



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, May 24, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:36 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 R. Gray to approve the Minutes of May 17, 2010 as written.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote 4-0-1.

Abstain: J. Sherman.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jill Senter from the Conservation Committee approached the Board and discussed the work done on the parking lot of the Town Forest along with the ribbon cutting ceremony. There were numerous people in attendance at the Town Forest opening, even Representative Norm Major and 3 Eagle Scouts. They gave out over 50 maps, the Scouts provided water to those who attended and even gave guided tours.

D. Poliquin noted he was not able to attend the opening however he heard it was a great event.

J. Senter gave special thanks to Dan Garlington who devoted extra time and effort to the driveway. He went above and beyond to make it much safer than it was.

S. Fitzgerald thanked Jill and the members of the Conservation Commission for their involvement.

J. Senter thanked Michelle for planting flowers.

Roy Jeffrey and Tom Cullen approached the Board and discussed the display of WWII uniforms that were put up this morning on the second floor of Town Hall.

R. Jeffrey noted the mannequins were on loan from Kohls Department Store and the WWII uniforms were on loan from the Historical Society. He discussed the process he and the Historical Society volunteers endured this morning while putting up the uniforms and the

mannequins. He discussed the Navy uniforms noting the white was for summer and the blue was for winter dress; Paul Holmes' uniform is the second one in from the left and the Army issued work day jacket was worn by a Staff Sargent Bill Hallahan, a survivor of Pearl Harbor.

Representative Norman Major approached the Board and noted WWII Veterans represent the greatest generation. They put their lives on the line when this Country was attacked. They and their friends, some came home some did not. He noted Roy Jeffrey and Tom Cullen do a lot for the Town and thanked them for their service and their hard work.

The Board applauded both Roy Jeffrey and Tom Cullen.

N. Major thanked the Town for honoring the Scouts for their projects in the Town Forest and thanked Jill Senter and Tim Moore for their help also. He discussed Memorial Day; the Plaque to honor Daniel George, the only Plaistow resident that received the Medal of Honor Award; his research for a picture of Daniel George; Ceremonial dressing for the statue and making the history of this information available on the Town's web site.

R. Gray discussed The National Medal of Honor web site not having this information and perhaps sharing Norm's found information with them.

ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) Appointments

Kim Crapo approached Board and spoke of her background: resident of Plaistow for 6 years, loves the Town, felt she had been here long enough and wanted to start doing her civic duty.

J. Sherman inquired if she had read the minutes or viewed any meetings.

K. Crapo noted she had not. She planned on being an Alternate to get her feet wet.

D. Poliquin and R. Gray discussed ZBA positions available.

M. Curran inquired what made Kim choose the ZBA Committee.

K. Crapo noted she felt there was one meeting a month and an Alternate position would give her some experience without diving in too much.

R. Gray discussed the possibility of her being thrown in immediately to a voting position because of the current situation and it be imperative that she be brought up to speed immediately on the rules and training for the ZBA.

S. Fitzgerald discussed training; getting information from Sumner Kalman and LGC training.

***Motion by M. Curran to accept Kimberly Crapo as an Alternate to the ZBA.
2nd by J. Sherman.***

D. Poliquin noted this is a 3 year appointment until 3/31/2013.

J. Sherman discussed ZBA positions: 5 positions on the ZBA; 2 are filled; there is 1 alternate and Kim would be a second alternate.

Vote 4-0-1.
Abstain: D. Poliquin.
Motion carries.

Jim Allen approached Board and discussed his background: Contractor with common sense who wanted to do what is best for the Town.

Motion by J. Sherman to appoint Jim Allen as an Alternate position to the ZBA.
2nd by M. Curran.
Vote 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

D. Poliquin discussed another appointment for the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Joyce Ingerson, who sent in a resume and a letter. He read her submitted letter and noted she was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a medical appointment.

J. Sherman noted Joyce was on the Budget Committee as an active member for a couple of years, she is acquainted with the functioning of the Town and thinks she would be a good representative for the ZBA.

Motion by J. Sherman to appoint Joyce Ingerson as an Alternate on the ZBA.
2nd by M. Curran.

R. Gray noted he agreed, Joyce would be an asset to the ZBA Committee.

Vote 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

J. Sherman requested to make a Motion to appoint Larry Ordway to the ZBA.

Motion by J. Sherman to appoint Larry Ordway as a full time member to the ZBA not as an Alternate.
2nd by R. Gray.

R. Gray noted Larry has been a long time member to the ZBA, he brings a lot of experience to the ZBA, he attended the last BOS meeting, was open and honest in his discussion and wants to continue to serve.

D. Poliquin discussed his reasons for not signing Larry's Warrant.

Vote 3-2-0.
Nay: M. Curran and D. Poliquin.
Motion carries.

J. Sherman noted the ZBA now has 3 full time members and 3 part time members.

JRM Solid Waste & Recycling

S. Fitzgerald discussed the new solid waste contract with JRM. He spoke of their history, reliability and customer service with solid waste and recycling. He asked Tom Flanagan from JRM's Sales Department and Peter Gamache, General Manager of JRM to say a few words about their company.

T. Flanagan gave history of JRM noting it was independently owned; serviced 13 municipalities from RI, MA and parts of NH; they just celebrated their 15 year anniversary; and they started in Gloucester from 5 trucks in 1995 to over 100 trucks now. He discussed satisfied customers; growth; services; their goal being to work with Plaistow and have a seamless transition from current provider to them; reducing solid waste tonnage; increasing participation on recycling; working towards a higher recycling rate to reduce the solid waste; single stream versus dual stream; and significant price difference.

