

Second.

Carl

Further discussion? All those in favor of appointing Marc Smith to the CDC say aye. Aye. Aye.

Opposed none, 4-0.

JC

This is sorely needed. Another voice, another somebody with some business experience. This is very much needed.

4. Consideration of BCEP Solid Waste District appointments

Carl

BCEP Solid Waste District appointments. Has everybody had a chance to see Dan's congratulatory letter?

JC

So is that a withdrawal or is he sticking around? He says he's sticking around.

Cara

Yes, for budget rep.

Carl

We have to accept Dan's resignation as the voting member.

Carole

So moved.

JC

Second.

Carl

All those in favor of accepting Dan's resignation as the voting member of BCEP say aye. Aye.

Opposed? Aye. Motion passes 3-1. (Jim not voting in favor)

Carl

All right, so we're going to consider the BCEP voting appointment. We have one applicant, Fred Hast. Motion?

Carole

So moved.

JC

Second.

Carl

Further discussion? All those in favor of appointing Fred to the BCEP solid waste, as a voting member, say aye. Aye. Aye. Opposed? Aye. Motion passes 3-1. (Jim not voting in favor).

Carl

Dan as BCEP budget member.

Carole

I move we put Dan on the budget committee for BCEP.

JC

Second.

Carl

Further discussion? All those in favor of putting Dan on the BCEP budget committee say aye. Aye.

Opposed? None. Motion passes 4-0.

JC

I'm surprised we only had one. There's a lot of folks in town that have an interest in how the BCEP operates.

Cara

We still need an alternate.

* Gerard joined the meeting at 6:34 pm.

5. Notification of resignation from Parks & Recreation Commission

Carl

We've got a notification of resignation from Parks and Recreation from Jessica Drouin.

Carole

So moved.

Gerard

Second.

Carl

All those in favor of accepting Jessica Drouin's resignation from because she's leaving town say aye. Aye. Opposed? None. Passed 5-0.

6. Application for parade permit – Old Home Day, July 20, 2024

Carl

Application for parade permit for Old Home Day. Start on Clark Street right on Main Street, Main to Elm, follow to Depot, cross Carroll onto Catamount, and back to Clark Street. Also request Main Street to be closed from the corner of Main and Carroll to Main and Elm for the car show and vending, 7:30am to 11am.

Carole

So moved.

Gerard

Second.

Carl

So the route, this seems to be the old route that used to be.

Cara

Yes.

Carl

All those in favor of approving the parade permit for Old Home Days, say aye. Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

7. Consideration of second amendment to PD highway safety grant agreement

Carl

Consideration of second amendment to the PD Highway Safety Grant Agreement for 3 in-car radar units, \$6,558.75 adjustment with \$2,186.25 match.

Chief Collins

You're going to buy one radar and get two free. So you're getting three for the price of one. We have to, with the new car that's being outfitted, the radar on that thing was trash. So we have to buy one anyway. So we might as well do the grant and get two more as a couple of the cars could really use upgrades.

Jim

So moved.

Gerard

Second

Carl

Okay. The motion's been made and seconded to approve the increase in the adjustment. Let me get this right. Second amendment to the grant agreement and that change is from \$13,068.33 to \$19,627.08, is that correct?

Cara

Yes.

Carl

All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? None. Motion passes 5-0.

8. Consideration of \$5,000 grant for police cruiser antennas & computer stands

Carl

Consideration of acceptance of \$5,000 grant for police cruiser antennas and computer stands.

Jim

So moved.

JC

Second.

Carl

Further discussion? All those in favor of accepting a \$5,000 grant for police cruiser antennas and computer stands say aye. Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Carl

All right, talk to us, Noel.

