



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** Monday, December 21, 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

**AGENDA:**

**Coloring Contest Winners**

Carli Malette called Board members up to help her distribute presents to winners of the 2009 Christmas Coloring Contest: Age 3 Category: Tie –Robert Fairhurst and Michael Savage; Ages 4 and 5: Four way tie - Shayne Leger, Cameron Leger, Kaelab Moley and Matthew Fairhurst; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Maia Groudas; Ages 6 and 7: Honorable Mention – Jessalyn Higgins; Tie 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jadeyn Smith and Mya Russel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Lily Stevens; 1<sup>st</sup> place- Billy Savage; Ages 8: Honorable Mention – Vaughn Bourassa, Emily Heffernan and Brayden Moley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie – Ross Simon and Ricky Johnston; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place tie: Chloe Groudas and Sara Watkins; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sarah Padellaro; Ages 9 to 11: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Derek Ingalls; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tie: Madelyn Padellaro and Emma Moley; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nicole Johnston and Georgia Groudas. A new category in 2009 Decorate the TREE Contest: 3 & 4 Year Old Division – Michael Savage and Shayna Leger; 5 & 6 Year Old – Mya Russell and Billy Savage; 6 & 8 Year Old – Vaughn Bourassa and Sarah Watkins; 9 thru 12 Year Olds- Nicole Johnston and Madellyn Padellaro

S. Fitzgerald congratulated all winners and wished them a Merry Christmas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ralph Bolduc approached Board of Selectmen and discussed the citizen's petition regarding raising the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$200 to \$500. He noted Plaistow had the lowest Veteran's credit around. All other towns in the area gave \$500 credit. He asked the Board to vote to recommend this petition. He noted that most Veterans do not know about this exemption and they should get this information out in the public to help them.

Larry Gil approached the Board and discussed his concerns with the Soraghan and Rite Aid issues that are going on. He noted he came to the Board as a former Selectman, now on the Planning Board and as a resident of Plaistow and his expectation was that the Board would make the right decision. He noted Soraghan has marched to the drum and done what he could. He discussed the \$90,000; Soraghan being a tax payer as well as a business owner in Town; problem not being Jack's; and using the \$90,000 as a lien to the property.

D. Poliquin discussed Jack sold half the property; Rite Aid bought half the property; Board met with them; the \$90,000 not having to do with the widening of Westville Road; having to do with

redirecting traffic to Garden; discontinue Garden; agreement at the time was the \$90,000 to be paid at the beginning prior to construction; Town agreed to pay half of Soraghan Realty's costs up to \$39,000 for the widening of the Westville intersection with the possibility of that coming out of the \$90,000; the \$90,000 for the revitalization of the bridge; Town living up to their agreement and the agreement made with Soraghan Realty Trust which was where the money was suppose to come from.

J. Sherman discussed public knowledge that the Town had expectation to get \$90,000 from the overall development; possibly applying it to the bridge; offsetting the Town's portion; they had something we wanted and we had something they wanted; negotiating and dealing with it appropriately and expecting to get \$90,000 before construction which will be discussed and negotiated in non public.

### **Display of Senior Paintings**

Carli Malette introduced Carol Jesso and noted she was a senior participant from the Vic Geary Center that participated in the senior painting project at Michelle's.

M. Curran discussed being involved with Seniors from Vic Geary; the sheer pleasure she got from them, the three week project; her excitement to do this project; the pictures taken to include in the Town Report; the completed project and the Christmas raffle at the Vic Geary where she won a quilt made by the Seniors.

C. Malette thanked Michelle for her participation with the seniors. She noted the course did not cost the seniors anything, it was all donated. It took three days of Michelle's time and Carli only had to come up with brushes for the seniors to use. This got the seniors out of the center, out of their homes and got them going somewhere.

Seniors presented Michelle with a teddy bear to thank her for all her help and time.

### **Public Hearing- \$20,000 from D. Sargent for Clock Repairs**

D. Poliquin noted the Public Hearing opened at 7:22 pm. There was no one present to speak on the clock tower.

S. Fitzgerald noted Donald Sargent donated \$20,000 to Plaistow to help restore the clock tower on Town Hall.

J. Sherman noted last week Barry Sargent presented the Board with a check for \$20,000 from his brother, Donald Sargent to help repair the clock tower.

***Motion by J. Sherman to direct Town Manager to work with Barry Sargent & Michelle Curran to accept \$20,000 check to begin the fundraising to repair the clock & tower in Town.  
2nd by R. Gray.  
Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion carries.***

### **Cathy Willis – Library Budget**

C. Willis noted she returned to give the Board the update on changes in the Library Budget: Health, Life and Disability originally level funded however there was an increase to that line;

Gas line decreased by \$3,000 after speaking to the Gas Company; Electric line decreased by \$2,000; Building Insurance decreased; and Janitor went up a bit for a new number of \$439,274.

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Library Budget for \$439,274.***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

### **Review of Warrant Articles for 2010**

#### **Salt Shed**

Dan Garlington was present to discuss the Salt Shed – Letter I of the Warrant Articles.

S. Fitzgerald discussed cost estimates regarding a new salt shed; money in the CIP; environmental contaminants; \$110,000 being low and Town savings.

D. Poliquin thanked Dan and his employees for their hard work with keeping the roads clear and clean during the storms.

D. Garlington discussed the conversations from previous years regarding the Highway Garage and Salt Shed. He noted the ideal situation was to have both together. He discussed expanding operations; cap; what might be the best and where might be the best location; details of where the salt shed would go; the type of storage; keeping Salt Shed and Highway Garage in same proximity for accessibility; the number of times trucks load; practicality of it and keeping an eye on salt.

D. Poliquin discussed contamination and keeping garage and facility in the same location.

J. Sherman agreed with Dan Garlington and noted this was a good thing to have and do. He discussed his bullet points: make sure this thing is big enough to hold a full year; make sure this is going to resolve some of the environmental issues and look into the life expectancy of whatever is built.

R. Gray inquired about the turn-around time for getting salt when Dan runs out.

D. Garlington discussed relationship with the vendor; noted he had enough salt if it snowed tonight but not enough if it snowed the next day and the day after. He discussed ordering ahead.

***Motion by R. Gray to withdraw Warrant Article I, Salt Shed, following the recommendations outlined in the Town Manager's memo dated December 21, 2009 regarding 2010 Warrant Article Recommendations/Adjustments.***

***2nd by J. Sherman.***

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

***Motion carries.***

C. Blinn and S. Fitzgerald discussed feasibility study and the future of the Highway Garage and Salt Shed.

Police Chief Steve Savage – Warrant Articles/Other issues

S. Savage and S. Fitzgerald showed power point presentation regarding 2010 Feasibility Study.

S. Savage discussed the power point presentation regarding Elements of Study; Current Deficiencies; Conference/Roll Call/Interview Room; Chief's Office; Storage; Administrative Support Staff; Deputy Chief; Administrative/Safety Issues; Inadequate Electrical; Evidence Storage; Booking Room; Sally port; No Break room/Kitchen; Men's/Women's Locker Rooms; Sergeant's Office; Holding Cells; Investigations Office Trailer; Next Steps; Preliminary Schematic and the 2010 Warrant Article.

J. Sherman discussed the Juvenile vs. Adult and Male vs. Female separation issues.

R. Gray and S. Savage held a discussion regarding prisoner separation.

M. Curran discussed schematics; impact fees used; and studies already.

S. Savage discussed voter's questions; study that was previously done; wing expansion; building addition; footprint size of the parcel being problematic; separating the functions and stand-alone facility.

M. Curran inquired as to why a Warrant Article as opposed to looking at Safety Impact fees or Drug Asset Forfeiture accounts.

S. Savage discussed Safety Impact fees and remaining stagnant.

J. Sherman and S. Fitzgerald discussed going out to bid.

J. Sherman inquired what would they be getting back by doing such.

S. Fitzgerald discussed design and options to help move forward with a Warrant Article.

J. Sherman discussed expanding on the current site; building new building on current site; Warrant Article Intent and wording; doing a Warrant Article and going out to voters and not all members of the Board being on board with this.

