



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, March 15, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:37 pm

SELECTMEN:

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

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

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2010 as written.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Pollard School Arbor Day Poster

The first, second and third winner of the Arbor Day Poster Contest approached the Board of Selectmen and read a poem they chose regarding trees. Jessica Costa was the first to read and she chose to read, "Cypress Street"; Abhit Shah read his poem, "The Tree I Made" and Dawson Drelick read his poem, "Every Time I Climb a Tree".

Jill Senter and Dan Poliquin presented prizes and certificates to the winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

3rd Place went to Dawson Drelick. Dan Poliquin presented Dawson with a certificate signed by the Board of Selectmen and Jill Senter handed out third place prize to Dawson.

2nd Place went to Abhit Shah. Dan Poliquin presented Abhit with a certificate signed by the Board of Selectmen and Jill Senter handed out second place prize to Abhit.

1st Place went to Jessica Costa. Dan Poliquin presented Jessica with a certificate signed by the Board of Selectmen and Jill Senter handed out first place prize to Jessica.

D. Poliquin noted all three posters would be kept to send to the State for the semi finals of the poster contest and he thanked all participants for a job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attorney Bob Harb of 18 Hilltop Road approached the Selectmen for Public Comment. He congratulated Steve Ranlett on his position as Moderator, he thanked all citizens for their help

during his campaign, he thanked all who came and held signs during the election and he thanked his family, wife and daughters, who supported him during the election. He noted he was here to let the Selectmen know that he is here to help the community in any way that he can and offered any help that he could give to the Town. He noted that he felt that he was the luckiest man in the world to be able to be part of such a great community.

D. Poliquin congratulated all candidates that succeeded in their elections and he offered to others that did not, to come forward and be part of other committees in Town.

Oath of Office for new candidates – Maryellen Pelletier

M. Pelletier and all newly elected officers came before the Board of Selectmen to read their oath. All participants raised their right hand and read their oath.

Attendees/Elected position: Charles “Buzzy” Blinn – Selectmen; Steven Ranlett – Moderator; John Sherman – Selectmen; Charlie Lanza – Planning Board; Leona L Stevens – Budget Committee; Kathryn JH Jones – Conflict of Interest; Patricia “Tricia” Holt – Budget Committee; Dennis Naffah – Conflict of Interest; Normand Bouchard – Budget Committee; Martha L Fowler – Treasurer; and Jennifer Kiarsis – Library Trustee;

As an FYI: Maryellen Pelletier – Town Clerk had been sworn in prior to this meeting along with Neal Morin – Budget Committee

M. Pelletier indicated that all newly elected officials needed to sign their oaths of office and return them to her.

R. Gray congratulated all elected officials.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- He spoke to Jay Somers of Comcast and by Thursday they should have a date to relocate the hub.
- Devices that could help get messages out to residents. He discussed a high speed compact flash drive that would enhance the speed of encoding; the sound mixer which is old and failing; and a hard drive recorder that is used to record post production videos and allow the use of functionality. The equipment is estimated to cost a little of \$4,000 and he was asking the Board to authorize the purchase of these items.

N. Bouchard discussed cable meeting regarding the purchase of these items and indicated that whatever is needed to move forward and get the items up and running the Cable Committee was in agreement to purchase.

S. Fitzgerald spoke of Dean Zanello’s credentials and his knowledge for what is needed to seamlessly get things moving in the right direction. The items in need would help pick up on efficiencies and help in furthering the public information with labeling the meetings that are being aired.

R. Gray and S. Fitzgerald discussed the VM-3 Message Generator and its capabilities.

D. Poliquin inquired if any of the current equipment that is being replaced is surplus able.

N. Bouchard noted the items were upgrades to make things better and more identifiable. They are improving on what they currently have.

J. Sherman inquired if this was something that they could of and should have had all along. He also inquired if these items were pretty standard and every facility ought to have.

S. Fitzgerald noted these were items the Local Origination office would want to have; they were leaning a little bit forward with the Chasecam in regards to newer technologies and this item was not bleeding edge technology but functional technology which the school currently does use this type of technology and it works well for them.

J. Sherman congratulated the Cable Committee for all their work and extended congratulations to Dean also. He inquired if these items would get them closer to generating local origination or were they independent of that.

S. Fitzgerald noted this was not independent; it was making it attractive and user friendly along with making it more easily deployable.

J. Sherman inquired if the Selectmen approved tonight then what would the time frame be to get this going.

S. Fitzgerald noted 10-14 days for delivery and 24-48 hours to get it up and running.

Motion by J. Sherman to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with purchasing the Cable Studio equipment as described in the Town Manager's Report dated 3/15/10 for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

2nd by M. Curran.

