



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, June 15, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Selectman, Charles Blinn – arrived 6:37pm
Selectman, John Sherman

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

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve Minutes of June 1, 2009 as written.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote 3-0-1.

Abstain: M. Curran.

Absent from vote: C. Blinn.

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Troop Master, Charles Fowler, from Scout Troop #18 discussed the Time Capsule that was planted back in 1974 in front of Town Hall, under bush in front of Town Manager's office. The time capsule should have been opened back in 1994 however to date it has not, and Charles came to ask the Board for permission to open the capsule on June 22 at 4:30pm. He noted that the Scout Troop would also like to put another capsule back in the ground on Old Home day and to have that capsule scheduled to be opened 30 years later.

Board discussed record keeping on capsules along with unearthing the current items and putting them on display in Town Hall.

S. Fitzgerald discussed placing a bronze plaque on a small stone above ground where the location of the capsule would be for notification of location and time frame of opening.

C. Blinn noted that he will discuss the matter of placing a new time capsule in the ground on Old Home day with the Old Home Day Committee.

AGENDA:

Introduce Summer Rec Staff

D. Poliquin introduced BOS members to Summer Rec Staff.

C. Malette introduced the Summer Recreation Staff: Michael Senter, Katelyn Demmons (Sub Counselor), Kelsey Sadewicz (Volunteer), Carissa Malette, Mike Withee, Kate Gardella, Drew Balanoff, Tara McLaughlin, Adriene Gori, Thomas Paolette, Moira Dhaliwal, Lance Malette, Lyle Carey, Maureen McArdle (Arts and Crafts Director), John Earnshaw (Assistant Director), Phil Sadewicz (Assistant Director), Erin McArdle (Summer Director), Annie Hansbury and Kendra Lee Murphy.

C. Malette thanked all for coming.

D. Poliquin thanked all for coming in and volunteering.

M. Curran thanked Dan, Sean and Carli for making this introduction possible.

Tim Moore, Steve Ranlett - Route 125 Transportation Improvement Program/
Leigh Komornick – Economic Revitalization Zone

Tim Moore, Vice Chair of Planning Board, Leigh Komornick, Town Planner and Mike Dorman, Building Inspector, were present.

T. Moore discussed the Route 125 project noting it has been ongoing for awhile; wanting to modify state transportation improvement program; the increased funding for preliminary work on Route 125; nice to see positive signs that things are moving forward; administrative aspects; meeting with Cliff Sinnott; Federal funds being divided up into a number of areas; transportation enhancement funds; deadline for applying for certain projects; meeting with representative from Wal-Mart and economic development people; large parcel that Wal-Mart was interested in and the state criteria being 400 feet between traffic lights.

M. Dorman discussed and showed location of the 400 feet which is near New England Reptile.

S. Fitzgerald discussed broader vision which would make Route 125 work; conversation with Steve Ranlett, Chairman of the Planning Board; transportation issues forth coming and discussions with NHDOT.

D. Poliquin discussed the serious impact to businesses along the Route 125 strip.

J. Sherman and M. Dorman discussed zone of Commercial I area locations.

Board members discussed zoning area, development options, problems, safety concerns, improvements for Route 125 and feelings toward Route 125.

D. Poliquin read the draft scope of work from Rockingham Planning Commission pertaining to the Plaistow Main Street Traffic Study.

L. Komornick discussed signal warrant analysis.

S. Fitzgerald discussed taking information to NHDOT, defining scope of work, traffic safety, evaluation, state roads, funding, and getting legislative delegations on board.

Consensus of the Board is for Sean to bring this information to the members of the NHDOT.

M. Curran discussed broader look at all businesses along Route 125, not staying to a specific parcel of land and having a broader discussion to help all businesses.

J. Sherman agreed with Michelle. Any parcel of property that is big enough to cause an impact, such as properties with large depth which would be problematic because they could house the biggest stores and be the biggest traffic problems should be studied along with any and all intersections on Main Street should be studied.

Sue Edwards, beige house on the corner of 121A and Old Danville Road approached podium and discussed traffic counting done on her road.

L. Komornick discussed signal warrant analysis done on Danville Road and the request by previous Town Manager. She noted the State does not have this area on their project list.

J. Sherman inquired what the Master plan had to say about encouraging commercial on Rte 125.

T. Moore discussed width and noted it is not mentioned in the plan but it could be looked into. He spoke about pros and cons about rezoning areas on Route 125, holding a series of public hearings, and binding resolution which would support rezoning.

