



Town of Plaistow ♦ Board of Selectmen

145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, April 26, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:34 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Selectman, Michelle Curran
Selectman, John Sherman

Vice Chairman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, Robert Gray
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by M. Curran to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2010 with correction to page 2 & 6 as noted by J. Sherman.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 3-0-2.

Abstain: R. Gray and M. Curran.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one present for public comment

Jill Senter & Tim Moore: Update on Arbor Day/Earth Day & Town Forest Opening

J. Senter discussed the Town's annual 2nd Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration. There were 90 children present from the Pollard School 5th Grade Class. They planted 3 trees instead of 2 because of the timing and delivery of the 2 purchased trees. The Town Manager wanted to make sure there was in fact a tree prepared for planting so he went and purchased a tree. The kids had a great time. The three winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest read their poems that they read to the Selectmen. Pictures were taken that day of the children and then on Thursday they made frames for their pictures.

J. Senter discussed the Town Forest which has been open for years and will have a ribbon cutting ceremony which is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 at 2pm. A Scout who is working on his Eagle project is leveling and straightening out the parking lot to make it more inviting using reclaimed asphalt. The Conservation Commission had approved \$1,500 to spend on this project however they have expanded the project to include a thicker base and increased the area from 80 feet to 100 feet which will increase the cost close to \$5,000. The money is still to come from Forrest Fund and they are still working out the details. Dan Garlington is working with the Scout who has an excavator coming in to do the remainder of the work. Jill noted Phase II of the project may be widening the opening of the driveway.

D. Poliquin inquired if Jill had been in touch with Sean throughout this process.

J. Senter noted yes.

S. Fitzgerald noted they had a site visit today and there was approximately \$30,000 in the Forest Fund to offset the expense.

D. Poliquin inquired why they were going from 4 inches to 6 inches in depth.

J. Senter noted it was a suggestion of Mr. Nichols from Newton who is doing the work. She discussed the base needing to be thicker for the winter plowing to allow for a little give in the surface. Having only 4 inches does not provide enough give and the suggestion of 6-8 inches was made which will benefit the area.

M. Curran discussed money spent for trees and inquired if Jill needed an approval of the Board.

J. Senter noted she did not have the exact amount and was still waiting on the invoice.

D. Poliquin noted he heard Arbor Day/Earth Day was a great success and was sorry he missed it.

Mike Dorman & Tim Moore, Chairman of the Planning Board: MS-4 Storm Water Management Report 2010

M. Dorman noted he was present to give an update on the MS-4. He discussed playing catch up on the new permit which came out in 2008; currently working on the final draft; the guidelines regarding storm water management; the Town being in good place; testing to be done with Normandeau tomorrow and the source of the contamination in Little River not known as of yet.

D. Poliquin discussed the Ordinance that was enacted basically to give the Town a little bit more to work with and to appease the part of the Town's Administrative Order from the EPA.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the Town having what it needed; a gold stamp which gives additional support; having one of the best enforcement tools; bad practices; illicitly discharging water into water sheds; and monitoring construction sites and post construction sights to best protect the water sheds in Town.

T. Moore discussed adding water sampling to the budget for next year; EPA's requirements which are sampling during both a dry period and a wet period and the costs associated with such.

J. Sherman and M. Dorman discussed some pollutants in Little River and the possibility of the source not being in Plaistow.

J. Sherman inquired if Mike had any enforcement outside of Town.

M. Dorman noted no however he would notify the associated town.

S. Fitzgerald discussed MS-4 related responsibilities and sharing the responsibilities with surrounding towns.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Meeting with Roy Jeffery and Tom Cullen regarding honoring WWII Veterans; looking at various areas in Town to hold their commencement; Representative Major's information regarding the Governor signing the Veterans Citations; commencement to take place on May 31; meeting with Mike Taylor, Commander of American Legion Post; number of ways to help honor Veterans; location being Town Hall 2nd floor; presenting the Veterans with Citations; and the American Legion's vote to present the Town with a new flag and remove ceremonially the flag that has served the Town for many years.
- Police Chief Steve Savage has secured a crew from Rockingham County to do some community cleaning.
- Plaistow First Committee members and the meeting he has held with each. He has invited them to the next BOS meeting to introduce them and to have a discussion regarding the Goals of the Committee. He discussed touring the Town in a bus so they could go to various locations and discuss land use. He has been working on a number of projects that will better define a data base of Town owned property and will be reviewing the map and information with the committee to help best define land use in Town.
- MBTA meeting in Boston with Director of Railway Operations, Jodie Ray.
- Meeting with Senator Downing and Representative Major and NHDOT officials in Concord on Tuesday, April 13 regarding Plaistow's MBTA project.
- Upcoming meeting with Commission Bald and NHDRED regarding the update on the Plaistow MBTA project and ERZ Zone.
- Rockingham Economic Development Commission meeting to discuss grants that the Town has recently submitted to REDC; the Town's requests for technical assistance with the Plaistow MBTA project being moved from Long Term Priority list to the Short Term Priority List; and the request for feasibility study for municipal water and waste water being moved from the New Submittal list to the Long Term Priority Projects list.
- Meeting with both Chiefs and Attorney Kalman regarding Snows Brook radio improvements and Attorney Kalman scheduling another meeting to fine tune the agreement before bringing it to the Selectmen.
- NHDES meeting in Concord regarding the cap at the landfill.
- Regional services joined together at and April 20th meeting. The discussion was encouraging regarding inter-municipal relationships. A number of municipalities were eager to hear about Plaistow's efforts to save the court house and bring rail service here.
- Summary of all chapters of the Master Plan being in the Board's folders and the Town Planner working on a complete list of the recommendations.
- 7 zoning amendments on the Warrant and approved however one was left out by error. Article P-10 which had to do with a residential lot that was located in two zones. It will be included in the 2011 Town Meeting contingent upon the vote of the Planning Board.
- Federal component holding up the Garden Road Bridge Replacement and once that is cleared up the Town will be scheduling the ground breaking.
- FEMA Representatives visited Town Hall and met with Lori Sadewicz, Dan Garlington and Mike Dorman regarding Plaistow's eligibility for reimbursement. It has been determined that Plaistow does qualify for funds from the wind/rain storm.

J. Sherman inquired if this would include private homeowners too.

S. Fitzgerald noted he does not believe that it does, however not all determinations have been made. This is strictly for municipal costs only.

D. Poliquin inquired if these funds were for monies to clean up the public roadways regarding what the Town has already done and not for what the Town may still have to do.

S. Fitzgerald noted if there are damages that the Town has yet to record then they will certainly put in for them. They will be itemizing and trying to get the Town whatever it is eligible for.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Web EOC training that was attended by himself, Lori Sadewicz, Fire Chief McArdle and Audrey DeProspero. The training would allow them to manage the preparedness for the Town which would certainly help the town. Town staff did a great job getting certified and it will certainly help us meet the broader management of the Town
- Meeting regarding installation of generator and the Selectmen's approval to sole source with Gemini generator which has a very good reputation.
- List of Non Public Minutes which are in the Selectmen FYI folder for their review.
- First Town Wide Community Yard Sale this past Saturday which was very successful.
- Update on the Towns Landfill. It will open on May 1st, then again on Wednesday, May 5th, Saturday May 15 and Wednesday, May 19 and from there on it will be opened the first and 3rd Saturday of the month and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. It is open on Saturday from 7am-3pm and Wednesday evenings from 4pm-8pm and the dates and times are subject to change depending on weather and/or facility conditions.
- Timberlane Community Band fundraiser that he attended was a wonderful event.

R. Gray discussed Non Public Minutes that were for the Board's review and noted Sean wanted recommendations from Board however they are prescribed by RSA not by BOS and inquired if the Board has not been following the rules.

M. Curran discussed prior BOS meeting whereas the Board reviewed sealed Non Public minutes.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Town has acted accordingly and he was only notifying the Board of meetings minutes that had expired.

R. Gray inquired when unsealed minutes are available.

M. Curran noted 72 hours.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the Town's transparency.

R. Gray discussed the Master Plan meeting scheduled for June 2 by the Planning Board and the Planning Board inviting the Board of Selectmen to that meeting. He discussed the packet that Sean had given to all Board of Selectmen members. He noted the purpose of the regular Planning Board meeting would be to review the goals and objectives during the meeting. The meeting would not just be for BOS and Planning Board it is also for Land Use Board, Recreation Commission and whoever else wants to attend.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Land Use Board and having a forum.

Dedication of Cable TV Studio – Norman Bouchard

N. Bouchard was present to update the Board on the Cable Committee's thoughts regarding the Cable Studio dedication. He noted the Board's recommendation was to dedicate the studio to one specific individual.

M. Curran discussed person's contributions throughout time and noted if the Selectmen would see fit, the Committee has some work to properly honor the significant individual however, the decision would need to come from the Board of Selectmen. She noted she was touched by the conversation that had taken place regarding the dedication of the studio.

S. Fitzgerald discussed phone message he received from Jay Somers regarding moving the hub within the next two weeks. He discussed working together with the Cable Committee regarding cable programming, invitations, dedication and ribbon cutting.

D. Poliquin noted the Board could discuss the dedication in Non Public.

Plaque to commemorate Daniel George Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient

Representative Norm Major and Barry Sargent approached the Board of Selectmen to discuss the plaque to commemorate Daniel George – Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient.

B. Sargent noted both he and Norm Major were present to discuss the Memorial Day Celebration which is scheduled for Monday, May 31st. The usual commencement would start with the parade stepping off at Pollard School and going to the cemetery. In addition to the usual commencement they have come up with new ideas. One is honoring the WWII soldiers that are still with the Town through a ceremony in the late morning around 11-11:30 at Town Hall. The Legion has agreed to contact the WWII Veterans that are in Plaistow and have them come to Town Hall so the Town could honor them for their service. Secondly, would be to hold a ceremony by the Civil War Statue to honor Dan George, the only Congressional Medal of Honor winner in Plaistow. They would like to place a plaque on the Civil War Statue in his honor. The Legion thought a bronze plaque approximately 28"x15" would be nice. They noted they both had gone to Merrimac, Mass where Dan George is buried, and visited his grave to see the wording on his grave to help with wording that is to be put on the bronze plaque for statue. The Legion has agreed to supply and pay for a bag pipe player to play Amazing Grace on the bag pipe during the unveiling of the plaque as long as they would pay for the plaque. The plaque money would come from the Civil War Celebration Fund which has \$1,000 left over, however if there is a need for money then they would like the Town to pay for it, however that would need BOS approval.

N. Major discussed the information he had collected regarding Dan George. Board members expressed their feelings and information regarding Dan George.

D Poliquin inquired as to the specifics that Barry and Norm were looking for from the Board.

B. Sargent requested approval from the Board for paying for the plaque above and beyond the money they currently have.

S. Fitzgerald noted there was \$1,000 in Patriotic Purposes.

