



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, April 2, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:40 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Selectman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, John Sherman

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

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by R. Gray to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2012 as written.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote: 4-0-1.

Abstain: C. Blinn.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one from the public wishing to speak.

APPOINTMENTS

Cable Committee 3 year term appointments: Sue Sherman, Dan Bush, and Jay DeRoche

D. Poliquin noted the Cable Committee has been doing a great job. He has heard great things from the public regarding the cable channel and the shows.

S. Sherman invited the public to the Cable Studio and welcomed residents to do a show with the Committee. Town Cable Channels are 17 and 23 (17 is Governmental and 23 is Public Access).

J. DeRoche noted the Committee has two open seats and interested persons should contact him or Town Hall.

D. Bush discussed the Committee making leaps and bounds in technology; previous Cable Studio location on Route 125; technology increased due to the new studio location in Town Hall; endless opportunities for the Cable Committee; increased viewership; and the new green screen which is used to superimpose a background into their programs.

S. Sherman gave recognition to Dean Zanello for his help with the Committee. She noted the Cable Committee would have an open house during Old Home Day and kids are welcome to come and try out the green screen and test out their programming.

J. Sherman inquired about Vimeo and details.

J. DeRoche discussed Vimeo.com/Plaistow Access; items being aired on Vimeo.com: Old Home Day, various shows, items from the early 2000's, and video archives; and people being able to view items on line whether they are a Plaistow resident or if they do not have cable.

J. Sherman inquired when the Committee met.

J. DeRoche noted the Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month and public is welcome.

Motion by R. Gray to appoint Dan Bush, Sue Sherman and Jay DeRoche to the Cable Committee each for a three year term.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion passes.

Conservation Commission 3 year appointment: Jill Senter

J. Senter thanked Board of Selectmen for being supportive of the Conservation Commission. She has been on the Conservation Commission for several years and over the years she has worked with several boards. The last few years the Board of Selectmen have been very supportive with Arbor Day, Old Home Day, rain barrels, and Town Forest.

D. Poliquin noted the Commission does an incredible job. They bring a lot forward and a lot of new ideas regarding protecting the integrity of Plaistow. He thanked them for their contributions.

J. Senter discussed water sampling, Arbor Day, and Plaistow getting cleaner and greener every day. She noted it was a joint effort and everyone answers to the Board. She thanked the Board.

Motion by M. Curran to appoint Jill Senter for another 3 years to the Conservation Commission.
2nd by J. Sherman.

J. Sherman thanked Jill Senter for her work on ConCom.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

MAIN STREET TRAFFIC CALMING RECOMMENDATION: RADAR UNITS-Chief Savage

S. Fitzgerald noted the Chief was not able to be present however he could ask the Chief to come before the Board at a later date. He discussed his conversation with the Police Chief regarding traffic calming on Main Street especially truck traffic; information on smart radars which the Police Department and Highway Safety Committee have looked into; smart radars measure speed of traffic; cost for each is about \$4,200; support for the radars can be found in the Highway Department Budget; Chief to look to state for funding; Chief would like to purchase two units; seeking community partnership for the units; procurement policy; and letter to be created and addressed to local businesses.

M. Curran was concerned with Police Chief approaching individual businesses.

S. Fitzgerald thought if members of the Board were involved it would be good. He thought it was a good technology investment and community business partners would likely want to get involved.

M. Curran inquired if the purchase would be in addition to the ones that record data.

S. Fitzgerald noted the smart radars have the software to record data and the one the Town currently has could be updated. The new ones would be pole mounted and deployment would be over the next couple of months. He was looking for the Board's support to go forward.

R. Gray noted personally he did not know if the smart radars would work to solve the problem however he did know that the current situation was not working. He thought having just the radars would not slow down the people but with coupling them with extra police presence it might.

S. Fitzgerald discussed measuring data and being able to deploy forces.

D. Poliquin liked the data acquisition portion of the radar signs. He noted the previous data traffic numbers were outdated and this would help bring the information up to date along with helping to redirect resources to be more effective.

