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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: June 23, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:19 pm

SELECTMAN PRESENT:

Chairman, John Sherman
Vice-Chairman, Dan Poliquin
Selectman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, Robert Gray,
Selectman, Larry Gil

PUBLIC PRESENT

Merilyn Senter

MINUTES:

- D. Poliquin made a motion to approve the minutes from June 9th, C. Blinn seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0-1, L. Gil abstained because he was absent the week of June 9th. Minutes from June 16th are postponed until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Merilyn Senter passed out a portfolio to the Board, it is from the Government Task Force for Transportation. They will soon require every section of the State to have a type of public transportation. CART will be effected by this new requirement. The transportation system is being added on to the Medicaid system.

J. Sherman asked M. Senter if the portfolio discussed any rail service. M. Senter said it does not it is strictly a transit system. And she also explained how there is no transportation fund in NH it is only a Highway fund. And she urges people to elect candidates who support transit and public transportation as well as changing the funding to a transportation fund.

M. Senter left at 7:25

J. Sherman congratulated the Timberland High school Softball team for winning the Championships.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

J. Hoch received the April and May property transfers, he put them in the folders for the Board.

He received a letter from DES regarding a notice of compliance to condominiums they are provided as information, and they require no action by the Town.

He has received a notice from the EPA that all the paperwork has been submitted to close out previous Beede Reuse Grant.

J. Hoch put a report from Executive Councilor Hollingworth in the FYI folder for the Board.

He also told the board about a letter from Jim and Janice Michienzi regarding the use of an "easement" owned by Town to access the rear of the property. He looked into this issue earlier this year and determined that unlike an official easement, in which someone retains ownership of the land and grants a right to access or use across a property, this strip of land was intended as an easement but came to the Town outright. The abutters to the rear are looking for occasional and limited access to the rear of the property. It seems that they may need access for one of those uses, pool propane tank, refilling sooner, rather than later. The abutters on Secluded Circle have raised concerns about vehicles coming through the cul-de-sac where their children are playing. The three families will likely be in on Monday, J. Hoch has advised them that he is sharing the letter.

J. Hoch received over 80 applications for the part-time Office Assistant job. He and Nikki identified 8 candidates to interview, of those 5 actually showed up for the interviews. They put the resumes from the top three candidates in the FYI folder for the board. J. Hoch and Nikki agree on the recommendation to hire, the person will primarily be working with Nikki for orientation. He would like to put together a conditional offer of employment for the top candidate with a reservation that if something does not work out, they would move to one of the other two candidates. His expectation is that starting pay for two of the candidates would be between \$13 and \$15 per hour, with no health insurance benefit at part time. J. Sherman said that it is the consensus of the board that J. Hoch proceed with offer the first candidate the position of part-time Office Assistant, and if they decline than to move to the second and/or third candidate. J. Sherman also gave a piece of advice regarding hiring searches on Monster.com,

and that is to use a separate email account, and to delete the account after the process.

J. Hoch put a copy of the MOU from Bill Scully in the FYI folder for the Board. It finishes equipment grant from Department of State for base station radio.

J. Hoch said that Leigh has been following up with DOT regarding potential changes at Elm Street and Main Street intersection and they will be meeting with a representative next week.

He said the school payment schedule is in the folder for the board and the first payment is coming up due in July. He is not concerned about not being able to make the payment because tax bills are due July first and they have already started coming in. J. Sherman asked if the school needs that amount by July first. J. Hoch said that they have a dept that they need the money for, in the future and later in the season they are more flexible. J. Sherman wants to coordinate with the school, better in the future, so they do not need as large of a sum at the same time other bills are due.

J. Hoch put a copy of a memo from Chief Savage in the FYI folder for the board noting that "wanted" individuals and their photos are on the Police Departments Investigations/hotsheet on their website.

Also J. Hoch has in the FYI folder for the board is the annual contract for service for Universe software. Wil recommends that it be signed. It is slightly less than budgeted. J. Sherman said that it is the consensus of the board to approve the contract.

He received an email from NHMA, with the projected retirement rates with passage of HB 1645 listed, they are ballpark figures and will be effective July 1, 2009. General employees go from 8.77% to 9.09%, Police from 11.84% to 12.68% and Fire from 15.392% to 16.05% on 2008 budget, this would be an impact of around \$ 33,000.

He received a note from the Tax Collector there is a copy in the FYI folder for the board, reminding of taxes and penalties owed on Beede properties, the amount as of June 16th is approximately \$1.15 million. J. Sherman said the money has to be resolved before the deed changes hands? And he thinks that there should be no deal it is \$1.15 million and that is what they will expect if the property does change ownership.