S. Savage discussed concerns; space needs years ago; side stepping; getting back on track; plan strategy; moving this thing forward and coming up with viable solutions.

R. Gray discussed the Fire Department's space and noted that their space would be more than adequate if the Police moved. He suggested making the Fire Department information part of the study because it was not clear of their needs.

J. Sherman made recommendations to wording of Warrant Article and Intent, not changing the meaning of either, just rewording to help read better.

***Motion by J. Sherman to move that we recommend Warrant Article B, Public Safety Complex Feasibility Study.***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

D. Poliquin thanked Sargent Caggiano, Chief Savage and Sean for putting the presentation together.

S. Savage discussed Worthless Checks and change to the operating policy, noting the paperwork was in the signature folder for Selectmen to sign.

S. Fitzgerald discussed other Warrant Article for Communication Capital Reserve Fund and noted the Chief recommended deferring this Warrant Article.

S. Savage discussed last year's conversations regarding setting aside money noting that this was not the appropriate time and wanted to defer this Article until a better time. He discussed changes in technologies and telecommunications.

J. Sherman thought this was a noble cause and a good idea. He thanked the Chief for bringing this to the Board's attention and noted it was great to have a savings account to draw on.

***Motion by J. Sherman to withdraw the Communications Capital Reserve Fund, letter I.***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

Board discussed motorcycle information.

M. Curran held a brief discussion regarding motorcycle policy noting she endorses the program however had concerns. She discussed raising funds to offset the cost; Warrant Article and program being turned down.

S. Savage discussed first Warrant Article requesting money for the motorcycle program which failed; subsequent year they were able to fund raise; deferring to whichever way the board wanted to do it; the current \$4,000 annual lease; ¼ raised of the lease; continuing to aggressively raise money going forward; viable program and wonderful community policing.

D. Poliquin inquired about additional costs regarding training and equipment.

S. Savage noted he does not anticipate any.

D. Poliquin inquired about how many miles are put on the motorcycle in a year.

S. Savage noted approximately 1,000.

R. Gray reiterated the costs: \$4,100 for the program; Association came up with \$1,000; \$1,000 came from the Town; and the Chief wants to now see if he can raise \$2,100 privately and if he can't then there was enough in his operating budget.

S. Savage noted that was correct.

C. Blinn noted he had mixed feelings and would like the people to look at it.

Consensus of Board was not to put this to a Warrant Article.

D. Poliquin noted Board would go into Non Public Session for a few moments and would return.

**Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) Matters of Reputation**

***Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) Matters that affect someone's Reputation.***

***2nd by J. Sherman.***

***Board members polled: D. Poliquin = yes; R. Gray = yes;***

***C. Blinn = yes; M. Curran = yes; J. Sherman = yes***

***Board went into Non Public Session at 9:18 pm – Returned at 9:28 pm to Public Session.***

**Review of Warrant Articles for 2010**

**Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund Deposit/ Fire Suppression Water Line Expansion**

S. Fitzgerald discussed working with Chief McArdle and Leigh Komornick in reviewing the capital reserve deposit for \$180,000 and the water expansion project. He discussed modifications made to minimize tax impact in 2010; offset cost; reducing request this year; offset the 2010 project; water use fees; \$498,250 appropriation; \$308,209 capital reserve withdrawal; \$36,026 water line impact fees; \$104,015 water use fees; and amount to be raised from 2010 taxes \$50,000.

D. Poliquin read Warrant Article wording and Intent.

J. McArdle discussed projects and noted the best overall bang for the buck that served the Town the best was the upcoming project in 2010: Old Road to Walton Road.

J. Sherman and S. Fitzgerald held a discussion regarding using the Water Use Fees/Water Line Impact Fees and depleting the account.

J. McArdle thought there was no detriment to depleting the capital reserve account.

J. Sherman inquired if we would be depleting the water line impact fees also.

S. Fitzgerald noted we would.

J. McArdle noted they need to spend those monies in an appropriate time which was now.

R. Gray discussed rational regarding the water line and interruption in service; creating a loop; keeping flow to it; expansion going through and interruption in service.

