

MINUTES

For a special meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Robert Stackhouse, Scott Strom, Heather Donahue and Trudy Ferland **ABSENT:** Tim Nichols, Michael Cianchette and Marie Manning. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: None.

1. **Mayor Stackhouse** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Council observed a moment of silence.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 16-25: Resolved that the Town Council Sign the Warrant and Notice of Special Election to call the MSAD #53 Referendum to be voted on April 12, 2016 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Moved by **Councilor Ferland** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 16-25 is adopted.

Councilor Ferland noted that the hours seem short for this Election. The Town Clerk advised that Election details were discussed with the Superintendent's Office. They make the final decisions on the School Election. They felt these hours were sufficient. The last Election we had of this sort had open voting hours from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm. We had less than 100 voters during the 11 hours. The Town Clerk also noted that with the Primary and Presidential Elections coming up this year, that are expected to be extremely busy, a third Election is quite taxing on the Election budget.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Strom** that the meeting be adjourned at 4:40 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk