



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES:**

**DATE:** Monday, March 30, 2009

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:33 pm

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:**

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin  
Vice Chairman, Robert Gray  
Selectman, Charles Blinn - excused  
Selectman, Michelle Curran  
Selectman, John Sherman  
Sean Fitzgerald – Town Manager

**MINUTES:**

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Minutes of March 9, 2009 with changes to page 2 & 3.***

***2nd by M. Curran.***

***Vote 4-0-0.***

***Motion passes.***

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Minutes of March 23, 2009 with change to page 1.***

***2nd by M. Curran.***

***Vote 3-0-1.***

***Abstain: R. Gray.***

***Motion passes.***

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Non Public Minutes of March 23, 2009 as written.***

***2nd by M. Curran.***

***Vote 3-0-1.***

***Abstain: R. Gray.***

***Motion passes.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one from the public wishing to comment.

## **AGENDA:**

### **Friends of Rec - Donations**

Present were Kristin Lewis Savage, President of Friends of Rec, Rec Members: Ed Aziz, Ernie Sheltrie, Wendy Moley, Leona Stevens and Carli Sarty, Rec Director.

K. Lewis Savage brings the Board up to date as to what Friends of Rec has been doing recently: dance at the Fish and Game; different fundraising activities, Domino's Pizza card and Bricks & Benches; bringing back Cow Patti Bingo at Old Home Day; judges and volunteers that are needed; and fundraising being geared for the purchase of the play scape at Old County Road. She discusses the play scape being made from recycled plastic, which is safe and environmentally friendly, eye pleasing and the 100 year guarantee. She explains details to the Board regarding the play scape and the areas that the children will be utilizing and presents a book to the Board which has pictures of the different types of swings. She discusses stability of the rec field ground and it being ready for new equipment; the sizeable donation by Friends of Rec and the value of equipment and freight.

C. Malette discussed site evaluation; field's drainage (infield and outfield); young children having area to play while older siblings are playing ball.

J. Sherman thanked Friends of Rec for contribution and noted they have not been active for a few years however they are getting more involved and getting others involved which is fantastic. He attended the dance thrown by Friends of Rec and thanked all for their time and participation.

K. Lewis Savage thanked the Plaistow Fish and Game for their facility donation; bartenders; DJ's contribution; local people who helped; and she noted the 148 participants had a great time.

J. Sherman discussed Public Hearing needed for the Board to accept the funds.

K. Lewis Savage discussed delivery of equipment and noted that shipping, installation and the product will be paid for by the donation.

M. Curran inquired if there is a downside to the donation and if there is any impact to the Town.

K. Lewis Savage discussed future maintenance of the equipment.

M. Curran inquired if there is money in the budget to incur Al Hoyt and Dan Garlington's costs.

S. Fitzgerald discussed not seeing significant costs, evaluation of the field; conversation with Dan Garlington; magnitude of donation and deploying whatever resources he can.

R. Gray discussed holding a hearing for next week and noted according to the RSA that there is a need for a 7 day posting prior to the Public Hearing.

J. Sherman noted consensus of the Board is to support a Public Hearing and for Sean to post it appropriately.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Friends of Rec purchasing goods and the RSA being different. He noted he will look into this and report back to the Board regarding notices, postings and newspaper articles for goods being donated, not money.

D. Poliquin noted consensus of the Board is for Friends of Rec to go forward.

Board thanked Friends of Rec for their donation.

### **Tim Moore & Larry Gil – Garden Road Bridge**

Present were: Tim Moore, Planning Board Vice Chairman; Larry Gil, Planning Board Member; Steve Ranlett, Planning Board Chairman and Leigh Komornick, Town Planner.

S. Fitzgerald discussed him and Tim Moore travelled to Concord to discuss the Garden Road Bridge project. He thanked Tim for his participation. He discussed his packet regarding Snow's Brook Development and indicated was just information for the Board.

M. Curran inquired if this project was formerly known as the Fairway Oaks Project.

L. Komornick indicated yes.

T. Moore discussed joint meeting with Planning Board and BOS; helping each other out and having a planning summit with Conservation Commission, Planning Board, ZBA and BOS to map out where they want to go as a Town.

S. Fitzgerald discussed relationship with governing body and Land Use Board; Federal requirements and Conservation coming together; various expectations, roles and responsibilities a group would have.

J. Sherman inquired about the outcome; would there be a document and/or an updated/improved Master Plan and he discussed prescreening.

R. Gray discussed economic lines and a team of people to help facilitate that process. He held a discussion pertaining to other communities and how they are helping economic development.

L. Komornick discussed plan reviews after they come into the office.

M. Curran discussed putting in safe guards ahead of time, asking the community what they want, strategically putting rules in books, guiding people through the process and guidance for development in our community.

S. Ranlett discussed having a committee in place prior to the Planning Board or ZBA. He noted that he likes the economic development however he doesn't think the Board should be involved in the sale of the land but wants to see the empty buildings being filled. He discussed constructing some type of committee.

Board members held discussion regarding committee.

S. Fitzgerald discussed numerous boards and committees; productivity and potential.

L. Gil discussed Town needs to have a better focus of where it wants to go. He discussed water sources, well fields and 50-year drought.

T. Moore discussed committees, plans and budgetary items.

J. Sherman and T. Moore discussed the Master plan and what it included.

L. Komornick discussed summit; ordinances and gave example of elderly housing complex.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the Garden Road Bridge, trip to Concord, Nancy Mayville, head of Department of Transportation's local projects, amendments to the designs, developing a shovel ready project and significant efforts and coordination.

J. Sherman discussed personally, he thought the Land Use Summit would be good; he wants documents to come out of the summit, something specific like a review of the Master Plan. He discussed what the Master Plan should include.

