

2018 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Town Moderator Cedric Dustin III called the First Session of the 2018 Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018 in the Pittsfield Elementary School Gymnasium. Those in attendance included the Supervisors of the Checklist: Roberta Maxfield, Faith Whittier and Elizabeth Hast; Select Board members Jim Allard, Gerard LeDuc, Jim Adams, and Carole Richardson; Budget Committee members Fred Hast, Helen Schiff and Louis Houle III; Town Administrator Cara Hayes, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Erica Anthony; Ammy Ramsey, Mark Riel, Linda Small and Marilyn Roberts. Moderator Dustin welcomed those in attendance to the first deliberative session under Senate Bill 2 (SB2) for the Town election process and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Moderator Dustin read the Warrant and Article 1:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified of a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING of the Town of Pittsfield that will be held in accordance with NH RSA 40:13 (SB2).

First Session of Special Town Meeting (deliberative session)

The deliberative session of the Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at the Pittsfield Elementary School Gymnasium at 34 Bow Street in said Pittsfield at 7:00 p.m.

This first session, to transact all business other than voting, shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of Article 1.

Second Session of Special Town Meeting (voting by official ballot)

The voting on Article 1 will occur on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at the Pittsfield Town Hall Meeting Room at 85 Main Street in said Pittsfield from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This second session will be the voting by official ballot at the polls on Article 1.

Article 1 – cost items for Pittsfield town employees in the AFT-NH bargaining unit

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Pittsfield Town Employees AFT-NH Local #6214, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Budget Year	Wage Costs	Insurance Cost Sharing	Net Costs
2018	\$18,659	\$ -	\$18,659
2019	\$36,590	\$3,031	\$33,559
2020	\$35,397	\$6,062	\$29,335

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and further, to raise and appropriate **\$18,659** for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.07 per thousand dollars of assessed value.
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1-0)

Moderator Dustin reminded the Body that the actual vote on the Article would take place at the polls on September 11, 2018.

Selectman Gerard LeDuc made a motion to accept Article 1 as read. Select Board Chairman Jim Allard seconded the motion.

Moderator Dustin opened the floor for discussion.

Louis Houle III stated "Welcome to SB2".

There was no further discussion.

Moderator Dustin adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Anthony
Town Clerk/Tax Collector