Supt Noel Gourley

So there was some things that brought up concerns, discussion, this last storm brought up a lot of stuff. So I just wanted to get some things on the minutes, just to clarify current policy and the trucks. So I guess the first thing would be the trucks. As you guys all know, they take a year to get, sometimes longer. People think that we, well, the discussion I'm hearing is that, you know, the next day after vote, which I appreciate, we can go down and just pick a truck up. So the one approved from 2023 is actually supposed to come this Thursday. So Thursday we're hoping to do this small highway truck. The 10-wheeler that just got voted for, I'm not expecting that till this time of year next year, 2025. So people were saying, well they have all new trucks, and we're still waiting? Well we're going to have to go another winter with one of our old trucks, so I just want people to understand that.

Then the other thing is the grader, when the grader comes out during a storm, I want people to understand there's usually a reason that's coming out is because a truck is broke. That's a red flag that the grader's out, a truck went down. And the second reason why we come out in the grader is significant snow, which I consider 12 inches or more, especially going up over the mountain, which we had both this last month. So that answers many people's question why the grader is out, or when it comes out.

Carole

People were questioning why the grader is out?

Noel

So, I just wanted to clarify, in the minutes, so they can understand. When they see a grader, they can probably say, well, that truck must have broken. And some people heard the truck break up on Daroska because it was extremely loud, and we got it back. So we're waiting on parts for that.

Noel

I figured it'd be good to get in the minutes.

Carole

I think it's a good idea.

Noel

I know a lot of you guys know this, a lot of the questions, as you know, the citizens can get answers if they read the winter policy, like why we're out at 2 a.m. and things like that.

So, the next thing is, we're gonna be, hopefully, ditching next week, and I don't want that to be misconstrued as we're grading the roads at the same time. So they the grader ditching, they automatically are gonna think, well, you didn't do a perfect job. So we're going to ditch, which basically gets the things water flowing, opened up. Then, once I'm done ditching all the roads, I'm going to backtrack and then grade them all to the new clean ditches. So that way if people think, you know, we came through with a grader that day, well, we're coming back to do more work. Just so it's out there in the minutes. I'm assuming it's going to take us totally from all the way through the spring. Every road needs attention, there's not one I can skip. Rough winter.

And then the other thing I have is there is a couple of pipes that are owned privately that are hurting the roads. One is up on 80 Will Smith, which that road's drainage was in the books for 2024 work. But now that, because of the default budget, I wasn't going to do Will Smith Road, I'm wondering if I should at least get that, those culverts done, just to try to save that side of the road, but they're privately owned. So that's where I have a problem.

And then 120 Clough Road is another one that we tried cleaning it and it's just coming out on the road and all their neighbors up there say it's the town's problem but it's owned by the person who lives there who doesn't understand, it's owned by them and that's another one I had planned on taking an old pipe off Will Smith when we replaced it and just donate it because it's old. But that's another thing I wouldn't do without asking you and that's also not going to happen because we don't have the money to do Will Smith.

Carl

So we got a choice basically with 80 Will Smith and 120 Cough Road. We can either try to save the town some money with road repair from those two culverts or we can do what we've told other people we would do which is we're not replacing any driveway culverts but then we got to try and enforce that and drag them through... What's in the best interest of the town?

JC

But we have taken a stand and said we are not dealing with private property.

Noel

Well, it's an RSA that covers this.

JC

Well, that's even more so.

JC

So why would we be really even consider it?

Cara

We enforced another homeowner on Will Smith Road, whose culvert was damaging the road.

Jim

And see the bottom line is, is that that privately owned one is costing the town a large sum of money.

Carl

How do we want to inform these people?

Jim

Probably ought to come from us.

JC

Yeah, it should be a letter in writing. That's kind of our precedent now.

Jim

This is a long-range investment to keep, pardon the pun, from throwing money down the watery drain.

Carl

Well, this will be a letter coming from us at least.

Noel

That's all I have. I just figured I'd get some of those things on the minutes there. Appreciate it.

JC

Somehow, we need to get the word out that driveway culverts are not the town's business.

Carl

We've tried, but it only gets out about so far.