C. Blinn thanked the Cable Committee and noted they had been working hard to update local origination.

D. Poliquin agreed and noted he had heard good response from the general public regarding the changes that have been made recently.

Vote 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Telephone call to Jay Somers from Comcast before tonight's meeting. He discussed Comcast was moving forward with the relocation of the hub; the authorization from Comcast; and Jay Somers working on a plan to get crews to Town. He suggested a ribbon cutting once this is completed with refreshments and a couple of key note programs that they can record.
- Advancing Clock Tower project; meeting with Leigh and Phil D'Avanza, a Historic Clock Tower Tradesman; and finalizing the 2010 NH Division of Historical Resources Conservation License Plate Grant Application which includes \$20,000 donation match.

- Strategize for moving forward with the four million CMAQ grant proposal; meeting with Tim Moore to review the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant Application; follow up meeting with MBTA and the application being due on April 1st.
- Site visit as part of the Garden Road Bridge reconstruction; Commissioner Campbell's phone call this afternoon regarding project discussion; Commission Campbell's eagerness to move the project forward and the traffic plan for that section which will be rerouted for the next several months.
- Copies of the Comprehensive Economic Grant proposals which have been submitted regarding projects and summary sheets that have been reviewed.
- Matter coming before Planning Board this week which Board of Selectmen will have to review regarding the over 55 housing development located off Hillcrest at the southern end of Route 108 and list of items that will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting this Wednesday which are listed in the Town Manager Report.
- Meeting with Sue Edwards regarding the lack of a signal and turning lane; conversation with Dave Walker; Sue's concerns that have been addressed as part of the NH DOTs work in that neighborhood; Sue's complaint about ambient noise in the neighborhood and best practice ordinances in place.
- Updating Town maps; number of Town owned properties that have not been properly identified in GIS mapping and to identify additional Town owned land and the updating those maps

J. Sherman noted that he assumed the map would coincide with the list inside the Town Report but wanted to make sure what was on the GIS list is what is on the Town Report list.

S. Fitzgerald noted it would but he had not audited that list recently but definitely would check.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Second meeting with Roy Jeffrey to honor WWII veterans; Veterans receiving citation to recognize their service; having the Governor and other Officials sign it and currently establishing the list of Plaistow residents that served in World War II.
- Old Home Day Committee is having a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser which is coming up on this Sunday, March 21 from 8am-10am at Applebee's and tickets are \$5.

Reorganization

*Motion by M. Curran to nominate Dan Poliquin for Chairman.
2nd by C. Blinn.*

*Motion by J. Sherman to nominate Bob Gray for Chairman.
2nd by R. Gray.*

J. Sherman inquired if Dan was willing to continue as Chairman.

D. Poliquin noted he was.

R. Gray noted he doesn't have a concern with Dan being Chairman; his concerns are that he wants the meeting to start on time at 6:30pm. The past several months the Board has started after 6:30 and he would like the meetings to start on time. He would like the Minute Taker and the Town Manager to be here and ready to start on time along with the Board members.

D. Poliquin noted he agreed and discussed how the Board makes people at home wait and people who come to meetings wait. He noted he was hopeful for them to be able to obtain this.

D. Poliquin discussed two votes being on the floor and noted the Board will vote on the first motion which was for Dan to be Chairman.

Vote 4-0-1.

Abstain: D. Poliquin

J. Sherman noted he would withdraw his motion for nomination of Bob Gray as Chairman.

R. Gray noted he too would withdraw his second.

Motion by M. Curran to nominate C. "Buzzy" Blinn for Vice Chairman.

2nd by D. Poliquin.

Vote 4-0-1.

Abstain: C. Blinn.

Motion carries.

D. Poliquin discussed the email he sent suggesting individuals mix it up to have a better overview regarding the different committees.

J. Sherman noted he wanted to stay on the Budget Committee.

R. Gray noted he wanted to stay on Planning Board.

Budget Committee Representative

J. Sherman reiterated that he wanted to stay on the Budget Committee.

D. Poliquin inquired if there would be an issue if the Alternate showed up while the Representative was there just to get a feel for what was going on.

M. Curran thought it was a good idea.

R. Gray and J. Sherman agreed that it was okay.

C. Blinn thought it was a good point for the Alternate to attend meetings to better understand what was going on.

2010 Budget Committee

Consensus of the Board was for John Sherman to be Representative.

2010 Representative: J. Sherman

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 Planning Board

2010 Representative: Bob Gray

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 Capital Improvement Plan

2010 Representative: J. Sherman

2010 Representative: C. Blinn

Alternate: D. Poliquin

2010 Highway Safety Committee

D. Poliquin noted he was the current representative and the committee meets Wednesdays during the day. He didn't mind being the rep but if someone else wanted it he would allow such.

