

MINUTES

For a special meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 8:30 am in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Mayor Tim Nichols, Deputy Mayor Gary Jordan, Jr., Caleb Curtis, Wayne Fotter, Donna Chale, Christopher Carr and Louise Baker. **ABSENT:** None. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Mark Cochrane and Gene Taylor.

1. **Deputy Mayor Jordan** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **RESOLUTION 09-32:** Resolved that the Town Council hereby ratifies and approves the Town Manager's acceptance of a grant award from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Maine Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of General Aviation Apron at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport under Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-23-0036-10-2009 for the project totaling \$1,195,830, pursuant to the terms of the proposed grant agreement from the FAA.

Moved by **Councilor Fotter** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 09-32 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted we are fortunate to receive this project approval. We will have a 2.5% match of \$29,896.00. The State will also have a 2.5% match for this large paving project. This project is vital to the airport as well as the region. The special meeting was called due to the timeframe required for the grant paperwork.

Councilor Curtis asked if there were any questions regarding the pavement. There was talk about the pavement depth and if it is one-inch thick. It is only one-inch thick and the apron is broken up. The new project would dig down 4 feet and have drainage put in. There is no drainage currently.

Councilor Baker questioned once the construction starts will planes still be able to come in and out of the airport. Councilor Curtis stated this should be a 2-phase project so traffic can continue. The Town Manager noted during the runway project the airport was still open. The fuel pump area may be shut down for a short time, but other arrangements can be made for that situation.

Councilor Baker also questioned if with the federal grant that we are receiving would the funds need to be paid back. The Town Manager stated no this is a true grant. The funds do not need to be paid back and the 2.5% match is already set aside.

Councilor Fotter questioned how thick the pavement would be once this project is completed. Councilor Curtis stated it would be 3 inches thick with drainage added also. Councilor Fotter questioned if it was possible to use cement since it is cheaper and would last longer. The

Town Manager stated there are very strict requirements and federal guidelines that need to be followed with this project and the project was designed to those guidelines.

Councilor Curtis requested to abstain from this vote. The Council concurred.

Councilor Cutis Abstained
VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by **Councilor Fotter** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 a.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk