



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, January 18, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:52 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin - arrived 6:52
Selectman, Charles Blinn - excused
Selectman, John Sherman

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

AGENDA:

Superintendent Richard LaSalle – School Warrant Articles and Budget

Richard LaSalle, Superintendent of Schools and George Stockinger, Business Administrator were present to discuss present Warrant Articles and the process they have been through.

R. LaSalle discussed the school is in the same place as the Town, they have had their annual budget meeting. He noted they have come to terms with budget to be presented to public at Deliberative Session. He discussed Articles:

Article 1 - Election of Officers – (1) empty Plaistow seat on School Board and (2) vacant Plaistow seats on the Budget Committee.

Article 2 - Operating Budget \$61,764,677. Operating Budget is less than Default Budget of \$61,838,543.

J. Sherman indicated he thought the budget increase was understated because it did not include the capital reserve nor the teacher contract increase.

Article 3 – Timberlane Teacher Association. Teacher's contract expired a year ago and teachers are operating under previous terms of the contract.

Article 4 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items.

Article 5 – Capital Reserve.

J. Sherman and G. Stockinger discussed 2010-2011 Proposed Budget and Warrant Article.

Article 6 – Atkinson Academy Kitchen Renovation. Discussed history back in year 2000 when school district went through renovations and noted the kitchens were not done.

Article 7 – General Acceptance of Reports.

R. LaSalle discussed proposed budget and noted it was a lean budget.

J. Sherman thanked the Superintendent for the Capital Reserve explanation. He noted he was surprised there was no Warrant Article for Sandown and expressed his concern.

R. LaSalle noted their position from discussions was not to move forward at this time.

S. Fitzgerald thanked the Superintendent and George for their attendance this evening and for their help throughout the year.

Attorney Kate Miller – Comcast Negotiations

S. Fitzgerald noted Attorney Kate Miller was here to discuss Comcast negotiations and suggested the possibility of going into Non Public.

K. Miller suggested going into Non Public for a short period of time to talk candidly.

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

Board members polled: D. Poliquin = yes; M. Curran = yes; J. Sherman = yes

Board entered Non Public at 7:27 pm.

Board returned from Non Public at 7:55 pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Special State Election held on Tuesday, January 12th; new rep, Kenneth Weyler; and the low voter turnout due to weather.
- Special dates: First day to run for Town Officer-January 20; last day for Selectmen to post Warrant and Budget-January 25; last day to sign up for Town Office-January 29; last day to register to vote in Clerk's Office is February 27 and March 9 is the Election.
- Budget Committee meeting last Tuesday, final changes were made to the Warrant and presented at the Public Hearing. One change was made to clarify the wording.
- Office of Energy and Planning Energy Grants: 6.6 million dollars are available through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. Town is looking into the following projects: Fire Department lighting, Plaistow District Courthouse efficiency measures, and Historical Building efficiency measures.
- The Town was awarded a \$5,000 grant to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and it needed to be mentioned in the minutes that the Board did vote to approve and needs to have a Public Hearing. If the Board is in agreement then Sean will add it to next week's agenda.

Motion by J. Sherman to accept the \$5,000 grant for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Board discussed and signed on September 28, 2009.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote 3-0-0.

Motion carries.

- CEDS funding - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region. This plan outlines a region's economic development needs and goals.

- Town received notification that they have received \$4,268.99 reimbursement in financial assistance for mosquito control.

Motion by J. Sherman to accept the amount of \$4,268.99 from the NH Department of Health and Human Services as a reimbursement for the Town of Plaistow's 2009 mosquito control activities.

2nd by M. Curran.

J. Sherman noted it was great to get the funds but it was difficult to see the cut backs in municipalities.

Vote 3-0-0.

Motion carries.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Meeting at 3:30 on January 20th of the Economic Development Committee at Town Hall on the 2nd floor.
- Meeting on January 26 from 7:30-9am for the annual Southern NH municipal Outlook breakfast.
- Senator Mike Downing's letter in the FYI folder regarding the outlined revitalization in the area which was sent to Atkinson, Salem, Pelham and Plaistow's BOS.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None discussed.

Review of 2010 Warrant (Selectmen's presentation at Deliberative Session)

D. Poliquin noted the Board would wait until next week to discuss Review of 2010 Warrant when all Selectmen were present. He discussed the Board met right after the Budget Public Hearing and voted to accept minor language changes to the last Warrant Article. They added the word "deposit" to the title and added "to be added to the existing" in the body of the Warrant.

M. Curran noted this was done to keep all consistent.

J. Sherman noted that this made sense to him.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

J. Sherman discussed:

- Budget Public Hearing was last Thursday on the budget. Not a lot of turnout for attendance. There was only one member of the Budget Committee not there. The Warrant Articles and Budgets were explained and it was taped and will be rebroadcast.
- Saturday, January 30 is the Deliberative Session at Town Hall at 10am.
- Town Budget Public Hearing was the same night as the School Budget Public Hearing and next year we should work harder to make sure that they are not on the same night.
- Rec Commission meeting last week. Carli gave update on various projects in process. There was a general discussion. One member is not going to continue after March when

the term expires. Suggestion was to put notice on Cable channel that the Commission is looking for 2 alternate members for Recreation Commission and to contact any member. One idea that came up during the meeting which he thought was a good idea was to look into a skating rink out at the park facility on Old County Road. It was a complete coincidence that in the Eagle Tribune a group of volunteers from Pelham created such. The people were taking advantage of it which is a wonderful activity and is free. Families can do it with their kids. The volunteers keep the snow shoveled and the area clear. A previous attempt was done at Ingalls Terrace which failed due to the ability of non freezing land. The Commission noted they were going to look into the skating rink idea.

- Town Report Committee met last week, went over some details regarding the contents of the report and types of information they were looking for and from whom. They are keeping the size of the Town Report similar to last years.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Town Report was moving along fine. The first draft had been printed out and needs to be polished.

M. Curran discussed her attendance last Thursday evening and noted it went relatively smoothly. She has a Family Mediation meeting on Wednesday evening and a Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Southern New Hampshire Division meeting Wednesday afternoon.

J. Sherman noted at the Rec Commission meeting they talked with a young boy who is interested in pursuing his Eagle Scout award by building a directory sign for PARC; the possible location of the sign; and his cost. He noted the Rec Commission was working with the young boy on it.

D. Poliquin noted he went to the Special Town Election Tuesday night at 7:10 pm but he was unable to vote because he was late. The polls closed at 7:00 pm.

S. Fitzgerald noted he discussed the time with the Moderator and noted the time is set by the Board of Selectmen and they will adjust correctly for the next time.

D. Poliquin noted he had a Chamber Meeting Wednesday.

MINUTES:

Motion by M. Curran to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2010 as written.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 3-0-0.

Motion passes.

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

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Matters that would affect someone's reputation

Motion by M. Curran to go into Non Public under RSA91-A: ,II (e) Legal Matters and RSA 91-A:3,II (c) Reputation.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Board members polled: D. Poliquin = yes; M. Curran = yes; J. Sherman = yes.

Public meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
January 18, 2010

Audrey DeProspero