J. Hoch also said that the slides from the Beede presentation are up on the website for everyone to see.

He put a packet in the FYI folder for the Board from Pennichuck Water above a proposed well easement for property off Culver Street. It would be worthwhile to consider what direction the board may want to proceed. He has included some historic information as well; Mike has suggested that asking Pennichuck to consider buying the property. He asked the board to review and ask the interim Town Administrator to follow-up.

J. Hoch said that he is trying to organize and make lists and sort out all the work for the Interim Town Administrator.

J. Sherman asked J. Hoch if he had any feed back from the water treatment meeting in Newton, J. Hoch has not heard anything but will look into it.

J. Hoch said that the downstairs floor in the Town Hall has been replaced, he is putting together a list of things to be finished for the Town Hall renovations. Financially they are in good shape, they were holding off on some of the smaller jobs until the bigger things had been done, and now they are finding themselves in good standings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Sherman said that the summer meeting schedule will be July 14th and 28th, and August 11th and 25th.

L. Gil suggested that if they are not meeting for 3 weeks than maybe they should meet between next week and the 14th.

J. Sherman added July 7th to the meeting, and he asked J. Hoch to confirm the summer schedule with Ruth to get it on the calendar and with Bob to make sure there is cable coverage.

J. Sherman suggested they have Wil at their meeting on July 28th. J. Hoch will get it on the schedule.

J. Sherman also reminded everyone that CART will be at Old Home Days.

L. Gil asked for a report on the Recreation Fields. J. Hoch said that he has not heard anything but will check, and will make sure they get a report to L. Gil.

L. Gil also asked about the DOT issue on North Main Street? J. Hoch has not heard anything yet.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

J. Sherman reminded the Board to sign the documents in the signature folder.

SELCMAN REPORTS:

L. Gil: Had a good time in North Carolina scoping out retirement villas! But also explained that he did not want to "brag" it wasn't all play.

C. Blinn: Old Home Day's will be Saturday and continuing on Sunday. He is hoping the weather is good. They have everything in place, and he hopes everyone shoes up. They will have a WWII vet truck that will be in the parade. And he is confident that everything will go well.

J. Sherman said that there is a full schedule on the website and it is posted on the doors to the Town Hall.

J. Sherman: Recreation meeting was canceled their next one is July 9th. He reminded everyone that it is a recycle week. Also that summer recreation starts next week. And July 2nd starts summer band concerts.

D. Poliquin: Family Mediation meeting last week, he learned that bus trip bullying is much greater than assumed. Although the bus ride bullying has reached a high the bus drivers are not allowed to deal with the situations. The only thing they can do is pull over and radio for help from a Police Officer or School Official. Bus cameras have been talked about, and they are on some, however they are expensive, and the cameras they do have are low quality. The incidences they have caught on camera has led to prosecutions. The incidents in which the State is involved create sometimes more of a problem because it does not allow for the bus drivers, or companies or the school to get involved and then the problem escalates. The biggest problem appears to be in the middle schools. Also Connected Communities Timberlane outreach is showing a decrease in numbers of drug use, however, an increase in alcohol usage in the middle and high school students.

D. Poliquin also said that they have completed interviews for Interim Town Administrator and they will make a public announcement next week.

R. Gray: had a Planning Board meeting, they had a public hearing regarding a used car lot on a site. Also a public hearing on Tesla they want to put two companies on the site one for a "Green Machine" and one that creates concrete barriers. Both of the hearings have been postponed. They need to hear more information from Tesla.

The board discussed what "light industrial" means, R. Gray said there is no definition and that is why its so difficult to determine whether it is proper use of the site or not. He also stated that it is an ongoing process and the property owners have rights, it is much to early to say whether it is a permitted use of the site or not until they get more information to the planning board.

C. Blinn discussed passing out candy at the parade, he thinks it is enjoyable and a tradition, but he understands the concerns that it can become hectic and they loose their place, he suggested maybe they find some volunteers to pass out candy on their behalf?

J. Sherman explained that it is more important for the Board of Selectman to march with the people that they invite to march in the parade rather than be lost somewhere handing out candy. But he said that if it is that important to C. Blinn than he is welcome to do so, or find other people to do so as he suggested.

- R. Gray made a motion to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II (a) and 91-A:3II (b), D. Poliquin seconded the motion the motion passed 5-0-0. J. Sherman will stay for this nonpublic.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted
Christine Metcalf