2010 Representative: D. Poliquin

Alternate: C. Blinn

2010 Cable TV Advisory

2010 Representative: C. Blinn

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 Family Mediation

M. Curran noted she was newly appointed and would like to stay if the Board agreed.

2010 Representative: M. Curran

Alternate: D. Poliquin

D. Poliquin discussed the availability of the Alternate position being open if someone would like to take it and if not, he wouldn't mind staying on as Alternate.

J. Sherman noted he would take Alternate but Dan had been on this committee in the past and to keep continuity Dan could stay.

R. Gray noted he was unable to accept the position because it would conflict with his current schedule.

2010 Recreation Commission

D. Poliquin noted he would like to take this one on because he had gone to a meeting and thought it was quite interesting.

2010 Representative D. Poliquin

Alternate J. Sherman

2010 HAZMAT

D. Poliquin noted he is usually the rep and there was only one meeting a year which was usually around June or July.

J. Sherman noted he was okay with having Dan staying as rep.

2010 Representative: D. Poliquin

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 Conservation Commission

2010 Representative: C. Blinn

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 RPC

D. Poliquin inquired if anyone had spoken to these individuals of RPC.

J. Sherman noted their appointments (Tim Moore & Marilyn Senter) were still active.

D. Poliquin noted both RPC and SPW (Marilyn Senter & Larry Gil) were still current.

2010 Old Home Day

C. Blinn noted he had an issue with their meetings because they were on Monday nights.

2010 Representative: C. Blinn

Alternate: J. Sherman

C. Blinn noted he would contact Tami Smith regarding meeting dates.

2010 Town Report

R. Gray noted he wanted to stay on the Town Report Committee.

J. Sherman noted he would like to stay as representative also.

2010 Representative: R. Gray

Representative: J. Sherman

2010 Plaistow Water Source

D. Poliquin noted the rep was Larry Gil but there was no term listed so the Board would go through with Alternate.

S. Fitzgerald noted Conservation Commission had picked up most of the items of the Plaistow Water Source Committee. He had spoken to Larry Gil quite a bit regarding water resources and suggested to keep this task force as it was because it would be well served in the Town.

No Alternate was chosen.

2010 Beede

2010 Representative: R. Gray

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 Elderly Affairs Committee

2010 Representative: C. Blinn

Alternate: J. Sherman

D. Poliquin noted the Elderly Affairs Committee was not currently active but it was on the Goals to reactivate.

2010 Open Space Town Land

J. Sherman noted this Committee had been renamed to Plaistow First and was no longer an Open Space Town Land and Building Committee.

2010 Public Safety Complex Building Committee

D. Poliquin discussed Public Safety Complex Committee usually meets during the day and he doesn't mind being the representative unless someone else wants to tackle it.

2010 Representative: D. Poliquin

Alternate: J. Sherman

2010 Rockingham Economic Development Council

2010 Representative: D. Poliquin

D. Poliquin noted the paperwork for 2009 was misprinted and it should be "Corporation" and not "Council".

2010 NH Café

2010 Representative: J. Sherman

2010 Highway Garage Committee

Representative: D. Poliquin

Alternate: M. Curran

2010 Plaistow First Committee

M. Curran discussed her choice being Dick Latham. She further discussed her conversation with Dan Poliquin regarding George Melvin as a participant and George's conversation with Michelle. She clarified for the Board that her choice was Dick Latham and George Melvin was Dan Poliquin's choice. She also noted that both Dick and George agreed to sit on the committee if asked.

D. Poliquin noted he spoke with Warren Gerety and it seemed to be a spark of interest to him.

R. Gray noted that he thought each Selectman was to come up with one name.

M. Curran discussed how she asked Dick and how George came to her after speaking with Dan about the committee.

D. Poliquin noted if he had to choose he would choose George because he was a previous Selectman and knows the lay of the land. He noted if Michelle was to nominate Dick then he would nominate George.

C. Blinn nominated Bob Harb.

R. Gray noted he spoke to Charlie Lanza who agreed to serve on the committee. Charlie has water knowledge and land use knowledge and would be a good asset to the committee.

J. Sherman nominated Dave Hansbury and noted that he spoke to Dave and he has agreed. He discussed Dave as his choice because he was a local businessman not involved with any current committees.

D. Poliquin suggested having an Alternate to the committee.

J. Sherman agreed and noted it wasn't a bad idea and discussed speaking with Paul Sickel and noted he would be glad to be an Alternate.

D. Poliquin inquired the opinion of the Board regarding having one or two Selectmen Reps.

J. Sherman suggested having one Representative with one Alternate.

R. Gray noted he would be glad to be the Selectman Rep.

J. Sherman volunteered to be the Alternate.

Board discussed seeking other committee members to take part regarding recommendations of certain land pieces and suggestions.

S. Fitzgerald discussed balance between good and bad; streamline; narrow and tight; the work of the committee for the outcome of the Town and having sufficient representation.

D. Poliquin discussed the three charges of the Charter that John presented and read the Charges:

- Part 1 – Develop a “Needs List” of property and buildings that are required for ensuring the future effective management of the Town of Plaistow by reviewing the Town Master Plan and interviewing the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager;
- Part 2 – Develop an “Inventory List” of property and buildings currently owned by the Town or which have relevant easements;
- Part 3 – Develop a “Recommendations List” to include properties that should be disposed of, properties that should be utilized differently, and properties that should be considered for possible acquisition.

D. Poliquin discussed pin pointing what was needed and thanked John for creating such. He noted the Board would move forward with the appointments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board members discussed pond outside Town Hall and noted that the basement of Town Hall was okay, there were a number of sump pump working around the clock.

D. Poliquin thanked the Building Maintenance Department; Highway Department, Police and Fire for putting in quite a few hours to secure the Town.

J. Sherman noted he was just following up and thinking about the future regarding items of improvements to infrastructures.

S. Fitzgerald discussed pictures taken by Dan Garlington of the flooding and discussed drainage improvement projects that have benefitted the Town; receiving a lot of rain over the past 36

hours; strategically improving drainage; possible sand bags for back of Town Hall; strategies to drain various areas such as Old County Road and capital improvements that could be made to elevate the turf.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

C. Blinn:

- Discussed Cable Committee meeting was cancelled.
- Thanked the people of Plaistow that had him re elected.
- Noted he liked election days because he got to meet all the people, it was a great day, he was proud to be a Selectman and appreciated all he has received.

M. Curran:

- Congratulated all who got elected.
- Personally thanked Bernadine FitzGerald and noted she would be missed.
- Discussed her meeting this Wednesday with Family Mediation.
- Noted she had an opportunity to participate in a Town Function which was on Saturday and hosted by the Lions. It was a fundraiser that was held at the Atkinson Country Club and 300 tickets were sold. John Sherman was doing a bit that evening and she noted he was very funny and suggested if anyone gets the opportunity to see him perform they would be pleasantly surprised.

J. Sherman:

- Noted last Saturday he did perform a stand up comedy at the Atkinson Country Club and noted he supported the Lions Club fundraiser.
- Thanked everyone that filed for elected office whether they won or not.
- Thanked all who showed up and voted and noted he was glad they were there to vote because he does appreciate that. He was there for 13 hours and seen a lot of people.
- Discussed Rec Commission met last week and went over regular items. They are working on a policy for the concession stand if an organization wants to use it while they are on the field.
- Noted Budget Committee will have a re organizational meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, March 16.
- Will not attend the Regional Selectmen meeting due to his conflict with the Budget Committee.

R. Gray:

- Plans on attending the Regional Selectmen meeting.
- Was at the polls feeding ballots into the machine. He was happy to talk with people from the Town and personally handed out 5 boxes of Town Reports to people. The comments he heard was residents wished they could have had the Reports before the election so they could have known what issues were before hand.
- Spoke with Norm Major regarding the switching of Main Street and Haseltine and Norm was not able to attach to rider bill so the earliest to file will be October.

- Discussed post card he received in the mail last week which was an advocacy for Article P-10-T. He noted it was not mailed by the Town and he inquired if anyone knew how it was mailed or who mailed it out.

M. Curran noted it was a petition article and there are individuals and organizations that do mailings such as those.

R. Gray noted the individuals should identify themselves when doing mailings of this sort but he publicly wanted the residents to know that the mailings they received were not from the Town.

R. Gray:

- Discussed Election and noted some improvements he heard were they did not have enough information to make decisions not only on the Articles but on the Candidates themselves. Suggestions were to run Candidates Night more prior to the Election and getting more programs out on the cable channel to help residents.
- Planning Board meeting this Wednesday night.

J. Sherman discussed his attendance to the Eagle Scout Award ceremony yesterday at Plaistow Fish and Game for Christopher Negrotti and noted that he presented the Citation to Christopher on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

D. Poliquin:

- Voted last week.
- Has had a busy week
- Had no specific meetings to discuss.
- Wants to attend the Area Selectmen meeting tomorrow in Atkinson.
- Was waiting for a couple of things to be rescheduled that were previously postponed.
- Received things from REDC (Rockingham Economic Development Corporation) about the Comprehensive Economic Strategy Seminars and would put this information in the FYI folder for others to read.
- Plaistow Old Home Day is having a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's this Sunday and tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Town Hall or at the door. All proceeds go to the Fireworks Fund.
- This is a recycling week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero