

Minutes

Pittsfield Planning Board

Sludge Work Group Meeting

Meeting of March 9, 2020

The Pittsfield Planning Board work group met at 6:30 pm on March 9, 2020 at the Council Chambers at the Pittsfield Municipal Building, 112 Somerset Avenue, Pittsfield, Maine.

Work Group Members present were: Tom Cote, Anna Bockis, and Chris Pelletier absent; Morris Pollard. Also present were Jan Laux, Council Member Peter Logiodice and Building Inspector Steve Seekins.

Tom Cote lead the conversation on the use of sludge and other product that are used to enhance the soils of farm fields. He explained a brief history of the products. Anna Bockis and Stanley Short express concerns that the information furnished by companies that sell processed soil enhance products may not be accurate or contents change from time to time. Steve Seekins suggested the town ordinance could be altered to list products that would be allowed. The intent being that products not on the list would not be allowed. Steve Seekins asked Chris Pelletier of water/sewer department if he needs to spread sludge from the town's settling ponds. Chris advised no the town hires a company to haul the sludge to a landfill.

It was decided that Steve Seekins will contact Casella Organic to obtain a list of their products and the product's contents. Tom Cote suggested the following product be allowed. Wood ash, Algae Fiber from a plant in Rockland, paper mill lime, and chicken manure. The spreading and storage shall meet State of Maine requirements. Tom Cote advices there are only 2 or 3 company that are licensed to sell these products.

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1. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Steve Seekins, Building Inspector

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