Noel

And some of it is, they say, well it's your dirt that's washing into them. But we clean them out up to them, but you know the rain we've been getting, and it's like the gutter, you've got to keep cleaning the gutter on your house. And I don't mind helping out, we even try to wash them and clean them, and the one that Cara's talking about, we actually tried to clean, and we destroyed it. So then I had to replace it, because we tried to do a good deed and it ended up backfiring. So, I just fixed it. The guys, they didn't mean to, but it destroyed the pipe.

Jim

No favor goes unpunished.

Noel

It was a pressure washer.

Carl

Basically, there wasn't any culvert there.

Noel

That's what's going on at 120 Clough is their culvert's gone. And the neighbors are saying that it's because we don't clean the ditches, but that's not what made it, it's deteriorated.

Cara

So 120 Clough Road and 80 Will Smith Road.

Noel

I would love to go help, if I have some old pipe. These people have made my job very hard.

Carl

Yes, they have.

Noel

And it's gotten to a point where I feel I have to do something.

Carl

You need to send them here. If they have a complaint, they need to come here.

Carole

You don't need to take that.

9. Request for funds transfer – from Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve - \$48,000

Carl

All right, let's take a vote the on the funds transfer of \$48,000 to the Small Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

JC

So moved.

Jim

Second.

Carl

Motion has been made and seconded to approve a funds transfer of \$48,000 from the small highway truck capital reserve fund. All those in favor, say aye. Aye. Aye. Opposed? None. Motion passes.

10. Application for Notice of Intent to Cut Timber – Map R9, Lots 1&2

Carl

Notice of intent to cut timber for map R9 lots 1 and 2.

Carole

So moved.

Gerard

Second

Carl

All those in favor of approving the notice of intent to cut timber for map R9 lots 1 and 2, say aye.

Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

*agenda items 11 and 12 were considered in one vote

11. Land Use Change Tax - Map R1, Lot 11-2 - \$4,500

12. Land Use Change Tax - Map R14, Lot 10 - \$5,990

Carl

Land use change tax for map R1 lot 11-2 and map R14 lot 10.

Jim

So moved.

Gerard

Second

Carl

All those in favor of approving the land use change tax for map R1 lot 11-2 for \$4,500 and map

R14 lot 10 for \$5,990, say aye. Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

ADDED ITEM – funds transfer – ambulance billing deposit acct to general fund checking

Carl

Okay. Funds transfer, ambulance billing deposit account to general fund checking. Amount to transfer \$300,000.

Jim

So moved.

Gerard

Second.

Carl

All those in favor of transferring \$300,000 to the general funds from ambulance billing, say aye.

Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

ADDED ITEM – request for volunteer appointment, Parks & Recreation Commission

Carl

Request for volunteer appointment to Parks and Recreation. Brian Cassel.

Carole

So moved.

JC

Second.

Carl

All those in favor of approving the request for volunteer appointment to Parks and Recreation Commission for Brian Cassel, say aye. Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

ADDED ITEM – 2024 sewer slip lining

Carl

2024 sewer slip lining contract.

Cara

So, Bill actually received two different estimates this year, but are quoting at the same price per linear foot and service laterals. However, we do not have enough money in the budget to do this entire amount, but what we can do the services up to what's in the sewer budget, which is about \$83,000. So Bill can cut off some of these sections in the original quote so we're still moving forward with some of the work.

Carl

So if we're going to vote on this, we've got to vote up to a fixed amount.

Cara

But where they're the same pricing, I don't know if you want to defer the company decision to Bill.

Jim

We should leave it up to him.

Carole

Just stay within budget.

Carl

Do we have a motion for the 2024 slip lining contract within our present allowable budget?

Jim

So moved.

JC

Second.

Carl

Motion's made and seconded to approve the 2024 sewer slip lining contract within our budget constraints. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Aye. Opposed, none. Motion passes 5-0.

ADDED ITEM – quote for Town Hall generator

Carl

Quote for the Town Hall generator, provide labor and material to connect the generator to your existing transfer switch. This price includes material for all pads, trenching, pipe, wire, and labor.

Cara

I think Pete has some light to shed on this work.