P. Gamache noted current people who are recycling will continue, it is the ones that are not recycling that they focus on with training for those folks, starting in the schools with the hopes they will bring it home to teach their parents. He discussed competitions with grade schools and 85% of the current trash being thrown out can be recycled.

M. Curran inquired about bag amount for pick up.

T. Flanagan noted the details are being worked with Sean.

P. Gamache discussed getting condos involved with recycling. He spoke of current cities and towns they have contracts with and gave details of one barrel limit, bag cost, education and cardboard trash.

R. Gray discussed dumpsters.

M. Curran discussed recommendation of one barrel and possible three barrel limits.

P. Gamache discussed soft costs, one barrel and three barrel limits, and large families.

D. Poliquin discussed one container per household and residents using current barrels they have.

T. Flanagan showed an example of stickers they could put on current barrels they already use and can still utilize without purchasing new barrels.

J. Sherman inquired when the current contract runs out.

S. Fitzgerald noted February 28, 2010.

J. Sherman inquired when the transition would take place.

S. Fitzgerald noted at the end of June.

J. Sherman inquired if JRM was shooting for the same schedule as the Town currently had.

T. Flanagan noted yes.

J. Sherman discussed his wife being a teacher at the middle school and would like education to happen at lower levels with children. He inquired if JRM had done a drive by on trash day and said wow, we can really make a killing here.

P. Gamache noted he had driven through Town and noted that education needs to be first.

J. Sherman inquired if JRM had ways to get feedback to the homeowner so they can improve their situation.

P. Gamache noted they had stickers that will state what the problem and issue is so the resident can call JRM, but before the resident even gets the sticker the driver calls the office and informs them of what is happening.

J. Sherman inquired about how JRM's customer support worked and wanted to know if the residents contacted JRM directly.

T. Flanagan noted residents typically do call JRM directly.

P. Gamache discussed drivers giving list of problems in Town to Town Hall to help Town Hall staff if they get a call from the resident.

S. Fitzgerald discussed roll offs.

P. Gamache discussed roll off possibly being left at the landfill for homeowners with metal only if they missed spring clean up. He discussed the similar idea for plastic regarding putting a roll off at the Highway Department Garage.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Plaistow being at an 11% recycle rate, getting that number to 20% and asking people to help with these environmental challenges.

R. Gray discussed seamless transition; multiple units; 2% annual increase; and proposal.

Memorial Day – Barry Sargent

B. Sargent discussed new plaque which had been installed on the monument outside Town Hall. He noted he was looking for Selectmen to volunteer to speak during the Town Hall Ceremony, laying of the wreath at WWII monument, the Civil War monument and during the Dan George program. He reviewed the time frames for the programs during Memorial Day.

Board discussed the possibility of whom would be speaking during Memorial Day.

J. Sherman volunteered to speak during Memorial Day.

D. Poliquin noted he may not be back in time and had to pass.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

M. Curran discussed:

- Friends of Rec and Town Wide Yard Sale. She thanked the Friends of Rec for all their contributions but noted the Rec Department was owed the credit for the successful Town Wide Yard Sale and noted the money received will go directly to the Recreation Department.
- Family Mediation Volunteer Appreciation Night. She noted it was an excellent night and well attended. She spoke of an honored Volunteer who had 21 years of service: Harry Taylor who is related to Jill Senter and Maryellen Pelletier.
- Planting flowers this Thursday with Brenda Major and Bernadine FitzGerald on the Town Hall Green.

C. Blinn discussed Conservation meeting last week; getting ready for the opening of the Town Forest; members reviewing the agenda for that day; nice time for everyone that was there during opening day; fantastic trip through the forest; his first time up there; the forest being beautiful and pristine; and his looking forward to Memorial Day.

J. Sherman discussed:

- Missing last week's BOS meeting due to his surgery on May 7th. He thanked all who contacted him and his wife regarding how he was doing.
- Thinking about Capital Improvement Meetings and getting them started.
- Town Forest opening. He noted he didn't go because he wasn't well enough to walk the trails. He was glad it was a good ceremony. He has previously been to the Town Forest and noted it is really nice and is located off of Main Street.

D. Poliquin welcomed John Sherman back.

R. Gray discussed the upcoming Planning Board meeting Wednesday night; no current projects going on; Master Plan meeting postponed until June 16 (the 3rd Wednesday in June at 7pm on 2nd floor of Town Hall) and he hoped to have a lot of people attend.

D. Poliquin discussed:

- No meetings this past week.
- Couple of meetings coming up.
- CEDS meeting coming up.
- Next Regional Selectmen meeting is set for the end of June.
- This week is recycling week.
- Memorial Day exercises start at 11:30 at Town Hall; there will be a ceremony at 1pm at the Westville Ceremony and 2pm the parade kicks off at Pollard School.
- Commissioner Bald from DRED sent handwritten thank you note and read the note.

M. Curran noted she was approached by two members of the Open Space Committee who inquired when the committee would be meeting.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was waiting on John Sherman's return.

Chief Savage – Union Contract Negotiations (Non Public RSA 91-A:3, II (a))

***Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA91-A:3,II (a) Matters of Negotiation.
2nd by J. Sherman.***

Board members polled:

M. Curran = yes

D. Poliquin = yes

R. Gray = yes

C. Blinn = yes

J. Sherman = yes

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero