



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, November 1, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

SELECTMEN:

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

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

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

*Motion by J. Sherman to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010 with correction to page 5.
2nd by R. Gray.*

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

R. Jeffrey announced the passing of Helen Ayers a WWII Veteran of the Coast Guard SPARS who lived at 316 Main Street in Plaistow. He asked for a moment of silence to honor her memory.

D. Poliquin extended condolences to the family.

Carli Malette presented the pumpkin carving winners with prizes and a picture of their carved pumpkin. **Most Creative Pumpkin Winners:** 1st place: Sue Mosher – Polka Dot Pumpkin; 2nd place: Khrystian Dusombro – Space Ship Pumpkin; and 3rd place: Liam Lord – Spider Pumpkin. **Scariest Pumpkin:** Billy Savage – Grim Reaper. **Halloweeniest:** Brayden Moley – Pumpkin Man. **Sports:** Glenn Sansoucie – Boston Bruins.

C. Malette thanked Troop 18 for their help during and after Pumpkin Lighting on Friday evening.

ZBA Appointment – Paul Boniface

P. Boniface approached Board of Selectmen and introduced himself. He noted he was on the committee for over a year as an Alternate and enjoyed it.

D. Poliquin thanked Paul for volunteering as an Alternate to the ZBA and noted he had now requested to be a full time member to the ZBA and there was a Warrant for the BOS to sign.

J. Sherman inquired how many meetings Paul had attended.

P. Boniface noted over 20 and commented how he found it to be very interesting.

R. Gray inquired about the length of term.

S. Fitzgerald discussed warrant and three year term.

Motion by J. Sherman to appoint Paul Boniface to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a full member.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

J. Sherman discussed Plaistow First Committee meeting last week noting Dan Johnson was in attendance and requested to be on the Committee however the BOS appoints persons to that Committee. He noted Dan was unable to attend the Public Comment Section of the BOS meeting and requested he be appointed when he did show up.

Garden Road Bridge Dedication Update – Roy Jeffrey, Tom Cullen and Bill Hallahan

R. Jeffrey discussed dedication of the Garden Road Bridge scheduled for November 10th, the Wednesday before Veteran's Day, at 10am. The day before Veteran's Day was chosen because Veteran's Day is filled up for the Legion. The bridge is to be dedicated to the men and women of Plaistow NH who nobly and honorably served their country between December 7, 1941 and August 14, 1945. Invitations will be mailed out and they are trying to get as many attendees as they can. The Legion will have a firing squad, the Police Department will have a Color Guard, a program will be printed and they are hoping to have the dedication filmed for airing on Channel 17. The bridge was previously called the Gilbert Bridge and he is working with the Historical Society to find a picture of the bridge. There will be a plaque and possibly a Veteran's Park with bricks like the Library has. He would like to involve the families of the Veterans and have bricks purchased that have the name of the Veteran, rank, and years of service.

J. Sherman discussed possible parking issues.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would work on.

B. Hallahan discussed offer from the TRHS Honor Society in regards to speaking at the school.

T. Cullen noted he was asked to also speak but turned down the offer.

R. Jeffrey noted he did not receive a call and planned on attending the bridge ceremony but would be willing to go to the school afterwards.

T. Cullen discussed location of the bridge; previous items in that area; Hotel Maplewood; duplex house; site of Peaslee Mills; mill made bobbins; lumber people; 15 acre land that was dammed up then went out of business; prior history of the area with regards to making bricks; picture of the bridge which he plans on giving to the Historical Society; Veteran's Day; history of Veteran's Day; and 11th hour on the 11th day. He thanked all for their cooperation throughout the Town from prior to present.

D. Poliquin thanked the Veteran's for their service and discussed his error not being called to duty.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Roy Jeffrey's dedication to his comrades and Town.

R. Gray discussed road closures around Garden Road Bridge from 9:30 am – 11:30 am for ceremony and suggested to put this information on cable scroll and Town's web site.

S. Fitzgerald discussed mark up of the sign for the bridge; mark up of monument for the bridge; having a Veteran's park; Board to visit area; Town not owning property; and discussion with property owner.

DRED Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant-Award/Best Buy Tag Team Award-Fire Explorers – Fire Chief McArdle

S. Fitzgerald noted Chief McArdle was not be able to attend tonight's BOS meeting because he had taken ill and suggested taking the DRED Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant & Best Buy Tag Team Award up under the Town Manager's Report.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Toddler Trick or Treat. Town Staff joined in to welcome a number of little goblins and children in costumes.
- Great pumpkin lighting.
- Successful Trick or Treat. Chief indicated night was very safe and festive for the Town.

J. Sherman discussed hours of Trick or Treat noting it allowed some activity during daylight and offered a good option. He was at pumpkin lighting on Friday night and there was a good crowd, it was a friendly and cheap evening out with other residents.

D. Poliquin noted there were well over 200 people in attendance; it was a good time; there were games for kids, cider, doughnuts, and a DJ with a bubble machine and laser lights.

S. Fitzgerald discussed pre construction meeting for the Route 125 project noting there was extensive discussion regarding the Beede Access Route.

J. Sherman and D. Poliquin discussed the hazmat team; the possibility of them not being aware of the Beede Site Route which would be carrying hazardous material; the possible accidents/fender benders; and the tie ups that one may cause.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Chief McArdle playing a heavy roll in the hazmat team and him bringing this information along with Town's concerns to the hazmat team.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Plaistow First Committee.
- Number of cases pending before Land Use Board in front of Superior Court which he could discuss in Executive Session with the Board.
- 2009 Town Report for Plaistow selected as first place winner for population by LGC.

J. Sherman discussed importance of getting information out to residents and tax payers through the Town Report; report having a lot of information that could help people on a day to day basis; glad Town won the report again; everyone on the Committee did a great job; and his looking forward to working on the next Town Report.

R. Gray discussed great honor to be recognized as a Town that has won the Annual Report; information in report is helpful to residents; information presented in newspapers is not always accurate however the information in the Town Report is accurate and great.

S. Fitzgerald discussed first submission for the 2010 Annual Report by the Conflict of Interest Committee and note it was in the FYI folder.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- LGC Conference.
- Plaistow Economic Development Committee meeting held on Friday, October 29th. Attendees were Warren Gerety, Cliff Sinnot from RPC, Laurel Bistany from REDC and Selectmen Poliquin, Curran and Gray.
- Gazebo permit.

J. Sherman inquired if it made more sense to hold this concert at PARC.

S. Fitzgerald agreed and discussed enjoying the beautiful campus out there. He discussed the hold up would be a sheltered area and pavilion.

J. Sherman and S. Fitzgerald discussed gazebo, electronic components, and little protection for expensive equipment.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- CEDS Steering Committee meeting.
- Planning Board meeting and ZBA application from Ron Brown.
- Pro Bark concerns, site visit, order, and operations at Pro Bark.

D. Poliquin discussed site walk/visit and information found regarding significant amount of bark mulch and "building debris".

D. Poliquin and S. Fitzgerald discussed their findings during their site visit.

D. Poliquin requested to hold a more in depth conversation in Non Public regarding Pro Bark.

D. Poliquin and R. Gray discussed reason for discussion in Non Public having to do with encroachment to wet lands.

R. Gray noted for the record he wanted everyone to know that his property abuts the property they were discussing.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Veteran's Day program.

J. Sherman noted Dan Johnson was present and he would like to discuss Dan becoming a member to the Plaistow First Committee. Dan attended the most recent Plaistow First Committee and noted he would like to serve on the Committee. Any appointment to the Committee is done by the BOS. Dan would be a good addition to the Committee because he has a lot of information that he could bring to the Committee.

D. Johnson discussed putting himself where he was most needed. He would like to dig in and help where he can, shed a little light on items and confirm things that have gone on in Town.

J. Sherman discussed looking at tax maps and having some notations regarding whether it is wet or has a slope and Dan has a lot of information that would be helpful in this regard.

D. Poliquin discussed Dan having hands on experience and thought he would be a benefit to the Committee.

C. Blinn agreed.

D. Poliquin discussed the number of members; number of votes; and noted it was up to the Board.

R. Gray discussed official issue regarding voting; adding another member; and noted it would make the Committee an odd number.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the Committee roll and Committee not voting only making strong recommendation to the BOS.

D. Johnson discussed members of the Committee represent the Town of Plaistow not themselves.

J. Sherman noted the Committee makes recommendations back to the BOS.

Motion by J. Sherman to appoint Dan Johnson to the Plaistow First Committee.

2nd by C. Blinn.

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Board thanked Dan Johnson for volunteering.

J. Sherman noted the next meeting of Plaistow First was November 10 at 3:30pm.

S. Fitzgerald discussed signing off on the substantial completion of the Garden Road Bridge; inspected with Dan Garlington and Jason Lodge of Hoyle Tanner; and noted there was a list of remaining items that would need to be completed before the final payment was made.

R. Gray discussed Jason Lodge and inquired if he was part of the construction company team.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was the architect of the project.

R. Gray and S. Fitzgerald discussed project and certificate of approval.

S. Fitzgerald noted Chief McArdle was not here and discussed:

- DRED Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant-Award; 50% match program; soliciting money from the Fireman's Association for the remaining 50%; and his recommendation to the Selectmen to accept.