Chief Peter Pszonowsky

So, these are like temporary generators, because they can come and get them any time they want. This is on pavement, and Scott Aubertin and I did the one for the community center, and they have one at the library as well. So I don't think this needs a pad, because they're just meant to be put on the ground and somewhat level and run. I thought this one was the closest to being ready to having the electrical run.

Carl

Wait a minute, I'm missing something's going on with my head. They can come get them any time they want?

Pete

So they won't ever, until I just said it. It's just military surplus.

JC

Oh, oh, we're talking surplus.

Pete

Yeah, that's what they are. They can come get them, we have to do it for a year, keep maintenance on them, and then they can come and get them any time, but the electrical, this building is the only one that's been wired for a switch. I don't see the community center being able to spend that much money, or the library spend that much money. So I don't know if it, I haven't yet talked to Pat.

JC

It seems like a lot in this budget year.

Carl

So we want to just table it?

Pete

I just knew that's a lot. I guess if you get donations from or grants to hook up with all three buildings, that wasn't meant to put anybody in debt to get these things hooked up.

Carl

Yeah, we don't want to take out a loan.

Carole

Is this just for the hook up? I'm confused with this.

Carl

We already got the generator. This is the actual hook up, but that's still just for this building.

Carole

Is that what it is? This \$6,500 just for this building? Okay, but you're saying the library needs one?

Pete

The library has, when they did the walkway, they did a base for where they grade it out and compact it. So that's on flat. Originally she wanted to put it down behind the building, but getting fuel and everything, I told her to keep it up front because everybody's going to be, you can pull right up to it, put fuel in it, and the power is right there.

Carole

Can I just ask why the library needs a generator? Wouldn't it be closed?

Pete

I think it was just an option for like a warming or cooling station. So this price includes material for all pads but I don't believe it needs a pad. Scott and I did a rock one with a 6x6 pad for the cost of materials, just knowing how the budget went, I don't think that's, unless we get a donation or a grant to do that, and this is just not the year with us. Doing general research, they don't give you the cords with the generator, because you can daisy chain all these generators.

JC

I think we can table it for the time being.

Carl

A motion?

JC

I'd make a motion we table the consideration of generators for Town Hall, library, and community center.

Cara

No, this is just the town hall. The Community Center is private. The trustees of the library will have to consider what they want to do with their generator.

Jim

Second

Carl

Motion had been and then seconded to table the quote for the town hall generator, all those in favor of tabling it, say aye. Aye. That appears to be all the action items.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

Gerard made a motion to go into Nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3; II (a), (c), & (e). Carole seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried. 5-0-0

When the Board returned to public session, Gerard made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes as the divulgence of the information from the nonpublic session would likely affect adversely the reputations of those discussed, other than a member of the Board.

Jim seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BCEP

Gerard

Went over there Thursday night for the meeting, and the gates were closed. Lights were off and everything. Went over there Saturday. He had all four, he had five employees on Saturday, and four of them were sitting in that damn office. No one doing any work. I will be ripping when they do have a meeting. If they want to hire this individual to run that place there in front of them, I would not be voting for that individual. He's getting a little clicky with his people.

Carl

CDC got anything?

JC

I see tomorrow at 4 we'll be inducting our new member and I had communication with Fred Endler and he does intend to fill out his paperwork, too.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Wastewater Treatment Facility reports

Cara

Still waiting on the Barnstead Road compressor and Joy Street had to get pumped out because of the buildup of grease and rags and whatnot. Just part of the regular operations and maintenance. I don't know the percentage off the top of my head, but most of town runs through Joy Street.

2. Notification of Pennichuck Corporation's annual meeting – May 4, 2024

Carl

Notification of Pennichuck Corporation's annual meeting May 4th. Is that something we have to send a rep to?

JC

I don't think we ever have.

Carole

At least they notify us.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Perambulation of town lines (8/14/2018)

2. Surveying of town owned property (4/27/2021)

Carl

So we now have the recorded plan for Chestnut Street.