J. McArdle discussed 3 projects relative to the DOT expansion, looking well down the road, and tying into 125.

R. Gray and J. McArdle discussed benefits to homeowners.

R. Gray noted he would like to see the loops keep going.

J. McArdle discussed reassessing existing pipes in the ground.

R. Gray and J. McArdle held a discussion regarding liability to the Town if loss of service.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the detailed engineering study completed.

***Motion by J. Sherman to recommend Warrant Article D, Fire Suppression Water Line Expansion as presented with the following changes: Explain what NHDOT stands for; in the Intent list the balances of those three fund sources (capital reserve, water line impact fees & water use fees).***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

#### Pump Replacement and Pump House Replacement Warrant

S. Fitzgerald discussed expending water line user fees to put forward a preliminary design to further a Warrant Article based on specific cost estimates from a detailed engineering firm. He looked toward Chief McArdle for information regarding how we could advance the capital needs of that system to ensure that the pump house will be efficiently operational.

J. McArdle discussed the 2007 study from SFC; pumps being replaced; re-piping the pumps; replacing the existing pump house; dismantling; replacing; and the study done on these items.

J. Sherman inquired about pump failure.

J. McArdle discussed if one fails they would operate off the other one. If both failed they would operate off an engine (fire truck) drawing off the reservoir.

J. Sherman inquired if this Article came with Sean's recommendation.

S. Fitzgerald noted it did.

***Motion by R. Gray to recommend Article M, Pump Replacement and Pump House Replacement Warrant with the following changes: In the Intent delete the extra words "the pumps" (listed twice in the same sentence, typo and add sentence indicating "This is year one of a six year plan" and add the site "Maple Avenue Pump House".***

***2nd by J. Sherman.***

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

***Motion carries.***

#### Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

S. Fitzgerald discussed the report done by SFC in 2008 noting it was structurally sound but long term maintenance was needed.

D. Poliquin read the Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund wording.

J. McArdle discussed little maintenance had been done to it since it was taken out of service however it was a great opportunity to receive revenue in Town.

R. Gray discussed concrete footings and painting and inquired which took precedence, when did this work need to be done and what was the cost.

J. McArdle noted he was not an expert; someone needed to look at it and a gentleman had done so but did not climb the tower, he only advised of items in need of repair.

S. Fitzgerald discussed information in the SFC report.

R. Gray noted it was hard to vote to recommend a capital reserve fund without knowing what the maintenance cost would be and suggested rewording the Article to do a more in depth study to find out the cost.

J. Sherman inquired about the estimate of maintenance costs.

J. McArdle discussed study was done on structure as it sat and what was found was structurally sound however they were putting a lot of weight on the top of it. They did not look at inside and do not have information on the interior. The report came with information on contractors that could give the Town information on these types of things.

J. Sherman inquired how the \$10,000 amount for the Warrant Article came about.

S. Fitzgerald discussed decision to establish the start of a fund.

J. Sherman requested information for estimated costs and time frames.

J. McArdle noted he could call someone in and just see how they feel about doing such.

***Motion by J. Sherman to withdraw Warrant Article E Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.***

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

J. Sherman thought we needed to do something, we just don't know what, how much and when. He would like to see a cost maintenance plan in place and then attack it next year. He did not feel comfortable asking residents to fund this because he does not have enough information. He thought something needed to be done but needed a plan in place.

R. Gray agreed with John.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the Town had conducted a detailed study back in 2008 and spoke of the \$200,000 painting cost noted in the study.

R. Gray noted he wanted to know when the tower needed to be painted.

J. McArdle noted the Intent was to start a fund.

Board held discussion regarding Warrant Article.

J. McArdle discussed best estimate received and tower producing revenue for the Town.

***Vote 2-3-0***

***Motion does not carry.***

***Motion by J. Sherman to move the last sentence in the Article moved in to the Intent; explain in the Intent the abbreviation for SFC; Add to Intent bullet points regarding engineer's estimate of concrete work and painting cost.***

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

***Vote 4-1-0.***

***Motion carries.***

C. Blinn thought establishing a fund for \$10,000 wasn't a bad idea especially where John said something could happen next year, and they know they have to do something they just don't know when they have to do it. He noted that he also agreed with John Sherman regarding not having a lot of information on hand.