Motion by R. Gray to accept the DRED Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$1,980 as recommended on the Town Manager's Report on page 6 on November 1, 2010.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Fire Department Best Buy Tag Team Award-Fire Explorers; Fire Fighter Ryan Higgins; Explorer Post; filing for program; and securing donation to Explorers.

Motion by R. Gray to accept a \$2,000 Grant from Best Buy Corporation Award, and to direct the Town Manager to issue a check to the Plaistow Fireman's Association in the amount of \$2,000 in support of the Plaistow Explorer Post as recommended on page 6 of the Town Manager's Report dated November 1, 2010.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

D. Poliquin thanked Fire Fighter Higgins for putting in the time and going after the donation.

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Senior luncheon planned for Wednesday in the Great Room of Town Hall.
- Conducting annual performances evaluations with Town employees.
- Red Ribbon Week last week. Passed out over 80 bracelets and 37 ribbons which signaled living drug free.
- Budget Committee met and accepted Fire Department, Water Department and Emergency Management budgets. Not meeting Tuesday, November 2 because of Elections. Next meeting November 9 to review: Health, Recreation, Human Services-Admin, Human Services-Assistance and Human Services-Agencies.

J. Sherman noted the Budget Committee decided not to meet because neither the Chair nor Vice Chair were able to meet on the 2nd.

OTHER BUSINESS:

R. Gray requested an update from Sean for the Board regarding the status of the Beede meetings.

S. Fitzgerald discussed conversation with Bob Varney and trying to find a date for later on in the week to meet down in Boston.

R. Gray discussed meeting with Bob Varney before having a meeting in Boston.

S. Fitzgerald reminded all that tomorrow is election day and suggested for all to get out and vote.

SIGNATURE FOLDER:

Signature Folder and Manifest were going around.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

C. Blinn discussed no meetings this week; dealing with Cable; hoping to get together this coming week; wanting to discuss resignations of other persons; moving ahead; cable meetings; and holding off until Sean looks into the situation.

S. Fitzgerald noted he discussed the current situation with Dan Bush, Dean and Jay. They want to start taking advantage of improvements made over the past months and he wants to sit down with Norm and to discuss his resignation.

C. Blinn noted Conservation is Thursday night.

J. Sherman inquired if they have talked about opening up the cable studio.

C. Blinn noted he hasn't heard anything and the committee still needs to discuss.

S. Fitzgerald noted no date has been picked for the ribbon cutting.

J. Sherman inquired if the Town could broadcast from the Library.

S. Fitzgerald noted yes they could. He discussed the need to acquire a modulator and working with Comcast to see if they would supply the Town with one.

J. Sherman discussed:

- BudCom met last week. They are on board with BOS as far as what they have taken under consideration. They are not meeting tomorrow night.
- Plaistow First met last week. Their next meeting is on the 10th at 3:30 at Town Hall. The Committee is going very well; they are thinking about how to compile the information they have received; folks on the Committee very engaged; and good results for the Town.
- Attendance at pumpkin lighting - great time.
- He heard Toddler Trick or Treat went well.

R. Gray discussed:

- Plaistow First met last week.
- Attendance at Economic Development Committee meeting; went real well; glad to see all local businesses; hoping for future meetings to bring in more attendees; great to hear about bringing water and sewer to Plaistow; members of DRED were there and Cliff Sinnot; and important to point out that Selectmen can only do so much, all is derived from state legislature.
- Busy day tomorrow for election – will be in and out.
- Ballot boxes need to be signed.
- Wednesday night is Planning Board – information is in Sean's report.
- May have meeting with Bob Varney, former EPA Administrator.

C. Blinn discussed Planning Board not getting any building permits going.

R. Gray noted there was nothing in the pipeline, no one building anything, and no developments happening.

D. Poliquin discussed:

- Attendance at Economic Development; arrived a few minutes late; surprised at the number of persons in attendance; and thanked Warren Gerety for his contributions to getting individuals to attend.
- Pumpkin lighting was great.
- Did not see Toddler Trick or Treat but heard it was a success.
- Public Safety Complex meeting not scheduled until December; if warrants are required then getting them there would not be possible; last meeting was in June; wanting to move forward; surprised there had not been many meetings; and Committee needs to meet more.

NON PUBLIC – RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Legal Matters & RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Personnel

Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Legal Matters & RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Personnel.

2nd by J. Sherman

Board members polled: D. Poliquin = yes; C. Blinn = yes; R. Gray = yes; and J. Sherman=yes.

D. Poliquin suggested for all to get out and vote tomorrow.

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero