



Town of Plaistow ♦ Board of Selectmen
145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2007

PRESENT: John Sherman, Chairman; Lawrence W. Gil, Vice Chair; Michelle L. Curran; Daniel J. Poliquin; Charles L. Blinn, Jr.; Jason Hoch, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 pm

MINUTES:

☆Motion by M. Curran and second by D. Poliquin. to approve the minutes of March 5, 2007.

VOTE: 5-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chuck Fowler, Mark Fowler & Billy Horton are present. M. Fowler and B. Horton are working on their citizen's badge. M. Fowler has been a scout for 3 years and B. Horton has been a scout for 6 years. They will be sitting in on the meeting tonight.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Correspondence:

J. Hoch states that we received a letter from D'Angelos in reference to their 40th anniversary on April 9, 2007. They are holding a fundraiser on April 9th and would like the Board to consider writing a proclamation recognizing April 9th

J. Sherman asks what charity the funds will be raised for.

J. Hoch states that the funds will be donated to Easter Seals and the Genesis Fund.

Motion by M. Curran and second by L. Gil to declare April 9th D'Angelo steak and cheese day.

J. Sherman states that he normally would not support a proclamation of this kind. However, this is a charitable event.

Consensus of the Board this proclamation is not to set precedence. The Board is not supporting D'Angelos and their steak and cheese sandwich. They are supporting the charitable event.

VOTE: 5-0 U/A

J. Hoch reviews a copy of the Supreme Court Brief filed in the Balamotis v. ZBA case. Waste Management has scheduled spring clean up for April 16th-20th. The Landfill schedule is posted and they are adding some Wednesday nights for the convenience of the residents.

J. Sherman asks that the spring cleanup and landfill schedule be posted online and on the cable channel.

Fire:

J. Hoch states that we have received the official confirmation that the application to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorates, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program has been approved for \$170,237 of which the Town is responsible for 5%.

Cable:

J. Hoch states that the Cable Coordinator reported to him that there are at least two problems with Comcast's playback of our voting information program. The problem is with the white background and small print on the PowerPoint. It is too bright for their system to accommodate. Our equipment is sending out a good signal but it is coming back garbled. J. Hoch states that it is his intent to run practice feeds to see what will work.

C. Blinn states that he saw the show and the sound was good, but the visual was a problem.

J. Sherman states that he is disappointed this did not air. He states that we do get information to the public well. He offers to stay tonight and redo this presentation and he will be available at the polls for questions.

Assessing:

J. Hoch states that a memo regarding the abatement denial is in each Selectman's packet.

Consensus of the Board is that they are comfortable with the analysis.

J. Sherman states it was fair and accurate.

M. Curran states that the back-up information was good and supported his report.

J. Hoch agrees with Wil Corcoran's assessment.

J. Hoch states that in response to the last weeks question of tracking, there are 13 abatement requests. There were 21 abatement requests in the 2005 year.

J. Sherman states that he read an article about Atkinson, NH having 150 requests and thought this was very high.

C. Blinn states that we were a bit ahead of the curve in Plaistow.

Highway:

J. Hoch states that there will be ads appearing for bids on the highway department truck if articles pass on Tuesday. This is a 1999 International six wheel dump truck – a 4900 series, manual transmission & 466DT engine. Truck includes 11 foot front power angle plow & a 10 foot side patrol wing plow. The minimum bid is \$18,000. All bids must be sealed and labeled “Truck Bid” and must be delivered to the Plaistow Town Hall no later than March 23, 2007 at 3:00pm.

M. Curran asks if this will be in the Eagle Tribune.

J. Hoch states it will be in the Eagle Tribune and other papers.

D. Poliquin states that the Eagle Tribune does place these announcements in all their papers.

Water:

J. Hoch states that Chief McArdle advises that we would provide the piping from our main line to an isolation valve at Rockingham Athletic Club. We will not have to shut down the line or install a tap and sleeve. The valve is \$1,500 and piping to their line is around \$500.

M. Curran states that if we go forward with this she wants to tell people that this is relatively inexpensive and we will not have to dig up and replace the line.

D. Poliquin asks what the labor piece of this will be.

J. Hoch states that there are labor costs involved and he will research this.

Legislative Delegation:

J. Hoch states that he spoke with Norman Major regarding the legislative delegation coming to the Board of Selectmen meeting. They have agreed on March 26, 2007 and N. Major will contact the others. J. Hoch reminds the Boards that he would like the list of interests from the Selectman. He has received J. Sherman's.

J. Sherman states along with his specific list he would like to speak of general items such as rail service, water quality and taxing utilities.

Water Agreement:

J. Hoch informs the Selectmen that Attorney Kalman is drafting a connection and use agreement for waterline connection. He has been researching the well situation on Old County Road.

Town Hall Crossing:

J. Hoch spoke with Bill Lambert at NHDOT regarding crossing in front of Town Hall. B. Lambert will have his personnel take a look at the existing pedestrian crossing signs to see if they are appropriate. B. Lambert stated that there have been issues with the in-street signs. B. Lambert has offered to meet with J. Hoch concerning this matter.

J. Sherman would like to take them up on the offer.

D. Poliquin asks if these signs are being hit.

J. Hoch states that is what is happening.

Beede:

J. Hoch spoke with Bob Minicucci at NHDES regarding the filing of lawsuit for Beede Cleanup. The remaining PRPs have been in discussion with EPA regarding a consent decree and nearly all seem to be in agreement. For a consent decree to apply, a lawsuit has to be filed. The recent lawsuit is done so that the consent decree can apply. The State is also obligated to file a complaint and they expect it to be done soon.

M. Curran states last summer the decree was issued by the court. She states there is starting to be some activity at the site.

J. Hoch states that the State is required to file a complaint as part of the process. When this phase is over and it is time for real action on the ground, he would like NHDES to come back and discuss this.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sherman states that he received a letter from Rockingham Development Corporation and asks that this be placed in the correspondence folder for next week.

L. Gil states that he has been speaking to people from the DOCENT Group at the University of New Hampshire. He would like to place the great hall on hold from 7-9pm on April 19th.

OLD BUSINESS:

M. Curran asks what the decision was on the sprinkler issues.

J. Hoch determined this was an internal issue not a vendor issue.

J. Sherman asks about the Ambulance Contract.

D. Poliquin states he has not heard a definitive answer. There is a consensus in Plaistow that it puts more liability on the towns if the changes were made.

J. Sherman asks J. Hoch to research this. He is concerned that our contract is ending soon.

D. Poliquin states that this affects the towns that have not signed. The towns that signed would be fine.

J. Sherman asks how the Town Report is being distributed.

J. Hoch states it is being distributed from Town Hall, Library, Safety Complex, Vic Geary and George Peabody distributed some. They will be available at the polls. This report is also on the web site along with a sample copy of the ballot.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

M. Curran states the Planning Board spoke with 95 Plaistow Road. We are allowing this business to work with the engineer and the Planning Coordinator to get everything in order before the Grand Opening. She states that the Planning Board notified the State about the revocation of the Telly's plan. This may affect the access road the State was planning.

C. Blinn is concerned with the aesthetics on the Telly's site.

M. Curran states that the owners have to loom and seed the site to secure the soil.

D. Poliquin asks if there is a bond in place to ensure they seed.

M. Curran states this was one of the issues and the Planning Board is creating a time line to ensure all aspects of plans are met.

C. Blinn states that he did not have a meeting this week.

J. Sherman reminds people that the polls are open from 8am-8pm tomorrow. He is disappointed that the tape on warrant articles was not aired. There is information on the web site and Town Report on Warrant Articles. He will be available at the polls if anyone has questions.

D. Poliquin did not have a meeting. He asks when the next Safety Complex Meeting is.

J. Hoch states the Police Chief's Secretary will be calling to schedule this.

L. Gil states the Conservation Commission has several properties to conduct site walks on the parcel before making a decision. He asks when the commission will need to have an answer on the State parcel.

J. Hoch states it would be needed as soon as possible.

L. Gil states the commission is not opposed but has concerns with water control.

J. Hoch asks that questions are forwarded to him and he does have maps for them.

Hunter McGee introduces himself as the new Eagle Tribune Reporter.

B. Carolan calls down to state that the warrant article show will air tonight and tomorrow.

NONPUBLIC:

☆*Motion by L. Gil and second by D. Poliquin to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91A:3: ii (a) & (e) negotiation and litigation.*

ROLL: M. Curran –yes; C. Blinn – yes; J. Sherman-yes; D. Poliquin – yes; L. Gil –yes

☆*Motion by M. Curran and second by D. Poliquin to exit nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91A and seal the minutes indefinitely.*

ROLL: M. Curran –yes; C. Blinn – yes; J. Sherman-yes; D. Poliquin – yes; L. Gil –yes

ADJOURNEMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Carr
Recording Secretary