M. Curran agreed with C. Blinn.

#### **Review of Warrant Articles for 2010**

##### **Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Article C Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Deposit.***

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

***Capital reserve be put into the intent***

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

***Motion carries.***

##### **Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Article F Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund Deposit and to add balance reserve to Intent.***

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

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

***Motion passes.***

##### **Conservation Fund Deposit**

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Article G Conservation Fund Deposit.***

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

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

***Motion passes.***

##### **Westville Road Bridge Replacement**

S. Fitzgerald suggested withdrawing this Warrant Article this year.

***Motion by M. Curran to withdraw Warrant Article H Westville Road Bridge Replacement.  
2nd by J. Sherman.  
Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion passes.***

Town Hall Emergency Power Generator

S. Fitzgerald recommended to Board to move forward with this Warrant Article.

***Motion by J. Sherman to recommend Article K Town Hall Emergency Power Generator.  
2nd by R. Gray.  
Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion carries.***

Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund

S. Fitzgerald reviewed wording for Warrant Article, back up information and discussed unexpected repairs.

J. Sherman discussed using existing funds.

M. Curran discussed off setting the funds.

S. Fitzgerald noted he approved taking the money from the Warrant Article.

***Motion by J. Sherman to approve Warrant Article L Building System Capital Reserve Fund  
with change to wording from adding to replenish and to change amount to \$5,000.  
2nd by M. Curran.  
Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion carries.***

***Motion by J. Sherman to authorize Town Manager to remove \$6,076.08 from the Building  
System Capital Reserve Fund to off set expenditures as presented.  
2nd by M. Curran.  
Vote 5-0-0.  
Motion carries.***

Petition Warrant Articles

R. Gray noted the Board spoke about the Veteran's Tax Credit at the beginning of the meeting and noted he read the wording for the petition article and noted it was duly signed by more the 25 residents in Town.

D. Poliquin noted the Board can either recommend or not recommend petition articles and can only change the wording if they feel that it was worded poorly – you cannot change the Intent or the dollar amount.

***Motion by J. Sherman to recommend the Veteran's Tax Credit Petition Article.  
2nd by M. Curran.***

J. Sherman blessed the Veteran's for their service and noted a few years ago the State increased the maximum amount that could be allowed for Veteran's Exemption which started at \$100. The State left it up to each Town as to what credit they wanted to offer, however the State did not provide any funding to offset the credit so the way it worked was the other tax payers funded the credit.

D. Poliquin thanked all that were in the armed services. He noted he was not in favor of a full \$500 deduction this year. Personally he would like to not recommend this and ask the petitioned people to come back and recommend another amount.

M. Curran discussed making a motion to recommend this and support the Article. She understands it gets spread to other tax payers but expressed her favoritism of this petition.

C. Blinn noted the credit should go up.

Board held in depth conversation regarding feelings towards Veteran's Tax Credit.

Board discussed and suggested for Sean to get detailed information regarding their ability to change a petition article.

Consensus of the Board was to withdraw their motion until more information was received.

R. Gray discussed the second submitted Citizen's Petition to Rezone North Portion of Commercial District and read the wording. He noted the building sizes would be restricted in size and the number of trips generated by lot limited to a certain number.

***Motion by J. Sherman to put the Citizen's Petition to Rezone North Portion of Commercial District on the Warrant.  
2nd by M. Curran.***

D. Poliquin suggested deferring the rest of the agenda to a different date.

Board discussed recessing until Wednesday, December 23 at 6:30 pm.

Consensus of the Board was to recess until Wednesday, December 23 at 6:30 pm.

***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***

Public Meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm on 12/21/09 to recess on 12/23/09 at 6:30 pm.

