

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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

DATE: April 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

PRESENT:

Chairman, John Sherman
Vice-Chairman, Dan Poliquin
Selectman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, Robert Gray
Selectman, Larry Gil
Town Manager, Jason Hoch

MINUTES:

- L. Gil made a motion to approve the minutes from April 7th 2008 D. Poliquin seconded the motion; J. Sherman made a few changes, and the vote was 5-0-0 all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No members of the public wish to speak.

- R. Gray made a motion to go into nonpublic on two matters under RSA 91:A-3 II (a) and (b), L. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 all in favor

The Board returned from nonpublic session at 7:29 pm.

D. Poliquin turned the meeting back over to J. Sherman

Civil War Monument Committee:

Norm Major and Barry Sargent came to the board at 7:35pm.

B. Sargent discussed the Statue and Cannon that have been refurbished, and the schedule and events that will take place at the Civil War Monument Celebration, which will be held September 13th, 2008. They tentavly have Abraham Lincoln scheduled to make an appearance and give a speech thanks to a Grant they received. There will be a reenactment group that will arrive the Friday evening before the celebration to set up tents and they will spend two nights on the

Commons. The group specializes in cooking food of the decade and, the medics of the Civil War, and they will demonstrate both. During the celebration the Committee will bury a new time capsule and they plan to hopefully find the one that was buried in 1908. At night they will have a dinner dance with a band, they will send invitations to surrounding towns, and they hope that some of the funds for the celebration will come from ticket sale prices. They also plan to sell souvenirs, and advertisement spaces to assist in the fund for the celebration.

N. Major asked the board for permission for a few things they need before the celebration; one for the Committee to search the monument for the time capsule buried in 1908 they have reason to believe it may be in the Monument itself. They would like to drill half-inch holes in the sides of the bronze part of the Monument below the feet and use a probe to search for it. If it is in there they will come up with ideas to remove it, and if it is not they will need to continue their search elsewhere. Secondly the Committee needs permission to dig a whole in front of the Monument to bury the new time capsule, they have had a vault donated to the committee, and the time capsule will be placed inside and filled with wax so no water can seep into it. They intend to ask all organizations, business, committees and classes in Town to write letters to put into the time capsule they would also like to put a Town Report of the year in there, and some other things to show what the Town is like in 2008.

B. Sargent showed the board a painting of Arthur Pollard, which was painted by Bob Gabloski, he has requested to have the portrait hung in the Town Hall until after the celebration, and then it will go to the Historical Society to be on display.

N. Major showed the board a book of poetry by "Peaslee" in which was dedicated to the Town of Plaistow, that he would like to have some of the poems about Plaistow read during the celebration.

J. Sherman said that it is the consensus of the Board to allow the regiment on the green, and the Committee will have the grounds for the celebration for the entire weekend, of September 12th through the 14th. He also said it is the consensus of the Board to grant permission for the Committee to look for the time capsule with no disturbance to the Monument and for the Committee to dig a whole to bury the new time capsule, and he said that it was the consensus of the Board to allow the reenactment group to stay over night on the grounds.

J. Sherman asked whom can people contact if they want to buy ad space, buy tickets or if they want to write something to go into the time capsule?

N. Major said that they can contact, N. Major, or B. Sargent, and there are only 220 tickets available for the Dinner Dance.

J. Sherman added to the consensus of the board to have the Town Manager find a location for the portrait.

N. Major and B. Sargent left the Board at 8:20pm.

Public Announcement: D. Poliquin said that J. Hoch will continue as Interim capacity until a new Town Manager is in place.

SELCTMAN REPORTS:

L. Gil: No report

C. Blinn: No report

J. Sherman: Meet with the Recreation Commission last week, they discussed the opening of the Recreation Facility which is Saturday April 19th, the ribbon cutting will be at 9am, he requested that all Selectmen be there if possible. The Commission discussed the naming of the Facility, their recommendation is to name it PARC (Plaistow Athletic Recreation Complex). They also discussed that Friends of Recreation has been more active, and if anyone wants to be a part of it to call the Town Hall, and they are actively seeking funds.

D. Poliquin: will me meeting with the Public's Safety Complex.

R. Gray: Has a meeting with the Planning Board on Wednesday night, and he will be there for the ribbon cutting on Saturday morning.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

J. Hoch had a request from the Library Trustees to appoint Scott Lane as an alternate Trustee. He's been a Trustee for many years and decided not to run for re-election, but he is still interested in the Library.

He also received a letter regarding a notice requesting a waiver on the penalty interest. The reason was because the tax bill was mailed to a different address. J. Hoch pointed out that the Tax Collector made a comment, which was given to the Board.

- D. Poliquin made a motion to not waive the tax penalty, C. Blinn seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0-0 all in favor of not waiving the penalty interest on the tax bill.

J. Hoch gave the Board a copy of Motions to extend time for service and contempt in the Town versus Silva case.

J. Hoch has a stack of wage change forms regarding the April 1st Cost of Living adjustment that that he would like to sign. He has implemented the change as scheduled, but has not signed off on the documentation. The Board gave J. Hoch the ok to sign the forms.