S. Fitzgerald inquired if the Board was okay utilizing funds from the Highway Department that was put there for snow removal and if the Board was okay with solicitation to seek matching funds for the units. If the Board agreed he would draft a letter for the Board's approval.

J. Sherman would like to know exactly where the radars would be mounted.

S. Fitzgerald discussed possible placement locations of the radar signs.

D. Poliquin noted Main Street was a state road and inquired if there would be any issues installing the radar signs on a state road.

S. Fitzgerald discussed electrical load cost and noted the Chief would absorb it in his Budget. He would bring back to the Board the exact locations of where the radar signs would be mounted.

J. Sherman was in favor of reducing speed and traffic along with the solicitation of donations but he would like to know specifically where the radars would be mounted.

M. Curran inquired how many radars would be purchased.

S. Fitzgerald noted two.

J. Sherman inquired the size of the radars.

S. Fitzgerald noted they were no bigger than a speed limit sign.

J. Sherman inquired if the radars were able to be redeployed once they were mounted.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Town would not want to redeploy once they were set up. They are set up to be permanent. He discussed funding through a number of grants (safety) however permanent mounts did not fall under the qualifications for grants and were not federally funded. Temporary styles are available and can be mounted on telephone poles and do qualify under the grants.

D. Poliquin discussed solar power and mounting radars in the right away not on private property

S. Fitzgerald noted they would be mounted in the right away.

R. Gray did not favor taking the money out of the snowplowing line. He would like to see it come out of the street sign line.

S. Fitzgerald agreed and noted if the line overruns then he needed the Board to know which line the money would come from.

J. Sherman requested specifics as to where the radars would go.

S. Fitzgerald noted he could ask the Chief to mark out the locations on Main Street.

R. Gray noted he did not have a problem with funding through a written letter.

M. Curran agreed with Bob regarding enforcement.

Consensus of the Board was for Sean to go forward with ordering two radar signs.

DISCUSSION OF PLAISTOW FIRST - LEIGH KOMORNICK

S. Fitzgerald discussed Memo dated April 2, 2012 regarding disposition of Town owned property; supporting responsibilities; evaluation of surplus properties; Department Heads, Committees and Chairs evaluating value or use of properties; overview of Plaistow First Committee's recommendations; RSA 41:14-A; the five step process; and the disposition of property.

M. Curran discussed property; sealed bids; other towns going to an action type of disposal; Tilton, NH's strategies; looking into other options; and future research.

S. Fitzgerald noted there were a number of strategies the Board could employ.

R. Gray discussed Town of Plaistow Review Sheet - last question (highest and best use for property) is not a yes or no answer question and should be adjusted.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would correct.

J. Sherman discussed adding checklist of committees or persons requiring to be contacted.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Leigh working on the form and her participation in the disposition of Town owned property because she was the Town Planner.

D. Poliquin inquired if John or Bob wanted to review the Plaistow First information.

J. Sherman noted he would.

- Recommendation #42 & #43 are related. Map lot 48-26. Location is next the gas line. Plaistow First wondered if there was an easement to the gas line and if so had the Town ever been reimbursed for the easement.

J. Sherman suggested either the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager look into it.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was investing but did not have the information tonight.

- Recommendation #44 – cemetery. In 2003 an estimate was done regarding the need to expand the cemetery. The information is over 8 years old and Plaistow First suggested the information be updated.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would like to reconvene the Cemetery Committee.

J. Sherman noted he would list the due date of May.

- Recommendation #45 - complete.
- Recommendation #46 - complete.
- Recommendation #47 - Mount Misery (recommendation from Plaistow first was to ask the Town Manager to look at the property and identify how the Town may be able to use the property, such as recreational purposes).

M. Curran noted Conservation Commission has been talking about those properties.

S. Fitzgerald suggested the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission view the properties to determine their usefulness along with having the Cable Committee film the area.

D. Poliquin discussed Mount Misery having a variety of areas with various skill levels for hikers.

J. Sherman noted Town Manager will coordinate a site visit in the spring

- Recommendation #48 - completed. Plaistow First came across lot 21-16, explored and found the Town did own the property. Good find by Plaistow First Committee.
- Recommendations #49, #50, #51 & #52 are related. A poll of persons was done to find out the needs of the Town. The feedback was for more recreation activities. Plaistow First was reluctant to make a decision of which properties to set aside for recreation so they asked the Rec Commission and Rec Department to find out what their expansion needs would be. (Recommendation #51) draft list has been created.
- Recommendation #51 - in process.
- Recommendations #53, #54, #55, #56, and #57 relate to Town Forest. May date listed because they are all intertwined. Information has been discussed with Jill at December 12th meeting. Jill to come back to discuss updating the Forestry Plan with Charlie Marino.

M. Curran noted there is discussion regarding the different parcels and the researched required by the Conservation Commission.

- Recommendations #60, #61, #62, #63, and #64 - recommended Town retain properties.

Consensus of the Board was to retain the properties at the present time.

- Recommendations #74, #75, #76, #77, #78, and #79 - are all properties Plaistow First felt worthwhile for water property.

- Recommendation #75 Hale Spring, lot 53-27 is located halfway up the map.
- Recommendation #76 is property on top of the hill on Old County. Plaistow First thought it was a good location for a water tower and to retain for water property.
- Recommendation #77 - lot 62-18 is on top of Sweet Hill Road.
- Recommendation #78 - on Atkinson boarder.

D. Poliquin discussed property being retained as water supply and water tower sites do not make the sites good well sites but were chosen because they were the highest land parcels.

M. Curran expressed her concerns and discussed earmarking.

- Recommendation #79 - lot 20-12. Property has a standing pond. Plaistow First was told the pond was used by the Fire Department so they suggested to retain the property. Plaistow First was later informed the Fire Department was not using the area for various reasons.

S. Fitzgerald suggested Plaistow First reevaluate and make another recommendation to the Board.

M. Curran suggested the Conservation Commission go out there to investigate.

J. Sherman noted he would send Jill Senter an email regarding Michelle's suggestion. He would like to discuss the other properties at the next Board of Selectmen meeting and will update the list and send to Audrey to print out for all Board members.

D. Poliquin thanked the Plaistow First Committee.

REORGANIZATION

Motion by C. Blinn to nominate Michelle Curran for Chairman.

D. Poliquin inquired if Michelle accepted the nomination.

M. Curran noted yes.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote: 3-2-0.

Opposed: R. Gray and J. Sherman.

Motion carries.

R. Gray voted no because he thought it was time for new persons to be Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Motion by M. Curran to nominate John Sherman for Vice Chair.

2nd by C. Blinn.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Reorganization Liaisons 2012-2013:

Board of Selectmen Chair: M. Curran

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair: J. Sherman

Budget Committee Representative: J. Sherman
Budget Committee Alternate: M. Curran
Beede Reuse Representative: R. Gray
Beede Reuse Alternate: M. Curran
Cable TV Advisory Representative: C. Blinn
Cable TV Advisory Alternate: M. Curran
Capital Improvement Program Representative: J. Sherman
Capital Improvement Program Representative: C. Blinn
Capital Improvement Program Alternate: D. Poliquin
Conservation Commission Representative: C. Blinn
Conservation Commission Alternate: M. Curran
Elder Affairs Committee Representative: C. Blinn
Elder Affairs Committee Alternate: J. Sherman
Family Mediation Representative: M. Curran
Family Mediation Alternate: D. Poliquin
HAZMAT Representative: D. Poliquin
HAZMAT Alternate: M. Curran
Highway Garage Committee Representative: R. Gray
Highway Garage Committee Alternate: D. Poliquin
Highway Safety Committee Representative: D. Poliquin
Highway Safety Committee Alternate: C. Blinn
Old Home Day Representative: C. Blinn
Old Home Day Alternate: J. Sherman
Plaistow First Committee Representative: J. Sherman
Plaistow First Committee Alternate: R. Gray
Planning Board Representative: R. Gray
Planning Board Alternate: M. Curran
Public Safety Complex Building Committee Representative: D. Poliquin
Public Safety Complex Building Committee Alternate: J. Sherman
Recreation Commission Representative: D. Poliquin
Recreation Commission Alternate: J. Sherman
Rockingham Economic Development Council: D. Poliquin
Town Report Advisory Committee Representative: J. Sherman
Town Report Advisory Committee Advisory: R. Gray

D. Poliquin inquired if New Chairman, M. Curran wanted to take over meeting.

M. Curran noted D. Poliquin could continue with the meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Plaistow First Committee met last Wednesday the 28th.
- Follow-up discussion with Mike Dorman and Chief Savage regarding 144 Main Street (cell tower location).
- NH Dot service road. Planning Board met and have a number of questions which they will review at this Wednesday's meeting. Highway Safety Committee received recommendations from the Police/Fire Chief regarding the service road.

R. Gray noted he would not take a position at the Planning Board's service road discussion unless the Board of Selectmen wanted him to take a position.

M. Curran noted Bob was a member of the Planning Board and able to vote.

J. Sherman agreed with Michelle.

J. Sherman discussed the use of the driveway going into Senter Brothers and inquired what was going to be done to the building.

D. Poliquin noted the building is now owned by Torromeo.

J. Sherman noted he had not heard any discussion on the building and was concerned.

- Highway Safety Committee met on the 23rd. The FYI folder has the unapproved minutes.
- Arbor Day is scheduled with the school. A ceremonial tree planting will be done on the Town Green for Ruth Jenne.
- Meals on Wheels held their 40th Anniversary.
- Meeting with Unital held last week to discuss lighting improvement strategies at PARC.
- Public Safety Committee met this past Friday and reviewed Committee's Charter.
- Attended meeting in Concord to review design construction on Thursday, March 22nd.
- Storm Water Task Force Committee met last week.
- Plan NH to report on their charette during the April 23rd Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Planning Board meeting is Wednesday night.
- Meeting with the State last Friday regarding accessibility and improving parking around the horseshoe in front of Town Hall.

M. Curran and S. Fitzgerald discussed possible location of parking.

R. Gray discussed reclaiming the horseshoe driveway.

- Upcoming Town events: Toddler Egg Hunt Friday, April 6th at 11am; and Town Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 7th at 10am.

D. Poliquin discussed Easter Egg Hunt ages: Toddler is usually from newborn to five years of age however Carli changed it to newborn to not pollard school age, if you are Pollard School age then you would come Saturday.

- Landfill open Saturday, April 7th from 7am until 3 pm; Senior Teas April 4th at 10am; Rabies Clinic April 7th from 10am until 2pm at the Fire Department; Rockingham Pops Concert at Timberlane Regional Performing Arts Center on Saturday, April 7th; 3rd Annual Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14th; Plaistow Fire Association is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on April 14th from 4pm until 8pm; and the Recreation Department is hosting a Senior Foxwoods Trip on April 20th.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Sherman:

- Plaistow First met, their next meeting is April 18th. They hope to finalize their Phase II recommendations and clean up remaining issues then they would like to schedule a time to come before the Board of Selectmen.
- Town Report Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 5:30 to discuss results of the past years Town Report and what the process is for next year.
- Budget Committee to meet Tuesday the 3rd at 6:30 for their reorganization meeting.
- Dropped in for Cable Committee meeting. They spoke of some of the things they mentioned tonight. Dean brought up utilizing the side access as an additional access to the cable studio. The door is not a Cable Committee issue and Sean is handling.

S. Fitzgerald noted they were securing the door last week and he will speak with Dean.

J. Sherman and S. Fitzgerald discussed access door and security.

R. Gray discussed:

- Planning Board met last week. Steve Ranlett was elected Chairman. Charlie Lanza is Vice Chair. They reviewed/discussed minor site plan to sell storage sheds at 119 Plaistow Road, special business event for new Firestone tire store from April 27th – 29th, Public Hearing for the continuation on the Master Plan - Community Facilities, Route 125 widening and access road, letter received from Chief Savage regarding Stuart Access Management of Eastern Development (When Home Depot went in they made a contribution/donation and not all the money was spent. The left over money has been requested to be used for the move and to secure the server in the Safety Complex building.), and approved construction bond for Tractor Supply.
- Next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday.
- Town Report Advisory Committee meeting is Tuesday.

C. Blinn noted he had nothing to report because he was on vacation.

M. Curran discussed:

- Completed second certification of NIMS. Board is required only to do two and she has completed her requirement. It took a couple of hours and is a bit involved however she encouraged all to take the test because it will help them with Emergency Management.

J. Sherman noted he just completed the Introductory Course today.

- Gambling House Bill: gaming laws may change and their fundraising may not continue under the new laws and the additional money will not be available to organizations like Family Mediation.
- Will cover Dan's absence for Rockingham Economic Development.

D. Poliquin:

- Attended Highway Safety Committee meeting. They discussed extension on Old Road, pedestrian traffic and sidewalks.

J. Sherman discussed work on 125 and inquired if it included putting a sidewalk on Main Street near Sandborn's Candies.

S. Fitzgerald noted yes, toward the portion of the road that they reconfigured (North of 125 and South of 125 only a few hundred feet at the intersection).

- Traffic impact was discussed and lighting at intersection of Gunstock and Sweet hill. The recommendation was to go to the Planning Board to further develop lighting standards going forward recommending that all intersections be lit.

S. Fitzgerald noted those requests were standard of developments.

- Attended Public Safety Complex. They discussed presentation Chief made to Board and other agencies that have seen it. Committee made a couple of recommendations and discussed stand alone station and what would be done with the existing station along with informing the community regarding what was going on. The discussed Police and community and having more face to face time, participating in community related activities such as local, non profits or faith based organizations.
- REDC meeting this week. Michelle to cover for him because he is going to support his wife in her becoming a permanent citizen. She has an interview and a test.

M. Curran:

- Attended What Do Men Think, Or Do They by the Plaistow Lions Club. This is something they do every year. It is one of their largest fundraiser to help them with all the things they do throughout the community.
- Spent this weekend delivering baskets throughout the community.

J. Sherman:

- Attended the Lions fundraiser. It was a nice fundraiser, good comedy, and an enjoyable time.
- Buzzy and he both attended the meeting regarding handicap parking at Town Hall with Jillian Shed from the Governors Council. Four problems were identified: Handicap parking is currently on Main Street and elderly have to open their door to Main Street; Passengers have trouble getting out of vehicles due to curbing; Current handicap parking spots are far away; and there is a concern about the slope of the driveway because it cannot be too steep. They discussed looking at the horseshoe and putting two parking spots inside the horseshoe closest to the flag pole or on the outer sides of the horseshoe. Mike Dorman was there to represent the Town and bring information back to Sean. The findings will be discussed at the Elder Affairs meeting on Tuesday at 3pm.

S. Fitzgerald noted they could support a project this year.

D. Poliquin thanked all. He noted he enjoyed being the Board of Selectmen Chairman. The Board is a great Board, and the members are dedicated and hard working. They may not always agree but they agree to disagree and are always moving forward. They put what is best for the residents first.

R. Gray noted the State has begun reconstruction on Kingston Road at the Plaistow boarder and the line of site coming out of Crane Crossing Road is in question.

S. Fitzgerald noted he has emailed the Chief however he has not received any information.

NON PUBLIC

J. Sherman inquired if the Non Public could be postponed until next week.

S. Fitzgerald noted it was not time sensitive, just informational.

Public Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero