



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** Monday, October 26, 2009

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:35 pm

**SELECTMEN:**

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

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

**MINUTES:**

*Motion by M. Curran to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2009 as written.*

*2nd by J. Sherman.*

*Vote 4-0-1.*

*Abstain: C. Blinn*

*Motion passes.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one from the public wishing to speak.

**AGENDA:**

**Coloring Contest Winners – Carli Malette**

C. Malette announced the Halloween coloring contest winners and Spring coloring contest winners while D. Poliquin and R. Gray handed out the prizes. Noted was the Spring coloring contest pictures were lost and that is why their pictures were not returned and laminated for them. The children receiving pumpkin bags are from the Easter Bunny who got confused when buying their presents. Coloring contest winners: 6 & 7 year old category: 4th place = Jacob Rousseau; 3rd place = Erin Matthews; Tie for 2nd place = Brayden Moley & Matthew Lajoie; and 1st place = Billy Savage. 8 year old category: 3rd place = Emily Heffernan; 2nd place = Ross Simon; and 1st place = Sara Watkins. 5 year old category: Honorable mentions Kaeleb Moley and Taryn Fox; 2nd place = Julia Romel; and 1st place = Breeze Dennis. 2 year old category: Honorable mention: JT Fox – the youngest winner ever. 3 year old category: 2nd place = Shayna (no last name listed) and 1st place = Cameron Lajoie. 9 & 10 year old category: 3rd place = Derek Ingalls; 2nd place = Kayla Derevere; and 1st place = Emma Moley. 11&12 year old category: 1st place = Padriac Moley.

**Presentation of WWII Veteran's List - Roy Jeffrey & Tom Cullen**

R. Jeffrey from 20 Dauntless Lane and T. Cullen from 63 Kingston Road discussed their backgrounds along with their presentation regarding the list of WWII Veteran's from Plaistow. They gave a 7 page handout to all members of the Board. They discussed how they went about collecting the names of the residents in Town that are WWII Veterans still living in Plaistow and

noted there were 51 found in Town. They discussed incorporating this information into the Town records such as in the Assessing area and the Tax Collector's area to help identify these individuals. They noted next year 2010 will mark the 65th anniversary of the end of WWII Europe and Pacific Theatre. They suggested there be a special tribute given next year to World War II Veterans and have a page contributed to this in the Town Report.

J. Sherman noted he will commit to having something put in the Town Report.

Records discussed amongst board members.

R. Gray noted he would commit to putting something in the Town Report and publicly announced that they are looking for anyone who is a veteran to come to Town Hall and identify themselves to help update records.

S. Fitzgerald noted that he would like to meet with both Roy and Tom at a later date to further discuss this matter. He discussed giving back to the veterans what they have given to us.

M. Curran thanked both Roy and Tom for coming in and discussed her feelings toward the background on the veterans and what they have done for the community and the country.

#### **Fire Department – Fire Chief John McArdle**

J. McArdle discussed Permanent Positions-Chief up slightly however not due to pay increase; Uniforms up slightly for the cleaning of the required uniforms and purchasing of new badges; Telephones up due to the FCC licensing fees; Data Processing was for the software, tech support and the purchase of a new computer; Medical Services was for the immunizations; Dues up slightly for their memberships; Books and periodicals level funded; Miscellaneous up slightly because the State had increased their fees for background checks; Mileage & Expense down slightly; Events & Activities level funded; Permanent Position-FF was taken from Finance and Sean, and down slightly due to Tamara Alvino being at a lower rate; P-T Call Firefighters down slightly primarily because of projection used which was actual to the end of October; Overtime-Firefighters down slightly due to Firefighter Alvino being out and the decrease of call backs for both full time staff members; Outside Detail is billed to organizations and is reimbursed in the next line under Special Detail Reimbursements; Building Maintenance down slightly; Training down for 2010 because of EMT recerts; Dues-Hazmat went up slightly because it was based on population; Equipment Maintenance up slightly because SCBAs needing to be hydro tested and flow tested in 2010; Gasoline based on dollar per gallon and calculated on what was used for both diesel and gas for all vehicles; Vehicle Maintenance/Supplies and Vehicle Repairs level funded; and Equipment up because of the upcoming purchase for 5" replacement hose and two additional portable radios.

J. Sherman and J. McArdle discussed radios and whom they are attached/belong to as far as identification purposes.

J. McArdle discussed Equipment-Bunker Gear up slightly due to the purchase of firefighter gloves. He discussed keeping gear current for firefighter safety. Books & Periodicals and Part-Time Forest Fire are both level funded and General Supplies was for medical supplies for EMS and based on actuals from last year.