J. Hoch passed a letter that Leigh drafted to the DOT regarding sidewalks. He told the board that a couple of items need to be determined; one being the approximate amount of the Town's share and second whether or not they can secure a donation toward the share from the primary commercial beneficiary of the sidewalk. He is looking at contacts for businesses that would possibly want to support actions of a sidewalk. He would like to put some price estimates before anyone embraces the idea.

J. Hoch received a response from Chief McArdle to the question about fire and utility lines. The response stated, "the electric services between utility poles are not insulated. The service connection from a pole to a user will be insulated. There were no service connections to this building." On the cable side, the PCV jacket will get soft at 270-280 degrees and start to flow after that.

Chief McArdle also passed along a list of the results from the MDA fill the boot campaign from 2007, Plaistow raised \$7,117 which ranked 6th on the list of participating communities.

J. Hoch gave to the board a list of recommendations for summer recreation staff. J. Sherman said that it is the consensus of the board to have J. Hoch hire the summer staff.

The Recreation Commission voted to recommend naming the Old County Road Fields PARC- Plaistow Area Recreation Complex

- R. Gray made a motion to name the new park on County Road PARC, D. Poliquin seconded the motion and there was a discussion; D. Poliquin asked if they are naming all the fields PARC or will each field be named individually? J. Sherman said the Recreation Commission wants to hold a naming contest for each individual field, and have children in the community enter submissions on their ideas for the fields, this is the idea will be for names for the fields for the first year. The vote was 5-0-0 all in favor.

J. Hoch he received a memo from the Police Chief recommending approval of the American Diabetes Assn.'s Tour de Cure. J. Hoch gave a copy of the packet to the Board.

The week of April 13-19th is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. They have prepared a proclamation recognizing the dispatch department. The Board members all have a copy of the proclamation. And J. Sherman read the statement.

J. Hoch cave the board copy's of e-mails from Corcoran staff about the Ron Brown current use question. Their response is "right now the road is the only thing that comes out since the value is in building lots which will come out when some sort of construction begins."

J. Hoch received an update from Wil on BTLA hearings are scheduled for July 17th. He gave the Board the memo. He has two properties that he pans to reinspect on the list of six. J. Sherman suggested that the assessing agent stay firm and defend his numbers. He also asked if they could schedule for Wil to come in to an upcoming meeting and discuss the comparison on other towns.

J. Hoch forwarded a link to the staff GIS website to see how they are working on updates and to give the Board a chance to explore the interface. They are still looking for a launch in May with the staff section, password protected as well as public section accessible through the Town's website. Also the zoning layer has been updated in GIS, and the Assessing layer is being worked on now.

J. Hoch has the Normandeau contract for landfill monitoring he suggested it be approved the total fee is \$20,750, no change from the previous year. The board gave him the ok to proceed with the contract.

There was a request from R. Gray to consider Sunday sales licensing. J. Hoch gave the Board a copy of an RSA enabling a Sunday sales licensing. Salem charges \$50/year and Manchester uses a fee based on the size of the business, \$50 for the first 1500 square feet, and \$2 per 100 square feet thereafter. J. Hoch said that the Town of Plaistow does not have a thorough business databases since there is no reason for them to keep one for all sectors. They do log business data at certificate of occupancy, time and or temp sign permits. However there is no protocol for updating the information. R. Gray explained the RSA, which say's that no person shall keep a shop open on the "Lord's Day" however the statue gives the governing body of the town to do what they will with the law. R. Gray explained that there are a couple parts of the discussion; first of all how do they regulate the businesses? Secondly what to set as a fee, and how do they determine the cost of service?

J. Sherman suggested that they get a legal opinion on the matter of whether the RSA still exists, and if there are any stipulations that they do not know on it. J. Hoch will work on getting the legal opinion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

D. Poliquin said the board needed to discuss the Town Manager Hiring process. J. Sherman excused himself from the conversation, and the rest of the meeting. D. Poliquin explained that J. Sherman is not able to participate in the discussion because he submitted an application for Town Manager. He also explained that because J. Sherman cannot participate in any discussions regarding the hiring of a Town Manager the Board feels it would be best if they had a sit in fifth member for the process, incase they need to make a vote and they have a 2-2 stand still. The sit in member needs to be a former member of the BOS. J. Hoch suggested the board all write three names that come to mind, and he will tally them up and call the first person, and if they are not available he will go down the list and call the second person, and so on...

After J. Hoch tallied the names on the Board member's lists Michelle Curran and Norm Major was the top two names.

- L. Gil made a motion to have J. Hoch contact Michelle Curran to ask if she would sit in for the hiring process, if she is not available he will call Norm Major, and if he is not available he will call the third person on the list. C. Blinn seconded the motion, and the vote was 4-0-0 all in favor.
- L. Gil made a motion to adjourn the meeting, C. Blinn seconded the motion, the vote was 4-0-0 all in favor.

D. Poliquin adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted
Christine Metcalf