**RECESSED MINUTES:**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Monday, December 23, 2009 at 6:38 pm.

**ATTENDEES:** Same

**MINUTES:**

*Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2009 as written.*

*2nd by M. Curran.*

*Vote 5-0-0.*

*Motion carries.*

**AGENDA:****PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one from the public wishing to speak.

D. Poliquin noted that he spoke with Mr. Bolduc who checked into a few items regarding the Veteran's Tax Credit. The numbers he came up with regarding the current Veteran's that receive the exemption of \$200 were 352 and the total disability exemption of \$2,000 was received by 8 people. He noted that Mr. Bolduc had spoke to the people who signed the petition regarding changing the amount and they noted they would withdraw their original and be willing to sign another. He discussed the BOS could approve or not approve the petition or it could go public for the people to vote on it.

J. Sherman inquired if the BOS could insert the information into the Intent.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was unsure at the present time, LGC was looking into it and he was awaiting LGC's response. He noted the language could be amended at the Deliberative Session; however he had not received any clear legal advice.

*Motion by R. Gray to recommend the Citizen's Petition Warrant Article.*

R. Gray noted if BOS had a position on lower number then he would like to discuss with them.

*2nd by M. Curran.*

J. Sherman noted he would like to get this on the Regional Selectmen's meeting agenda of January 14 for discussion amongst other towns.

*R. Gray withdrew his motion until the Selectmen look at the shifting of the tax burden.*

Consensus of the Board was to wait until they received further information to complete their discussion and decision.

D. Poliquin noted he wanted to address John's emails regarding the email requests from Budget Committee.

J. Sherman discussed BudCom's request to look at the Legal Budget and confirm it was a solid number and if they were comfortable with going forward with. He discussed the various legal issues and why the Legal line had been increased. He noted he supported leaving it at the \$40,000.

S. Fitzgerald discussed actual expenditures for legal services and services for the 2010 year.

### Review of 2010 Budget Adjustments

S. Fitzgerald gave Board members a handout regarding landscaping services for the Town. He discussed updated summary of prior year expenditures associated with landscaping services for Town properties. He noted the Highway Department supported the changes regarding assuming the landscaping needs of the Town. He discussed the cost associated with the change along with the past year's expenditures and forthcoming expenses; the required equipment; and conversations with the Highway Department regarding their feelings on the efficiencies and care of the custodial duties of the landscaping.

J. Sherman disagreed with the savings number given by Sean and noted he thought it would be less than \$24,000 however there would be a savings but not to that degree. He thought it would be \$5,000 less than that number. He questioned the \$8,378 for the commercial grade mowers and inquired why it did not match what was in the budget.

S. Fitzgerald noted it was for specialty equipment the Highway Department required during different seasons generally they lease a variety of items to keep continuity of their operations.

J. Sherman agreed but noted there was a difference in the numbers.

D. Poliquin discussed other pieces of equipment.

J. Sherman noted the estimate of numbers listed need to be adjusted.

S. Fitzgerald discussed cutting cap on landfill and adjusting numbers.

J. Sherman questioned the starting number budgeted for 2009.

Board reviewed numbers and held discussion on Summary of Cost/Savings handout.

J. Sherman noted there was a savings however he doesn't think the number presented was the true savings, it was lower, he only disagreed with the savings number listed but noted there was a savings, he just didn't agree with the numbers listed and was not making any changes. He thought the analysis was incorrect but agreed there was a savings.

D. Poliquin noted numbers listed are only projected amounts.

R. Gray inquired how much of account 4311-00-110 was landscaping and how much was labor.

M. Curran discussed micro managing the time of individuals in the Highway Department and the unnecessary means of doing such.

D. Poliquin noted they were only reorganizing and utilizing individuals at a better level.

***Motion by J. Sherman to reduce the proposed 2010 budget lines of Buildings and Grounds  
Budget Line 1-4194-00-650 Grounds Maintenance by \$24,070***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

***Motion by J. Sherman to reduce the proposed 2010 Cemetery Budget Line 1-4195-10-650 Grounds Keeping by \$9,940.***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

***Motion by J. Sherman to increase the 2010 Budget for Highways & Streets Line 1-4312-00-740 Equipment Purchase by \$9,500.***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

S. Fitzgerald discussed Personnel Budget noting the revised rates for workers compensation would be adjusted downward by \$2,000 from \$56,000 to \$54,000. Unemployment insurance increased by \$169.00 from \$1856 to \$2025.

