



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, April 20, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 pm

SELECTMEN:

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

Cable Commission – Recommendation to Position (John (Jay) DeRoche)

J. DeRoche approached podium and discussed his background, professional training and how he handled the camera and volunteered to be part of the Cable Committee.

S. Fitzgerald thanked Jay for volunteering.

N. Bouchard (Cable Committee Member) discussed the ideas given by Jay, thanked him for volunteering and noted that he is highly recommended by the Cable Committee Members. He also noted the Cable Committee is seeking more volunteers if anyone is interested.

Board members welcomed Jay and signed the volunteer warrant article.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jill Senter, Conservation Commission Member, discussed Arbor Day and invited the Board of Selectmen to their first annual Arbor Day Celebration which is 5pm on Friday, April 24 whereas a flowering chestnut and weeping cherry tree will be planted on Town Hall Green. Representative Norm Major and Scouts will be attending and there will be a few short words, cider and donuts. The Conservation Commission has also received a certificate for the membership to Liberty Research for 6 trees purchased which will be planted at the new rec field on the 30th. She also noted that the Conservation Commission is also looking for another member to volunteer and information will be put on the cable scroll.

AGENDA:

Field Use (policy & fees) – Carli & Rec Commission

Carli Sarty, Rec Director, was present to discuss Field/Facility Reservation and Use Policy. She discussed why she was there and the wording changes to the policy.

Board Members and C. Sarty discussed changes made.

Motion by J. Sherman to accept the Field/Facility Reservation and Use Policy as presented on April 20th.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion passes.

C. Sarty noted the first team used the field this past weekend, Timberlane Youth Lacrosse, and they were very excited.

After Action – Town Report (Martha, Joyce, Sarah, Leigh, Audrey)

Martha Sumner, Joyce Ingerson, Sarah Gibbs, Leigh Komornick and Audrey Michaud were present to discuss the Town Report.

S. Fitzgerald discussed After Action Item on the Town Report and how to better the Town Report going forward. He thanked the Committee Members and Town Employees who poured time and effort into the Town Report. He discussed some of the ideas and what worked well and what they would like to see going forward. He thanked Sarah for stepping up, leading and helping out with the coordinating and completion of the Town Report. He discussed the savings by using a NH based printing company which Sarah found.

M. Sumner discussed group effort and pulling it all together.

R. Gray thanked the Committee Members and the Employees for their participation.

J. Sherman noted that the Town report is important in communicating with tax payers and Town residents. He noted he was excited that Martha, Joyce and Bob stepped up. He couldn't put as much time in as he wanted, however he was impressed with the replacement. He discussed grading and scoring for an award and noted that the financial information is the first bit of information to get looked at and then the other stuff.

S. Fitzgerald thanked Sarah, Leigh and Audrey for their contributions on the coordinating of the Town Report and noted he submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen for recognition of these members and a copy will be placed in their employment jacket.

Board thanked all for their participation.

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Motion by M. Curran to approve Minutes of April 6, 2009 as written.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion passes.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed working with school district in regards to payments and goal of his being to avoid a TAN.

R. Gray inquired if Sean was still anticipating a TAN.

S. Fitzgerald discussed possibility of taking a TAN in the Fall and the financial equity to get through; avoidance of a TAN; struggling times; tough decisions; difficult year and doing what we must.

R. Gray and S. Fitzgerald discussed professional counseling to address these challenges and options for changing taxes.

R. Gray discussed the option of the Beede Tax Lien.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Until meeting regarding Wildbrook Drive and EPA and the significant efforts of the Consent Decree for the Beede.

J. Sherman discussed number of trucks and route they will be taking.

R. Gray noted that would not come into play until final decision which will be next April.

M. Curran discussed being an abutter and them keeping to hours of operation; they have been respectful and assumed in good faith they would continue.

Board discussed items to be put on agenda, communications, Consent Decree and bridge issue.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the April 9th Public Hearing on the Ice Storm; Garden Road Bridge; Town Hall Open House, Sunday, May 17; Plaistow Cable Commission meeting on April 9th and the outstanding issues; meeting with Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization and the attendance of 30 area selectmen; follow up with MBTA; Larry Gil and the tour of Westville home site which was enormous; Highway Safety Committee meeting of April 14 which was to review Town Code; Public Safety Committee meeting of April 10 and the detailed walk through of the Police Department; Spring Non Metal Collection Week and the 64 tons that was collected in Plaistow; Household Hazardous Waste Day on May 9; the April 24th Legislative meeting at Sawyer's Banquet for the Southern NH Chamber; US Census walking through the neighborhoods; Arbor Day this Friday at 5pm on Town Hall Green and the first time witness to the Easter Egg Hunt, which was a wonderful event. He thanked Carli for all her hard work, the Easter Bunny and the women who stuffed the Easter eggs.

R. Gray discussed the hearing with Governor's Budget Director on Thursday and suggested one Selectman should be there along with the Police Chief.

OTHER BUSINESS:

M. Curran inquired if the Board of Selectmen have signed the Comcast contract.

S. Fitzgerald noted that they have not signed the contract.

M. Curran inquired if the Town still receives complaints regarding service.

S. Fitzgerald noted yes and discussed an individual and a recent situation.

R. Gray inquired if Sean found out about Boy Scouts paying for their booth at Old Home Day.

S. Fitzgerald discussed conversation with Scout Leader.

R. Gray discussed Sweet Hill Road.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Sweet Hill Road not on 2009 work schedule however, he will coordinate a meeting with Dan Garlington and Representative Norm Major regarding such. He also discussed the NH Department of Revenue reporting of the presentation of the Town Warrants and stipulating specific protocol for language. He noted DRA will be coming to Town Hall for a day of training regarding how to fill out MS-7, 2, and 4 reports so it captures grants and other funds as part of the Warrant Articles.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

R. Gray noted the Signature folder has items inside that required signatures.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

M. Curran discussed:

- NH chamber of Commerce meeting and attendees: Laura Bistany, Cliff Sinot, Warren Gerety, and Leigh Komornick; she noted it was a very good meeting, good goal in mind, important that the Town stay involved to benefit everyone.
- The loss of power on April 9 and the phone call to Unitil. She discussed busy signal, automated system, punching in info, getting busy signal, calling back, automated voice, and the concerns being passed on to Todd Black, Vice President of Unitil, by Sean. She noted Todd was eager to work with the Town, wants to set things right and is trying to work with the Town.
- Received thank you note from Nancy Doucette of Fancy Nancy's who received the Thank You Note, and noted Nancy was touched by the letter of recommendation.

C. Blinn discussed:

- Conservation Commission meeting.
- Town Forrest
- Arbor Day.
- The premier opening of the movie 27 Down which had scenes of Plaistow in it (Town Hall, the Municipal Court in Plaistow, and B&J's Auto Body which he owns). He thanked Ruthie for giving the information out regarding an autobody shop in Plaistow. He noted Plaistow was well represented.

R. Gray discussed:

- NIMS 700 course; the heavily steeped government language and the course being very extensive.
- Planning board meeting which consisted of approving minutes, continuation on Fairway Oaks because they had to get a special acceptance/variance of the ZBA and approving a hot dog stand on Route 125 next to the Getty Station and Dunkin Donuts

J. Sherman:

- Rabies Clinic at Safety Complex couple of weeks ago went very well. He noted to the public if you have not registered, you should, there is a fine involved if you do not.
- Rec meeting last week went over field use policy.
- Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday which had a good crowd even though it was very cold.
- PUC hearing which he spoke at, noting the discussion was on the idea of service level agreement which there doesn't seem to be one; nothing to penalize Unitil for; penalties to Unitil for this kind of outage or if they do not meet their obligations. He noted the meeting was mostly to collect information; how long power should be out if this ever happens again; communication problems; power of PUC is to change authority to act in the best interest of the public; underground power line; bill in State House to put all lines underground; amateur radio operators and trees and ownership to homeowners.

M. Curran noted that Unitil has added to their phone system; you can now add up to three phone numbers for Unitil to recognize.

Board discussed magnitude of power outage and time lapse.

Motion by J. Sherman to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3,II(b) hiring of a public employee; RSA 91-A:3,II(e) consideration of lawsuits and RSA 91-A:3II(c) matters of reputation.

2nd by M. Curran

Board polled:

M. Curran = yes; C. Blinn = yes; R. Gray = yes; J. Sherman = yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Michaud

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