Carole

Oh that's good. Do we own the driveway? Part of it. Just part of it?

Carl

Foot and a half.

Cara

So the lot lines are going to get kind of wiggled around, and we've gained 0.02 acres. I don't know what you want to do about enforcement on the pavement that is encroached on our land.

Carl

Well, at the very least, he's got to be notified. We've got to put him on notice. I think at the very least we ought to tell him the survey of finds that you've encroached on town-owned property and the conditions that we're under which we own that, require that it not be developed in any way and that's our land.

Carole

So is he (Surveyor Amsden) finished for us or is he still working on something else?

Carl

Still got to finish up the plan for Park Street and Franklin. Plugging away at it. So that's the last thing he's got from us.

3. Review of solar project proposal – CDC project (6/14/2022)

4. Consideration of renaming of roads with separate, unpassable sections (5/23/2023)

5. Discussion on Traffic Control Ordinance (6/27/2023)

6. Review of the Street Numbering System Ordinance (8/8/2023)

7. Review of the Pittsfield NH Nonstandard addressing report (8/8/2023)

8. Town Clock winder (2/13/2024)

Carl

Did you hear from Pete Marston to see if he would be the backup?

Cara

Yes. The way it was left at the last meeting was a little up in the air so I waited for this meeting to reach out to anyone.

JC

The only thing I've heard about winding is that currently Dave Stasiak, Reverend Stasiak, has been doing the winding. I heard that from Stan Bailey, but not directly from the horse's mouth, but I assume that Reverend Stasiak learned how to wind it from Stan Bailey. Stan did that for years.

Carole

Well I think it would be fair for Chris to ask him to show up and whatever. And like Dave is just taking over so maybe he doesn't know everything.

Carl

Does anyone want to make a motion? Do we have a vote on Jack and Pete?

Carole

Yes, I make a motion that we have Jackson Marston and Peter Marston take care of our clock winding.

JC

And I would second that.

Carl

All those in favor of appointing Marston and Marston as the official clock winders say aye. Aye. Aye. Opposed? None. Motion passes.

9. Town Hall shoveling & maintenance (2/13/2024)

10. SUO amendment – sump pump fee (2/13/2024)

The Board will hold a public hearing May 14th to consider the addition of a fee for sump pumps connected to the sewer system.

ACCOUNTING REGISTERS

1. Accounts Payable

Gerard made a motion to accept accounts payable.

Carole seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried. 5-0-0

2. Payroll

Gerard made a motion to accept payroll.

JC seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried. 5-0-0

MINUTES

1. March 26, 2024 – Public Session Minutes

Carl provided a marked draft of AI transcription corrections to be made.

Gerard made a motion to accept the public session minutes as amended.

J.C. seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Carole mentioned an accumulation of scrap/junk/parts in the pathway to Bridgeview at the back of Floral Park Cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Approved:



Carl Anderson

4/23/24
Date



MEETING AGENDA
TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03263

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m. – call to order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT – regarding agenda items only

AGENDA REVIEW

PUBLIC HEARING 6:15 p.m. – consideration of acceptance of a non-monetary donation over \$5,000

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of acceptance of a DataPilot from Operation Underground Railroad, Inc.
2. Consideration of acceptance of three donations from the Clothes Closet, \$2,200
3. Consideration of volunteer appointment to the Community Development Committee
4. Consideration of BCEP Solid Waste District appointments
5. Notification of resignation from Parks & Recreation Commission
6. Application for parade permit – Old Home Day, July 20, 2024
7. Consideration of amendment to PD highway safety grant agreement (\$ increase)
8. Consideration of acceptance of \$5,000 grant for police cruiser antennas & computer stands
9. Request for funds transfer – from Public Works Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund - \$48,000
10. Application for Notice of Intent to Cut Timber – Map R9, Lots 1&2
11. Land Use Change Tax - Map R1, Lot 11-2
12. Land Use Change Tax - Map R14, Lot 10

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MINUTES

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NONPUBLIC SESSION - The Board of Selectmen may enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3