

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

MEETING MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Gerard LeDuc called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerard Leduc, Vice-Chair
J.C. Allard
Jim Adams
Carole Richardson

MEMBER ABSENT

Carl Anderson, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT

Cara Marston, Town Administrator
Chief of Police Joseph Collins
Fire Chief Peter Pszonowsky
Deputy Fire Chief Rob Freese
EMS Captain Jim Girard

PUBLIC INPUT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

AGENDA REVIEW

Members had nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of acceptance of donation – \$500 to parks & recreation

Jim made a motion to accept the donation to the parks & recreation of \$500 from the Pittsfield Clothes Closet.

J.C. seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

2. Application for volunteer appointment (renewal) – Conservation Commission

Carole made a motion to reappoint Bryan Mika to the Conservation Commission.

J.C. seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

3. Application for elderly exemption – tax map R38 lot 1-10

Carole made a motion to deny the elderly exemption, per recommendation of the Assessors, as the individuals' income exceeded the threshold.

J.C. seconded the motion.

Discussion: J.C. asked if there were any means in place to catch an exemption that should be denied if it was voted in favor, despite the thresholds.

Cara let him know that the Assessor enters the exemption/credit after the approval is signed by the Selectmen. It's the Town's voting body who sets the exemption thresholds, so the Assessors review the application in regards to the town's wishes, and the Selectmen process the application after review. Typically, the Board would not vote against the thresholds, otherwise the deviation could set a dangerous precedent.

Motion carried to deny 4-0-0.

The next four items were considered with one vote:

4. Application for veterans tax credit – tax map R14 lot 6-1

5. Application for veterans tax credit – tax map R14 lot 33

6. Application for veterans tax credit – tax map R19 lot 7

7. Application for veterans tax credit – tax map U2 lot 55

Carole made a motion to approve the 4 veterans tax credits as reviewed and approved by the Assessors.

Jim seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

8. Sewer User Fee Abatement request – frozen outside hose – tax map U2 lot 26

Gerard read the sewer request from the property owner at 45 Catamount Road. There was a hose that froze and split in the winter.

Jim asked what the dollar amount would be for the estimated overage. Cara looked at the previous history and calculated this bill was 2,000 units over what it typically is, which amounts to \$195.00 over in sewer fees.

J.C. asked about the process for sewer billing & abatements. Cara explained that the sewer is billed on water consumption, for the cost of treating the waste water. This water from the hose did not enter the sewer system and did not have to be treated.

J.C. made a motion to approve the sewer user fee abatement for 2,000 units, in the amount of \$195.00.

Discussion: This adjusts this sewer bill of \$341.50 to the amount of \$146.50.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

J.C. briefed the Board on a Community Solar presentation at the CDC last week from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. This is a topic sweeping the state right now, as communities look into joining a municipal-based Coalition, working with a Community Power company like the one Standard Power is working through, or locking into their own rate directly through a bid process of energy suppliers. J.C. informed the Board there is another CDC meeting tomorrow to discuss this topic and he encouraged the others to attend, if interested.

Gerard let the Board know that at the BCEP's monthly meeting they will be voting on the committee chair.

Fire Chief Pete Pszonowsky, Deputy Chief Rob Freese, and EMS Captain Jim Girard were present to discuss their progress with the replacement ambulance. The ambulance being replaced is the 2014 Braun.

There were quotes from five companies, ranging from \$354,847 to \$267,536. The quotes have different variables such as the trade price, if any, and a build time price contingency; along with other details that would need to be gone through in detail once a company is selected. All quotes are based on a Ford chassis.

They are recommending Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue Vehicles, who sells two types of ambulances PL Custom and Medix. While this company has a price contingency, Sugarloaf offered the best trade in value, and the net price is still well below budget for both brands. Also with Sugarloaf, there is a tech that lives in the Lakes Region, so travel time would be closer than what they are currently used to, if issues should arise.

Carole asked if there would be additional costs on top of what was estimated here. Rob responded there would be details with equipment transfers, but no large costs.

Rob stated they were looking for approval from the Board to go forward with one of these companies to work on the details of the estimates, instead of putting all the companies through the ringer with the specifics.

Jim made a motion to advance with Sugarloaf to fine tune the details of their quote.

Carole seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

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 – CDC project (6/14/2022)
8. Discussion on Dustin Park War Memorial engraving requests (9/20/2022)
9. Consideration of matters involving both 34 & 36 Main Street – water access (12/13/2022)

No old business matters were discussed.

CHECK MANIFESTS

Account Payable

Carole made a motion to approve accounts payable.

Jim seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Payroll

Gerard made a motion to approve payroll.

J.C. seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

MINUTES

1. April 11, 2023 – Public Session Minutes

Carole made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 Public Session minutes.

J.C. seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

Carole motioned to go into Nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3; II (a) at 6:44 p.m.

Jim seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 4-0-0.

When the Board returned to public session J.C. made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes.

Jim seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 4-0-0. Roll call was done and all approved.

ADDED ITEM – promotion of Corporal Rego to Police Sergeant

Jim made a motion to promote Corporal Devon Rego to a Police Sergeant at AFT Step 5, \$33.08.

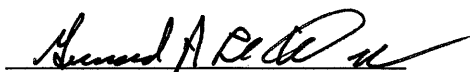
J.C. seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved:



Gerard LeDuc, Vice Chair

Date



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TOWN OFFICE, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03263

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

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

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CHECK MANIFESTS

1. Accounts Payable
2. Payroll

MINUTES

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