



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, August 20, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Charles Blinn

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin - arrived 6:48 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Robert Gray

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by R. Gray to approve the Minutes of August 6, 2012 as written.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote: 4-0-0. (D. Poliquin - absent)

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roy Jeffrey, 20 Dauntless Lane:

- Mr. Hallahan has been in the hospital, however he is now home and is feeling better.
- Yesterday they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of St. Christopher's Church located in Hampstead. 50 years ago there were four couples who organized the Church and three were from Plaistow. Four of the spouses are still around. The church started in Kingston but was at one time located in Plaistow. It use to be where Agway currently is located. The church burned many years ago and then they purchased the land on East Road in Hampstead.
- Would like to replace the current flag poles in the Veterans Circle with fiberglass poles so he is going to go to the September American Legion meeting to see if they can help.
- Has purchased a 3x5 Town flag that has a white background and the Town Seal on it. He hoped that when it arrives it would meet the Board's approval.

S. Fitzgerald noted he has offered the Town to pay for the items so Mr. Jeffrey does not have to.

- Still working on the WWII Veterans Plaque in the foyer of Town Hall. There are four names missing. He has ordered the missing names and is awaiting their arrival. They arrive in the mail this week.
- He has found the owner of the land next to the Veterans Bridge that he thought the Town owned and has asked for their permission to put a flag next to the bridge. The pole will hold an American flag, a New Hampshire flag and the new Town flag.

M. Curran inquired if Roy was concerned with lighting for the flags.

R. Jeffrey noted he was not because there is a flag on the moon which is not lit and he has found out that they no longer have to be lighted.

S. Fitzgerald suggested solar powered lighting.

UPDATE ON 2012 ARM GRANT FOR TOWN FORREST - JILL SENTER

J. Senter, ConCom Chair discussed being in Stage II with the ARM Grant. She noted they have met the deadline and tonight she was before the Board to ask permission to spend money for the Wetland Inventory and Function Assessment for Plaistow Town Forrest. The invoice and Request for Funds Form was in the Selectmen Signature Folder for the Selectmen to sign. ConCom had voted 4-0-0 to approve the expending of funds. The Report done was very impressive. A PDF file will be sent to the Selectmen to review. The work and pictures taken were amazing and worthwhile even if they do not get the ARM Grant. Currently they are title reviewing 17 owned parcels and have met with Atkinson and Hampstead regarding property swaps. Atkinson is not interested however Hampstead is interested in more information. They are in contact and negotiations with abutting property owners and by fall they are hoping to acquire title action on some properties. Surveying will be done in spring and they are hoping to have acquisitions finalized this fall. She will meet later this week with Sean to go over the Budget regarding the ARM Grant and to finalize the details if they do get the ARM Grant. A couple of available options are: Moose Plate Grant to receive 2013 money; Davis Foundation but they need more detailed work accomplished before applying; and Open Space Grant can be applied for once Charlie Marino has completed his work.

R. Gray discussed swapping land (Atkinson Conservation not interested in swapping land with the Town of Plaistow however Plaistow has land that is titled to the Town of Atkinson and each is in each other's community). If everyone did the swap the tax base would shrink. He thought this may be something they need to further look into and suggested to have the Board discuss with the Atkinson Board of Selectmen.

J. Senter discussed property in Plaistow that Atkinson purchased as part of a larger lot with federal grant money that does not allow swapping deeds. Atkinson was happy with the status quo so ConCom did not pursue further. She noted if someone was to deed their property to another municipality then it would take the land off the tax deed.

D. Poliquin arrived at 6:48 pm.

J. Sherman wondered if anyone had produced a map that showed the entire block of land they were talking about and the trails.

J. Senter noted the Scouts had a trail map but not one of the entire 365 acres. She had not reviewed the entire report but after doing so she may have a better understanding of their location.

S. Fitzgerald noted the map prepared by the Scouts was a good map but other Town Forests use GIS or plotters to get more accurate positions. Plaistow has looked into a couple of firms and he suggested meeting with Jill later this week to discuss. He wanted to help people better enjoy their environmental assets.

