



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD**  
**Community Development Committee**  
**Town Office 85 Main Street**  
**Pittsfield, NH 03263**  
**September 25, 2019**

1. Meeting began at 6:30.

2. Attendees: Louie Houle (LH), Fred Endler (FE), Jim Allard (JA), Dale Frizzel (DF) , Marty Brennan (MB), Ellen Barbasso (EB),

3. Minutes for September 11, 2019 accepted and approved.

4. State Budget:

One time aid to municipalities-school stabilization we will get 100% of the level of 2016 for the next 2 years. We need to be careful how we spend the funds. If all of it goes to the schools for projects, the projects may end as soon as the money stops. We can put some toward teacher salaries and some to programs for students. The CDC thinks some should come back to the people since we pay the taxes. Adequacy is not a long term solution

Did not get net metering (solar) yet. We can have multiple companies with 1 megawatt. Local newspaper: Leslie Vogt drafted a sample page. Funding for local newspaper: the next meeting for PCDC will be October 4. The bookkeeper said they should be able accept money that is donated for the local paper. A company that makes a donation could have their name at the top of a page for being a sponsor.

5. 1st Impressions

Minnie Plante was at the meeting last week. She might be able to help us with getting a new tree to replace the one that is old (at Dustin Park) and to get additional lighting for the poles.

6. USDA Grant:

The grant was signed. We did exceptionally well. We received 35points for being a 1<sup>st</sup> time applicant. Businesses were a little timid about adding more jobs to the community. We don't have to be 100% realistic about the number of jobs to be added. We got more points because we had matching funds. We can apply every year for a grant. How much we can get depends on how much is available and how many applicants there are for the grant. We need to get receipts from businesses for work that was done. We have until July 1 to get the projects completed. The town is the fiscal agent of the grant.

UNH is doing a program for Grant Writing around October 24, 25. The cost is \$4.