***Motion by M. Curran to increase the proposed Personnel Budget Line 1-4155-40-250 Unemployment Compensation by \$169,000.***

***2nd by J. Sherman***

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

***Motion carries.***

***Motion by M. Curran to decrease the 2010 Personnel Budget Line 1-4155-40-260 NH Workers' Compensation by \$2,000.00.***

***2nd by J. Sherman.***

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

***Motion carries***

Board discussed Legal Budget.

*Consensus was all was fine and no motion or change was needed.*

**Review of 2010 Default Budget**

S. Fitzgerald discussed Default Budget handout given to Selectmen; he noted changes made to utilities and fees; 53rd week; reduced utility fees consistent for 2010; and Default Budget total \$7,259,800 which was a reduction of \$129,358 from last year's Operating Budget of \$7,382,500.

M. Curran discussed Police Budget and noted a difference of \$1.

S. Fitzgerald noted most likely due to a rounding issue.

M. Curran discussed Default Budget of Library.

S. Fitzgerald discussed information given by Library.

***Motion by R. Gray to set the Default Budget at \$7,259,800.***

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

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

***Motion carries.***

J. Sherman discussed Animal Control Budget and noted the vote of the BOS was different specifically, the gasoline line. He discussed the arithmetic error that the BudCom caught and the BOS did not.

*Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Animal Control Budget for \$15,947.  
2nd by M. Curran.*

J. Sherman noted he thought they reduced too much when they did the analysis.

S. Fitzgerald discussed recommended gallons and dollars and suggested to revote the Animal Control Budget.

*J. Sherman withdrew his motion.*

*M. Curran withdrew her 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

#### BOS Goals

D. Poliquin discussed Goals and noted to defer the goals to a later date.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Busy Christmas week.
- Public Safety Complex meeting on December 18.
- Planning Board meeting on December 16 – they had a number of items on their agenda.
- H1N1 Clinic on December 19 – Town employees did an outstanding job.
- Dennise, Health Officer's Appointment Nomination requires BOS signatures.
- Rockingham Economic Development Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy grants are to be reviewed after January 15.

*Motion by M. Curran to approve the 2009 Encumbrances of \$46,036.52.  
2nd by J. Sherman.*

*Vote 5-0-0.*

*Motion passes.*

- Santa clause had been spotted in Town this weekend on the fire truck and he noted the children needed to be in bed by 9 o'clock on Christmas eve and all children in Plaistow were doing a great job at being good.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

No Other Business.

#### **SIGNATURE FOLDER:**

No Signature Folder because it was done on Monday night.

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

J. Sherman noted he had nothing to report since Monday night's meeting.

R. Gray discussed Planning Board met last Wednesday and the information was in the Town Manager's report; this Tuesday was the first Town Report meeting and he wished all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

C. Blinn noted he had nothing to report since Monday. Happy New Year. Hoped all stayed healthy and the economy gets better.

M. Curran discussed quilt she won; the workmanship put into the quilt; meeting the ladies who put it together; the \$5 raffle ticket that won her the quilt and pillow cases; and the quilt being machine stitched also hand stitched. She showed her quilt and pillow shams. She noted Friends of Rec donated the materials and a variety of people worked on the quilt to put it together; the money collected from the ticket went back to them to support the Vic Geary program; amount raised which was \$300 and she encouraged these projects to help raise more money. She discussed the cookie program; donating homemade cookies; reaching out to individuals who are home bound; and he feelings regarding the program being a wonderful idea.

D. Poliquin discussed the Public Safety Committee meeting; the presentation made to Board already and the Regional Selectmen meeting on January 14.

J. Sherman inquired if the date for the Town meeting was set.

D. Poliquin and S. Fitzgerald both noted it was not.

**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 M. Curran.***

***Board members polled:***

***D. Poliquin = yes;***

***R. Gray = yes;***

***C. Blinn = yes;***

***M. Curran = yes;***

***J. Sherman = yes.***

Recessed Public Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm on 12/23/09.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Audrey DeProspero