Board held discussion regarding rezoning; sidewalks; use of impact fees and items that failed at Town Meeting.

S. Fitzgerald discussed reviewing design; terrific attention to Garden Road Bridge; Tim's participation; Town being well positioned and the shovel ready project. He noted they are not guaranteed the money but are looking at getting 100% of the money if funded.

Board discussed getting 80% back for the design project; construction being 100% funded and having already raised the engineering cost for the Garden Road Bridge.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

S. Fitzgerald discussed Regional Selectman Meeting being Thursday, April 2 and all Area Selectmen have been contacted (Sandown, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Atkinson, Danville, East Kingston and Chester). He discussed extensive time spent working with Representative Norm Major regarding saving the courthouse and noted they are working very closely with local police to help identify the local impact.

D. Poliquin discussed Sunday's newspaper article that lead people to believe the closing of the courthouse would save the State 2 million dollars. He discussed how this will not save 2 million dollars but will impact 6 communities and in no way will Plaistow save that much money. He thanked the Board for being available to sign the letter written on the courthouse.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Ice Storm Clean Up information and noted the residents are taking advantage of the landfill being open earlier than normal. He discussed no charge to residents and the flyer posted on the Town's web site. Landfill is open from 7-3, Monday-Saturday and folks are getting in relatively quickly. He discussed Saturday May 9th from 9-12 is Household Hazardous Waste Day and the present participants are Plaistow, Atkinson, Hampstead, Danville

(with us waiting on Chester and Kingston). He discussed the cost is reflected in the percentage of participants from each town and Plaistow is the host for this Spring Household Hazardous Day at the rec field on Old County Rd.

J. Sherman suggested to Sean to coordinate with Carli to make sure she did not hosting anything out there that day.

S. Fitzgerald discussed his meeting this past Tuesday with Michael Collins, CEO of Merrimack Valley Hospital, and Mary O'Neil, Director of Marketing for Merrimack Valley Hospital. He noted that this meeting was planned by Warren Gerety, Chamber of Commerce Southern NH Division Manager. He gave a brief overview of changes made regarding capital improvements.

J. Sherman discussed hospice being built on North Avenue in Haverhill and inquired if it is available for NH residents. He asked Sean to look into who it serves.

S. Fitzgerald discussed repairs to Highway Department Vehicles: unexpected breakdown of major equip - Front End Loader (blown a gasket and will require a couple of days to fix, noting this piece of equipment was currently being used at the landfill); 1987 Ford Backhoe (thermostat went); and the 2006 F-350 Pickup (needs brakes to meet the NH State Inspection requirements). These repairs are ultimately attributed to the heavy usage during this past winter season. He discussed the meeting he attended with the Public Health Director, Dennise Horrocks, at Parkland Medical Center, noting he met with the CEO of the hospital, Anne Jamison, to discuss public health concerns as a region. He discussed Healthy Hands and different strategies to help people on tight budgets.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

M. Curran discussed a phone call she received from the company that did the curtains for Town Hall whereas they inquired if the Board would write a letter of recommendation for her portfolio.

Board held discussion regarding letter.

S. Fitzgerald indicated he will get her contact information, draft a recommendation letter and then present the draft letter to the Board.

M. Curran asked Sean to have ready for the Public Hearing the costs associated with the project ready for when people ask.

D. Poliquin asked Sean to find out information regarding groundskeepers taking care of the play scape surface currently at Ingalls Terrace.

R. Gray requested for Sean to gather sidewalk information and to put on the agenda.

#### **SIGNATURE FOLDER:**

D. Poliquin noted the Signature Folder, FYI Folder and Manifest are going around.

#### **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:**

M. Curran discussed quiet week, very good life as a Selectmen and nothing to report.

D. Poliquin discussed attending the grand opening at Primo Pasta last Tuesday evening which was a very nice event. The Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Southern NH Division hosted the event and he met a lot of new people and saw some that he hadn't seen in awhile. He spoke with the CEO of the Merrimack Valley Hospital; met Alice from Small Business Administration (SBA) and discussed SBA having an office in Concord and them looking to work with small businesses in NH.

S. Fitzgerald discussed SBA being here, pleased to see a Director of an office, in Plaistow working with the community and working with local banks and getting their money to work for the small businesses.

D. Poliquin discussed meeting tomorrow morning with Sean and Larry.

S. Fitzgerald noted the meeting is to get an update from Jim Jajuga of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce regarding a letter that the Board sent to the MBTA.

D. Poliquin discussed Regional Selectmen Meeting Thursday, April 2 at 7pm.

R. Gray discussed he was in Florida last week and no meetings last week, however, the previous week there was a Planning Board meeting where CLD Engineers came in to hammer out minor issues that the board was having; Steve Ranlett is the Chair of the Planning Board and Tim Moore is Vice Chair; there is a Planning Board meeting Wednesday night; the Regional Selectmen Meeting is Thursday and there is a Public Hearing on a automotive garage at 3 Duston Ave.

J. Sherman discussed no meeting this past week; he went to the Friends of Rec dance and they raised around \$3,000, there was 148 people there and it was a terrific event; Carli sent out the 2009 Rec Calendar and he notes there is a lot of things on there; coming up on April 10 is the Toddler Easter Egg Hunt on the Town Green at 11:00; April 11 is the Town Easter Egg Hunt ages 6-12 at 10:00 am and he reminds all to bring an Easter baskets to collect all the Easter eggs.

D. Poliquin discussed Rabies Clinic, Saturday, April 4th at the Fire Station starting at 10:00 am; Mosquito control going on and reviewing areas in Town beginning April 13; Notice of Appointment for Family Mediation needed for himself and Barbara Tavition and he announced that Mrs. Colcord has passed away; she worked at the Pollard Library and on different committees in Town. He gives his condolences to her family.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Audrey Michaud