Leigh Komornick – NH Economic Revitalization Zone

S. Fitzgerald discussed follow up from the NH Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) discussions with representatives from Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). He noted ERZ is a New Hampshire designation not the Towns. He discussed the previous meetings topics regarding strategies to help, incentives for business that want to relocate to NH, the effect on market ability, looking at vacancies, areas not being zoned correctly, and the struggle to turn some parcels into a broader utility to be more consistent with commercial vigor.

L. Komornick showed map of zoning locations of Plaistow. She gave overview of properties, ERZ, Industrial I versus Industrial 2, and rail usage for certain areas regarding transportation.

D. Poliquin discussed Tax incentives and noted they are not offered by the Town, they come from DRED.

R. Gray noted he was in favor of this type of program to revitalize through tax credits and discussed his concerns regarding the previous conversation had by the Board regarding land growth.

M. Dorman discussed conversations with other towns and noted this would be something that you would want to do to get on the books in case a developer is looking for an ERZ piece of property.

D. Poliquin inquired if the Board needs to take a vote.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Board would need to vote to support this application submission.

J. Sherman inquired if the designation would affect assessed values of the property in any way.

S. Fitzgerald discussed conversation he had with Wil Corcoran from Corcoran & Assessing.

Motion by R. Gray to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement to go forward with NH Economic Revitalization Zone overlay as recommended by the Planning Board.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Meeting with Wal-Mart's Real Estate Broker, Scott Walker regarding the future potential for a superstore in Plaistow.
- Highway Safety Committee meeting with the Rockingham County Planning Commission regarding the review of traffic management in Plaistow.
- Old County Road sign which was approved at the last BOS meeting is in need of a variance. The memo was in the Selectman's Signature folder for review.

R. Gray discussed that the Board does not need to indicate an approval for a variance regarding a sign on Town property.

D. Poliquin brought up the point regarding the waiving of the fee.

Consensus of Board was for the Chairman to sign/approve the variance and waiving of the fee.

- Meeting with Jeanie Sams from the Department of Revenue Administration regarding the review of the State's administrative responsibility for municipal governments.
- Monthly budget expenditures and revenue reports which were supplied to all Selectmen.
- Intent to Cut Permit for Witch Lane. Paperwork in the Selectmen's Signature folder for review/approval.
- Old County Road's lawn care now being done by the Highway Department.

J. Sherman inquired which budget the money for lawn care was coming from.

S. Fitzgerald noted the leased equipment was coming from the Highway Department budget.

J. Sherman and S. Fitzgerald held a discussion on paving the roads in Town.

- Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, June 10th that was held at Plaistow Town Hall. Cynthia Harrington from Business Recruitment Specialists for the NH Division of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) was present to discuss an overview of the DRED's recruitment efforts.

- Pavement work in Plaistow. He noted that Plaistow's roads were very well maintained however there were several areas in need of improvement.
- Police Department local ordinance that the Chief brought to his attention regarding companies to hire detail officers for Town projects.
- Grant application presented by the Police Chief for funds to support an off road vehicle.

M. Curran inquired about Plaistow Officers having first dibs, how it would affect union, was it for all officers or only Plaistow Officers, how would the grant apply to the Police Department and if it would require additional officers and/or additional hours. She requested Sean to get more information regarding this matter.

S. Fitzgerald noted he will get a draft of the ordinance and send it to the Board for their review.

D. Poliquin inquired the location of where they are going to police.

S. Fitzgerald noted the landfill next to the highway garage.

D. Poliquin inquired about patrolling with currently owned ATVs.

J. Sherman inquired if the Board was being asked tonight to approve this application.

S. Fitzgerald indicated yes and discussed the deadline for the grant application. He suggested having the Police Chief come to the next BOS meeting to answer questions.

Consensus of the Board is to get Board members an electronic copy of the grant application and have the Police Chief attend the next BOS meeting to discuss these issues.

- Old Home Day meeting last Thursday indicated all was moving forward for the weekend of June 27.
- Senator Jean Shaheen's request to hold a meeting at Town Hall on Wednesday, July 22 from 10am-2pm to discuss concerns with Social Security and/or Veteran benefits.

Consensus of Board is that it is okay for Senator Shaheen's Staff to be at Town Hall on July 22.