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$453,746.  
2nd by M. Curran.  
Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion carries.***

J. Sherman inquired about the total number of calls from previous years.

J. McArdle noted trending upwards however it had slowed down significantly.

**Water Department – Fire Chief John McArdle**

J. McArdle discussed Payroll Temporary and noted it increased because he recently brought on an individual who had piping background and would be able to help/monitor Route 125 upcoming construction schedule.

J. Sherman inquired as to what authority that person would have.

J. McArdle noted that person would be able to go to the State and say stop.

J. McArdle discussed Engineering up due to contractors updating the plans while they do work on Route 125; Telephone level funded; Electric up and based on actual usage; General Supplies and Waterline Repairs level funded; Equipment Repairs was for any equipment bought such as hand tools that may need repair; Equipment Maintenance covered generator at Safety Complex; Gasoline was for fuel for the fire pumps; Vehicle Maintenance level funded and Equipment Purchase up to buy two gate valves for hydrant, he had been using the ones from the Fire Department but needs them for the Water Department.

***Motion by R. Gray to approve the Water Department Budget in the amount of \$47,355.  
2nd by M. Curran.***

J. Sherman discussed conversation from last year regarding the use of different pipe.

J. McArdle discussed PVC being slightly smaller inside; less flowing through; smoother surface; easier to work with and repair; no current disadvantage to Plaistow; one segment currently installed and no problems with it and best interest to the Town and cheaper to the Town.

***Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion carries.***

**Ambulance**

S. Fitzgerald discussed the Ambulance Budget now being a Revolving Fund Account for Ambulance/Rescue service vehicles.

J. McArdle discussed the Auto Pulse, a band that goes around cardiac arrest patients. He discussed cost, secured donations from non profit organizations in Town, and background information regarding compression machines first started back in 1970.

M. Curran and J. McArdle discussed the Auto pulse, its use and how it works.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

D. Poliquin discussed old equipment in the backroom at the fire station which included things like old lights, out dated apparatus and old parts. He inquired if the board needed to okay the surplus of the equipment. The association would like to go through the stuff being cleaned out and have a flea market, or auction during Old Home Day and possibly raise money from the sale of the equipment.

S. Fitzgerald noted it would be best if it comes before the Board. Generally if items are of no value then they can likely be disposed of however if it has value then something else could be done with it. He discussed the Cable Studio and noted it had a number of items that are no longer of value to the Town however it may be of use to a collector.

R. Gray inquired as to how these items were found.

J. McArdle discussed in service items given to the Finance office and the equipment Dan was talking about is equipment that has been taken off the equipment or out of buildings that were demolished. Things were put on a shelf as a just in case/we may need this item.

R. Gray discussed log used when they acquire items and noted he did not have an issue with the request, he just wanted some type of inventory list that notes these items.

J. Sherman noted that he would like to see list of inventory items before donating to Fire Association. He suggested to the Town Manager to get inventory list of items and come back to Board with list along with recommendations regarding how to dispose of these items.

D. Poliquin suggested Department Heads do an inventory of items just hanging around.

## Emergency Management

S. Fitzgerald noted he met with Bill Scully who was recovering and went over the Emergency Management function. He noted the budget is level funded and had helped the Town meet some of the emergency management needs. Part-Time Position \$3,812; Telephone \$400; Supplies \$200; Mailings and Postage \$37; Equipment Maintenance \$150; Miscellaneous \$58; \$1,000 appropriation for equipment purchases generally a computer or lap top; and \$200 for Mileage Reimbursement for a total of \$5,857. He discussed last year's ice storm and the work completed.

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$5,857.***

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

***Vote 5-0-0.***

***Motion carries***

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Meeting with Jay Somers and Comcast's negotiations on October 21.
- Ongoing labor negotiations with Attorney Mark Broth and the Teamsters.
- Meeting with Carol Coppola and Finance Director, Lori Sadewicz, regarding the improvement of the financial reporting activity/general ledger accounting and taking

advantage of the BMSI accounting software system. He anticipated he would invite Carol to report in front of the Board in a few weeks.

- Court House Amendment that had been presented to him. He noted he would have Sumner Kalman take a look at it. He discussed the current lease expiration date and the amended lease term expiration date.
- The Plaistow District Courthouse having a sitting judge in the near future.
- EPA compliance and praise received over the last several months regarding compliance with the Storm Water Management Standards.
- Rain water barrels that could be purchased which he would like to discuss with the Conservation Commission.

