



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, May 11, 2009

BOS MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at: 7:45 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Vice Chairman, Robert Gray
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

Selectman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, Michelle Curran
Selectman, John Sherman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one from the public wishing to comment.

AGENDA:

Snorkel Truck Discussion & Status of Bids– Chief McArdle

Chief McArdle and Captain Kennedy discussed the bid package that was sent out to 25-30 bidders and was advertised on Craig's list. One bid was received which was less than what they had anticipated. The asking price was \$5,000 however that was not the amount of the bid received. The bid amount was discussed along with notation that it came from a local vendor.

Board members discuss vehicle size, worth, use and probability of rebid.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the bid received, the amount and noted that they should accept the bid.

Motion by J. Sherman to direct the Town Manager and Fire Chief to proceed with depositing of the snorkel truck as noted in the Memo dated April 30, 2009.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

DOT – Rte 108 vs. Sweet Hill Paving – Dan Garlington & Peter Bealo

S. Fitzgerald discussed at a previous meeting Selectmen Gray brought up the deterioration of Sweet Hill Road so he contacted NHDOT to find out where Sweet Hill Road stood for repaving.

D. Garlington discussed his conversation with Doug Deporter from NHDOT and the meeting with NHDOT which contained discussions regarding drainage issues on Sweet Hill Road.

J. Sherman read Peter Bealo's email and then discussed the meeting he attended along with trading Route 108 for Sweet Hill road but noted that the NHDOT indicated it couldn't be done because Route 108 may not be able to be done this year. He discussed that the State does not have an automated paving system like our Highway Department does to determine which roads need paving.

Board members discussed roads in Town and keeping Dan in the loop of all road discussions.

D. Garlington discussed conditions of Town Roads and State Roads.

J. Sherman discussed his conversation with Doug Deporter regarding solutions other than salt and sand in the winter and speed bumps.

S. Fitzgerald thanked Dan for his work at the Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 9 along with his attention to all the Town roads during all weather.

D. Poliquin inquired how Household Hazardous Waste Day went.

D. Garlington noted there was a total of 278 residents: Plaistow 97, Atkinson 71, Hampstead 52, Danville 30, and Kingston 28.

J. Sherman thanked all the residents that participated.

The Board thanked Dan for making this day a success.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve Minutes of April 27, 2009 as written.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote 5-0-0.

Motion passes.

Motion by J. Sherman to approve Non Public Minutes of April 20, 2009 with changes noted.

2nd by M. Curran.

Abstain: D. Poliquin

Vote 4-0-1.

Motion passes.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- The follow up meeting on Monday, May 4th at the State house, the list of attendees and comments. He noted the Senate will be recommending their budget which he will monitor closely.
- Plaistow Historical Society meeting where they discussed the failing air condition and heating system of the building.

- Personnel Plan Committee meeting and noted that job descriptions and tired forms are being worked on. He noted that Town employees are looking at different policies and best practices along with modifying forms and documents which will be brought back to the board in the near future for review.
- Southern NH Chamber of Commerce meeting whereas the Assistant Director of Small Business Administration, Alice Zachos, provided an overview to assist small business in the Plaistow area.

J. Sherman and S. Fitzgerald discuss the occupancy and vacancy rate along Route 125.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Meeting to address the liability challenges with Wildbrook and Pollard Road. He noted he met with a number of residents and Scott Wade from Unitil.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day which was Saturday, May 9th.
- Town Hall Open House which is scheduled for May 17 and open to the public from 1- 3.
- Follow up to Buzzy Blinn's discussion several weeks ago regarding film maker for 27 Down which had approached him to discuss the filming of the exterior of Town Hall for the movie 27 Down. He noted this filming would take place the same day as the Open House and wanted to bring this up to the Board in case there were any concerns.

Board discussed and no concerns were noted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Sherman reminded all that on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 there will be a Memorial Day Parade which starts at Pollard School at 2 pm and goes up to the cemetery and then comes to Town Hall. He discussed the invitation that he received from the Hospice House on North Avenue which is having an Open House on Thursday, June 4 and is open to the Public. He noted that on Tuesday, June 2 there will be a ribbon cutting for the grand opening celebration. If any Board of Selectmen are interested they need to let Sean know because there is an RSVP.

D. Poliquin discussed that the RSVP for the June 2 ribbon cutting must be returned by May 22. He also noted that this week is recycling week; Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm is a Public Hearing meeting by NHDOT for work to be done on Route 125. The Public is encouraged to attend to voice their opinions or concerns with what is happening on Route 125; the landfill is open from 7-3 this Saturday and Town Hall's Open House is Sunday, May 17 from 1-3.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

M. Curran discussed:

- The meeting in Concord that she attended. She noted it was an extraordinary meeting for all those who came together. She was proud to see all who came together for one cause for what is best for the surrounding communities as well as Plaistow. She gave credit to Sean and thanked him for bringing them all together.

- Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Southern NH Division meeting that she attended and noted it was aimed at small businesses.
- Her attendance to the upcoming Open House at Town Hall this Sunday, May 17.

C. Blinn discussed:

- Meeting in Concord that he attended; he was impressed with the outcome and noted it was overwhelming to see all those people that attended.
- Conservation Committee meeting which discussed an open house at the Town Forrest. He noted the Boy Scout Leader was out there with the Boy Scouts cleaning up the trails.

D. Poliquin discussed:

- Concord meeting that he attended and the costs associated with the closing of the court house and deferring rent.
- Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Southern NH Division meeting that he attended.

R. Gray discussed:

- His attendance at the Concord meeting and noted the first didn't go as well as the second.
- Planning Board meeting Wednesday where they approved the use of State Farm Insurance facility located across the street from Dunkin Donuts which was previously a dry cleaner.
- Letter from Wal-Mart which requested to extend store hours until 12pm.
- Thursday' meeting with PRPs regarding tax liens on the Beede site.
- Town Hall's Open House which he will not be able to attend.
- Memorial Day Celebration on the 25th whereas he will be representing the Board.

J. Sherman discussed:

- His attendance at opening day for the Little League at Old County Road. He noted Dan was not able to attend so he spoke on behalf of the Selectmen.
- Cow Patty Bingo on Sunday, June 28 and encouraged all to buy at least one for \$10.
- Route 125 open meeting which is the same night as Recreation Commission meeting.
- Town Hall's Open house Sunday and the original open house for the 3rd floor.
- The Memorial Day Parade which is Monday, May 25th at 2pm.

S. Fitzgerald and D. Poliquin thanked Rep. Norm Major for his hard work with the courthouse.

J. Sherman wished Bill Scully a quick recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Michaud