- New ladder truck has been delivered to the Fire Department and has come with a number of valuable features. Chief McArdle has offered to bring the Fire truck by Town Hall for a few minutes before the next BOS meeting for the Board members to view the truck.
- Salvage Yard Licenses in the Board of Selectmen's Signature Folder for their review and signature.
- Merrimack Valley Hospice Open House which was held on Thursday, June 4th. A very serene and beautiful place.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None noted.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

D. Poliquin noted that the signature folder and manifest were going around.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

M. Curran discussed:

- Honor and pleasure to be asked by Bernadine FitzGerald to plant flowers around Town Hall. She thanked Bernadine FitzGerald, Brenda Major and Goudreault Farm for donation of flowers.
- Her incident/accident and thanked the Fire Department members for help with her unfortunate medical experience.
- Graffiti on gazebo and noted that it is now gone and the gazebo is freshly painted. She thanked the Boy Scouts and noted they did a great job painting the gazebo.
- Discussion with Sue Edwards regarding intersection in front of Sue's home.
- Police Department's Motorcycle which was previously funded by donations. She inquired if it still is funded by donations and when the renewal was.
- Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce meeting that she missed.
- Memorial Day Celebration and apologized for not attending but noted she heard it was a great event.

C. Blinn discussed:

- Old Home Day Committee meeting. Everything is in place for Saturday, June 27.
- Cable Committee meeting which has a slight change in the committee. They are working with the Library on how to define what they want.

R. Gray discussed:

- Planning Board meeting for this Wednesday has been postponed until the following Wednesday. On the agenda will be: condo conversion on Elm Street; auto body looking to expand; corner of Sweethill and 108 location wants to put in a dog grooming place; lot line adjustment for Hazeltine; and ceramic studio on Main Street.
- The passing out of candy on Old Home and inquired if the Board would be doing such.

J. Sherman discussed:

- His attendance at the Open House for the Hospice House. He was very impressed with the people, the facility and the service that they offer. He discussed volunteering and the Remembrance walkway that people could contribute to. He discussed the plaque inside their facility from the Plaistow Lions.
- The resignation of Bernadine FitzGerald from the Budget Committee. He thanked her for her years of service and noted that she will be missed.
- His conversation with Jack McSheehy regarding how things are going at Vic Geary. Volunteers from Home Depot have done some interior painting at Vic Geary and it turned out very well.
- Rec Commission meeting last week; events planned up until the 4th quarter, even the Christmas lighting.
- Web site and how Town employees keep it up to date.

- Carli and her upcoming things: budgeting season coming pretty soon, capital projects, various projects that need to be done, and noted the Commission will go over the list and offer their input.
- Signs that need to be ordered for Old County Road to help people know where to go.
- The phone line out at Old County still had not been installed however there is a contract to get that done but it is just not getting done.
- Summer Concerts are starting July 1. There was an Army Band scheduled for that date however they are unable to make it so Carli is in the process to book an alternate act for that night
- Cow Patti Bingo Certificates and reminded all to buy one.

D. Poliquin discussed:

- Hazmat Director District meeting this Thursday.
- Public meeting for Beede, this Thursday, June 18th, 7pm at the Plaistow Public Library.
- His attendance at the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Southern NH meeting on June 10. Issues discussed were: Route 125 and the meeting with DOT, the business concerns, vacancies, MBTA update by Jim Jajuga, Economic Revitalization Zone and the Holiday Shopping Service.
- SCORE having free workshops to help people with information regarding starting a business or information for people who already have one.
- Regional Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for September 15 at 7pm in Chester.
- Time Capsule Opening this Monday, June 22 at 4:30 pm. The Time Capsule was buried in 1974 by Troop 18 outside the Town Manager's Office.
- Highway Safety Committee meeting that he did not attend due to an unexpected work related issue however he heard that Mr. Latham is considering being a possible member to that committee.
- Bernadine FitzGerald resigned from the Budget Committee. He extended his thanks for her hard work that she has done over the years.

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:4,II(e) Consideration of lawsuits threatened in writing or filed against the body or one of its members.

Motion b J. Sherman to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:4,II(e) Consideration of lawsuits threatened in writing or filed against the body or one of its members.

2nd by R. Gray.

Selectmen polled: *C. Blinn = yes*
 M. Curran = yes
 D. Poliquin = yes
 R. Gray = yes
 J. Sherman = yes

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Audrey DeProspero