J. Sherman inquired the size of the water barrels.

S. Fitzgerald noted they vary in size however his interest was in the 55 gallon ones.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Hopeful meeting with the Rail Authority. Attendance of Leigh Komornick, Mike Dorman, Tim Moore and himself at the Rail meeting on October 23 along with James Jajuga, Haverhill Chamber President and Chair of the MA Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee Senator Steven Baddour. He noted the meeting was one of great interest and generally positive.
- Haseltine Street under construction. They are installing a number of utilities and would be placing a binder on the road to get it ready for the installation of a sidewalk. The project is well within budget and Dan Garlington and Mike Dorman have been down clerking the project to make sure all is going well.
- Highway Department working with the Pollard School regarding the dangers of snow plowing and visibility dangers. They are reminding young children about walking to school and avoiding snow plow trucks.
- Hazardous Waste Day this weekend, October 31 in Danville from 9-12 and having to show residency.
- Power outage yesterday along Sweet Hill Road for about one hour. Small tree limb fell and hit a limb which was well outside the tree trim zone. He discussed re-closers which are like circuit breakers. He discussed Unitils commitment to install tree spacer cable and other investments to minimize the outages.
- Pumpkin lighting on Town Hall Green was very successful. Over 400 monsters, witches and super heroes on the Town Hall Green. Very special evening for both parents and children.

R. Gray discussed Detail Officers on Haseltine and Main Street. He noted Main Street required people to go straight however there were many cars seen taking illegal turns.

D. Poliquin discussed alternate route and cutting into people's normal routine.

R. Gray suggested having an officer there to direct traffic.

S. Fitzgerald noted that he would look into it and will get back to him. He discussed looking into signage and keeping people where they belong.

D. Poliquin discussed request for release of impact fees and noted it was basically for the engineering costs related to the widening cost of Haseltine Street. He noted a motion was needed and the Board needed to sign the document. In the signature folder.

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve the release of Impact Fees for Haseltine Street.***

***2nd by R. Gray.***

***Vote 5-0-0.***

***Motion carries.***

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

R. Gray inquired about media coverage during Selectmen meetings by the newspaper.

S. Fitzgerald noted there was a vacancy and staff coverage needed in the newspaper.

J. Sherman discussed having the request put to the newspaper as to why they are not here to publicize the good stuff that happens in Plaistow.

C. Blinn discussed complaint he received last week regarding the use of handguns and inquired as to how come there was no law regarding handguns and discharge of a fire arm and/or no noise ordinance in place. He suggested having a law or changing the current law because of recent shots fired around residences. He discussed laws in place and having them looked into and inquired who could change them.

D. Poliquin noted you have to have the owner's permission to use them on their property.

R. Gray noted you cannot be within 500 feet of another residence.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Selectman may have the ability to change and noted he had looked into with Mike Dorman.

Board discussed noise complaints related to motorcycles and leaf blowers versus hand guns.

S. Fitzgerald discussed big open spaces and noted the Board could look into handgun discharge.

#### **SIGNATURE FOLDER:**

D. Poliquin noted the Signature Folder and Manifest were going around.

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

R. Gray noted he had nothing to report this week.

J. Sherman noted Budget Committee meets Tuesday nights and they were in sync with Board of Selectmen and Rec Commission was thinking about having a meeting this Wednesday however it had not been confirmed.

D. Poliquin noted he attended Pumpkin Lighting, all had a great time, good activities for all ages. There were very interesting pumpkins, excellent event, and he thanked all involved. He discussed his brief appearance at Family Mediation and noted Michelle had graciously taken

over his seat on that board. He discussed his meeting with Rockingham Economic Development this Wednesday and noted anyone interested in attending was welcome to come along.

M. Curran noted she attended Family Mediation Wednesday evening where Dan submitted his resignation which they did not accept. She noted it was an interesting meeting, the September and October actuals were passed out and they would be going over the budget. She discussed her Holiday Festival Committee meeting on Friday with Barry, Audrey and herself. She noted Sean and Bernadine were unable to make it. They discussed a few items, were moving forward and she would keep everyone up to date.

S. Fitzgerald discussed logistics and noted he would keep all up to date as well.

C. Blinn discussed Conservation Committee; the dealings with Galloway's Cement Plant; noted the owner knocked it down; Jill stepped down because her husband works for Galloways; and the apparent working of the on goings regarding clearing up some of the reasons it all took place. He noted the next Conservation Meeting will have some resolution on it.

S. Fitzgerald noted it was important just to keep in mind, we haven't received anything for the project, they've all been down for a site visit and to pay attention to water sheds and projects. He discussed forthcoming building permit and upcoming investigation and requirements by the Town regarding action.

**Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3,II (e) Legal Matters.**

***Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3,II (e) Legal Matters.  
2nd by J. Sherman.***

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

D. Poliquin noted Toddler Trick-O-Treat will be this Friday at 9:45 am meeting on the Town Hall Green at the Gazebo; Regular Trick-O-Treat will be this Saturday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Hazardous Waste Day will be this coming Saturday from 9am-12 (noon) at the Danville Town Hall. You need to show proof of residency for Plaistow because this is a collaborative of Towns.

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Audrey DeProspero