



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

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 31, 2007

PRESENT: John A. Sherman, Lawrence W. Gil; Michelle L. Curran, Charles L. Blinn, Jr. (arrived at 6:39pm); Jason Hoch, *Town Manager*

EXCUSED: Daniel J. Poliquin

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35pm

MINUTES:

☆Motion by M. Curran and second by L. Gil to approve the minutes of January 16, 2007.

VOTE: 2-0-1 M. Curran abstained.

AGENDA FORMAT:

J. Sherman states that due to many Board members feeling under the weather, this meeting will be to discuss the upcoming Deliberative Session. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2007. Any information that is not urgent will be presented at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No members of the public wishing to speak.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

J. Hoch states that this is his first Deliberative Session in the Town of Plaistow. He asks for the protocol and any other issues he should be aware of.

J. Sherman states that the Selectmen divide the Warrant Article and make brief presentations.

The Board of Selectmen reviews the 2007 Warrant Booklets and discusses the Warrant Articles they would like to speak about at the Deliberative Session. :

P-07-02: J. Sherman	P-07-10: L. Gil	P-07-18: D. Poliquin
P-07-03: D. Poliquin	P-07-11: C. Blinn	P-07-19: D. Poliquin
P-07-04: D. Poliquin	P-07-12: M. Curran	P-07-20: M. Curran
P-07-05: L. Gil	P-07-13: J. Sherman	P-07-21: M. Curran
P-07-06: L. Gil	P-07-14: C. Blinn	P-07-22: D. Poliquin
P-07-07: J. Sherman	P-07-15: M. Curran	P-07-23: D. Poliquin
P-07-08: M. Curran	P-07-16: L. Gil	P-07-24: C. Blinn
P-07-09: M. Curran	P-07-17: L. Gil	P-07-25: L. Gil

J. Sherman reminds the viewers that the Deliberative Session is Saturday, February 3, 2007, 10:00AM at the Town Hall. He asks that Jason give the Moderator a list of the presentation assignments.

TOWN MANGER'S REPORT:

J. Hoch states that he will address his report on Monday.

J. Hoch states that there is a renewal of the septic waste agreement with the City of Manchester in the signature folder. The Town of Plaistow is required to have a facility agreement but we are not required to haul solely to that facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sherman states that the Blue and Gold Banquet is scheduled from 1pm to 3pm on February 3, 2007. J. Sherman asks that a letter be sent to the Boy Scouts explaining that the Selectmen will be at Deliberative Session.

J. Sherman states that the Deliberative Session will be on Saturday. He asks that a tour of the Community Developments Suite be set up for Saturday morning.

C. Blinn states that he got a letter from an organization wanting to bid on the portable toilets for special events. He will bring this to the Town Manager. He would like a reply sent to this person.

J. Sherman and M. Curran state that Pete's Sewer donates portable toilets.

M. Curran states that the Town of Plaistow will accept donations from other businesses.

L. Gil states he went to a kindergarten support meeting at Pollard School, held by Michelle Auger and a representative from the Superintendent's Office. The notable issue is that there will be no increase in taxes due to kindergarten. To keep costs down there will not be a mid-afternoon bus pick-up. There is no tax increases associated with this school district article.

J. Sherman as for clarification on the operating costs being absorbed in the operating budget is ongoing.

L. Gil states that it will be ongoing. As the costs increase and the participation increases, so will the funds from the State of New Hampshire.

C. Blinn states that he saw this on TV and he is concerned with saving costs by carpooling and the liability of this on a lively street. He also noted that coming into this year the district had no room in their schools and Atkinson would need to build. He heard that some of the start up money would come from the capital reserve. He asks for clarification on capital reserve.

J. Sherman states that capital reserve is money put away for a specific cause.

L. Gil states that they will have money from the capital reserve and will receive matching grants. In year 4 with the anticipated increase of children and teachers there is an anticipated increase in funding.

C. Blinn asks if kindergarten is going to be mandated.

M. Curran states that you cannot push an unfunded mandate on the people. This can still be an increase in the school budget. She asks if anyone spoke out for the small businesses that are thriving on providing early childhood development service.

L. Gil states that there is no continuity with these private organizations. Public kindergarten would provide the same learning skills to all the children in the district.

M. Curran states that kindergarten was available when she was a child and she did not attend. She questions what will happen if parents chose not to enroll their children.

J. Sherman states that he believes that participation will be mandated in this article.

L. Gil states that Southern New Hampshire has a lack of Kindergarten and he does not feel this is a compliment.

M. Curran states that NH is "Live Free or Die" and the voters should be given the choice.

L. Gil states that 75-80% of building costs will be covered by the State and the remainder could be covered by capital reserve.

C. Blinn states that in defense of "Joe Citizen" it should be up to them. He would be offended if someone said his child would be behind if they did not go to public kindergarten. He thinks the school budget is sky high and the people of Plaistow have been overgenerous, the voters have heard this sales pitch before. If it is too good to be true it probably is.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Sherman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole S. Carr
Recording Secretary