J. Sherman thought that would be helpful information to have so they could get a better feel of the entire block of Town Forest land that was being used and the total area of trails.

J. Senter noted a Scout was working on adding additional areas to the map system. Hampstead has a excellent map of their trail system and she was hoping to have a more accurate map after Charlie Marino has completed his report.

J. Sherman discussed using the Town Forest and noted there was great vegetation of bright orange mushrooms out there just as you start on the trails that he and his grandson found.

Motion by J. Sherman to expend \$5,100 to West Environmental, Inc. per invoice #5903 out of the Conservation Fund to pay the invoice as presented on 8/20/12 to the Board of Selectmen.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote: 5-0-0.

NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3 II (d) NEGOTIATIONS PALMER PROPERTY (CHIEF SAVAGE) AND UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

M. Curran inquired why both Non Publics were in between the meeting and not at the end.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was accommodating the Chief's schedule.

M. Curran noted the Board would be going into Non Public and no decisions would be made.

Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Negotiations.

2nd by J. Sherman.

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

Board went into Non Public at 6:57 pm - Board returned to Public Session at 8:43 pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald:

- Town continues to work with Pennichuck Water and John Boisvert, the Chief Engineer.
- Beede Waste Oil Superfund Technical Committee Conference call was held August 16th. Discussion was focused on traffic control plan for the Danville Road intersection. Roadwork would be done by Busby Construction. Highway Supervisor will meet with construction team on August 21st to coordinate work that will impact Town's right of way.
- Mr. Leather of Cumberland Farms wants to meet Friday, August 31st.
- Packet of 2013 Budget development forms have been sent out to Department Heads. The draft of the budget schedule is in the Selectmen FYI folder.
- A Conference call was held on August 17th with Matt Low, Jason Lodge and Steve Haas of Hoyle Tanner Associates regarding funding for Westville Road Bridge. Construction is scheduled to start in 2014.
- Meeting with Rec Chair, Bill Coye is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st to discuss some additional responsibilities assumed to help to keep recreational activities moving forward.
- Town Staff continues to work with SEC and NHDOT on plans submitted regarding a crosswalk in front of Town Hall and handicap parking spaces in front of Town Hall.
- Planning Board met Wednesday, August 15 and accepted application for Panera Bread at the Stateline Plaza.

- Dan Garlington installed another additional sign at the WWII Veterans Memorial Bridge as requested by Roy Jeffrey.
- Dennise Horrocks worked diligently with DHHS and PHN to establish a testing site in Plaistow as part of the ongoing response to the Hepatitis C outbreak at Exeter Hospital.
- Conference call with NHDOT regarding the ARM Grant was held on August 13th.
- CIP meets Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 pm.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

M. Curran noted the Signature Folder and Manifest were going around.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Sherman discussed the passing of a Plaistow resident:

- Kevin James a former resident of Plaistow passed away of a heart attack while on vacation in Maine. Kevin James lived on Kimball Avenue in Plaistow before moving to Old County Road in Plaistow. He lived in Plaistow through his high school career. He was the son of Bruce and Barbara James. Bruce was on the Planning Board of Plaistow. Kevin attended Timberlane High School then transferred during his Junior year to Governor's Academy. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania. He was a CEO of BP marine products and lived in England and Australia. Kevin is survived by his wife, Lynn and his two sons, Thomas and Brendan. Services are in Maine from 6pm until 8pm at Oxford Hills Funeral Home. If anyone is looking for more information they can contact John Sherman at 382-6249 or Dave Hansbury at Hills Insurance Agency. Kevin was a great guy and his family is devastated. He gave condolences to the James family,

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

R. Gray:

- Planning Board discussed Panera Bread. They also discussed a driveway attached to Sawyers business. They started to construct a driveway and the Building Inspector shut them down. Due to the Route 125 construction, DOT gave owners of the building a site plan of the back of their building which showed them how they could go south and they neglected to get approval from the Town.

S. Fitzgerald noted a number of businesses have established illegal accesses behind their businesses on Route 125 due to the changes.

- Planning Board is requesting a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss plans for the two studies on Main Street. They want to get the Board of Selectmen's input before holding a Public Hearing. They want to work out some sort of strategy.

S. Fitzgerald suggested to invite Rockingham Planning in and have some access and transportation specialists attend if they were going to have some discussions regarding information in the studies.

- Plaistow has a lot of properties in Town that have been foreclosed on and the notices placed on the doors invite unwanted guests there. He inquired if there were any regulations that governed what happened to foreclosed properties.

M. Curran noted the Town had regulations which govern grass height.

- Concerned with the posting of notices he suggested letters be sent to the owner even if the owner was a bank.

S. Fitzgerald noted he has gone over this information with the Building Inspector, Mike Dorman and letters have gone out to the appropriate parties.

- Requested budgetary costs for Health Care that would affect the Town and what the increase will mean to the Town.
- Requested a report on how much paper the Board used. He noted he had requested this information three weeks prior and still has not received it.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would get Bob a report.

J. Sherman:

- Budget Committee not meeting. They have a draft schedule.
- Plaistow First not meeting.
- Town Report meeting next Tuesday, August 28th at 8 am.

C. Blinn noted he had nothing to report because he was in Maine last week.

D. Poliquin:

- Condolences to the James Family. He went to school with Kevin. Kevin was not only involved in sports but in band also. He was a Section Leader.
- Met with Rec Commission. They reviewed Summer Rec. The program went off well. There were little glitches here and there but overall it was a good program. They were dealing with an Interim Rec Director who was not familiar with program. He congratulated all who were involved and thanked Town Hall Staff and Rec Commission for their assistance. They are gearing up for the upcoming Budget Season and their strategy for CIP. Bill Coy, Rec Chair is meeting with Sean tomorrow at 2. If he is back in the area he will attend. He has concerns with not having up to date Revenue Reports which were previously requested.

S. Fitzgerald noted he spoke to Janet and he thought she presented them.

M. Curran requested a current Revenue and Expense Report for the Board of Selectmen.

J. Sherman requested a report for the end of the year which would help with the Budget season.

- Sue Sherman put forth a draft letter regarding Rec strategic needs going forward. It contains things the Rec Commission can make recommendations on such as to build recreation facility and needs of the Towns people such as trails, picnic areas, additional ball fields, maybe a dog park, ice rink, community center, etc. The CIP report status needs to be updated and they are still working on that.
- Other upcoming meetings: Safety Complex and Highway Safety.

M. Curran:

- Family Mediation meeting last week. They received a nice donation from the Atkinson Civic Committee. They would like to use the funds for a new parenting program. Family Mediation is looking to collect suitcases for those in need. The suitcases will be used for families in transition and distributed through the Concord and Portsmouth offices. If anyone is willing to donate, they can drop them off at her building, Michelle's Creative Expressions. She requested this information be added to Channel 17.

D. Poliquin noted the donations also help with Plaistow residents. The suitcases are only being located in the Regional Offices but are used for local families.

- Town Hall Staff is eager to have the Festival of Trees this year. They are going to have a village theme in Town Hall on all the doors. Family Mediation is donating a tree. She will be working on the list of persons who are looking to donate a tree. All different types are welcome. Information will be going out soon.
- Someone asked about the ribbons that were taken down in the Veterans Park.

S. Fitzgerald noted the ribbons were going to be replaced. They were sun damaged and needed replacement.

- The Board of Selectmen will be meeting next week.

R. Gray noted while he was driving around Town Hall he noticed people parking on the Town Hall Green and did not know if they were loading or unloading their items for the Farmers Market however he announced that there was no parking on the Town Hall Green.

M. Curran:

- Farmers Market is on Thursday from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm on the Town Hall Green.
- Landfill is open this Wednesday from 4-8 pm.

Public Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero