



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, August 10, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:39 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Selectman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, John Sherman - excused

Vice Chairman, Robert Gray
Selectman, Michelle Curran - excused
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

MINUTES:

Motion by R. Gray to approve Minutes of July 27, 2009 as written.

2nd by C. Blinn.

Vote 3-0-0.

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Poliquin noted no public wishing to speak.

AGENDA:

Branden Birmingham – Painting Gazebo

D. Poliquin introduced Branden Birmingham to the Board and discussed his force behind the painting of the gazebo this year.

The Board thanked Branden for his efforts in painting the gazebo.

S. Fitzgerald told a story of his viewing the gazebo and the chipping paint.

B. Birmingham discussed his project: people within his troop, Troop 18, helped him out. They went through different sections, scraping and painting. It was easy to do. This was part of his Eagle Scout attainment. He only has one more merit badge left.

S. Fitzgerald noted that Branden saved the Town a significant amount of money by completing this project. He was very fortunate to have the scouts and parent involved during this project. On behalf of the Town he thanked him and extended his gratitude to Troop 18 for their efforts.

B. Birmingham introduced a Scout from Troop 18, Adam Nicol.

A. Nicol discussed his participation in scraping and the start of the first coat of paint. This project gave him service hours and he has 2 merit badges left to complete.

Board thanked both Scouts for participating in the gazebo painting project.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Rockingham Economic Development Commission (REDC) and the meeting to discuss the participation in the agency's Brownfield identification program and the potentially eligible funding under their grant program. He submitted pictures of potential redevelopment sites to the Board for their viewing. He noted this program would possibly work well for Plaistow and used the clock tower as an example.

D. Poliquin inquired about DRED and their Brownfield requirements conflicting with REDC.

S. Fitzgerald discussed no conflict and going hand and hand with that activity.

- Teamster Union Negotiations upcoming meeting; his handout of ground rules he had given the Board to review; and noted this was not for discussion, only as an FYI to them.

D. Poliquin inquired when Sean would bring information to the Board.

S. Fitzgerald noted August 24.

- Cable studio opportunities; transition of Bob Carolan; conversation with Dean Zanello from the Timberlane School District who is very knowledgeable about logistics and computer programs; message board which shows all community notices; and potential sites and their evaluation.
- 2010 Budget process which is on the way; development of the Town Budget; families struggling at home due to significant reduction in work force; core services at Town Hall that residents can count on; efficiencies and consolidation. He attached a copy of the Budget Committee's 2010 budget schedule for the review of the Board.
- Capital Improvement Committee meeting forthcoming; the review of the 2010 plan; and several adjustments to align the Master Plan with the CIP Plan.
- Master Plan update; Town's long term vision for future civic development; and assessing both neighborhood and community needs and concerns.
- Plaistow Economic Development Committee meeting which is to be held on Wednesday, August 12th at 3pm at Town Hall.
- Plaistow's premier of 27 Down to be shown at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center on Saturday, August 22.

Mark Harding – Island Creativity

D. Poliquin presented Mark Harding with a Green Thumb award for beautifying Plaistow's islands around his home which is in the vicinity of Town Hall.

The Board thanked Mark for all his hard work.

M. Harding noted he was willing to help other residents in Plaistow with landscaping advice and/or assistance in their beautification.

Board discussed "dumping" sites and notifying police if residents see this type of activity in the community.

OTHER BUSINESS:

D. Poliquin noted that there was no Other Business.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

D. Poliquin noted Signature Folder and Manifest are going around.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

R. Gray discussed:

- Upcoming Planning Board Meeting next Wednesday night. No agenda as of yet, but will report on the meeting afterwards.

D. Poliquin discussed:

- Meeting with Sean and members of the Historical Society to discuss potential use of their area. He noted that information is to be coming to the Board at a future date.
- Family Mediation meeting next week.

C. Blinn discussed:

- He was up north last week.
- Extra safety needed on Main Street especially with kids out walking or on their bikes. He spoke of his Grandson and how he got hit on the corner of West Pine. He noted that he was fine, slightly bruised however parents need to talk to their kids about travelling on Main Street to make sure they are extra careful.

S. Fitzgerald discussed traffic study and making the village safer; no crosswalks in front of Town Hall, changing that and a very busy Main Street as well as a very busy community.

D. Poliquin requested residents in Town who have sidewalks in front of their homes to clean their sidewalks in winter time and if they have shrubs or brush that stick out onto the sidewalk to trim them back to help this situation. He suggested that Sean have the Highway Department take a look at areas such as Main Street, Sweet Hill and along Palmer Avenue. He discussed kids that walk to school and having them be able to use the sidewalks instead of walking on the street. If people clear away the excess brush and shrubbery then the children can walk on the sidewalks

D. Poliquin noted the following items as announcements: This Saturday, the Landfill is open from 7am to 3pm; The Board of Selectmen will not be meeting next Monday; Recycling week is next week; Brian Maes is having a family event on the 30th and Saturday, August 22 the Fire Department will hold a Boot Drive for the MDA.

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3,II (a) Matters of Personnel**Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3,II (e) Matters of Litigation**

Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3,II(a) and (e).

2nd by C. Blinn.

Board members polled: C. Blinn = yes R. Gray = yes D. Poliquin = yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero