



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** Monday, August 6, 2012

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:31 pm

**SELECTMEN:**

Chairman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Charles Blinn

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin - arrived 6:43pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Robert Gray

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

**AGENDA:**

**MINUTES:**

*Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of July 23, 2012 as written.*

*2nd by R. Gray.*

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

*Motion carries.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roy Jeffrey:

- Attended ice cream social held today on the Town Hall Green. It was a nice event.
- Thanked Sue Sherman of the Elder Affairs Committee for her continued service to the Town, 35 years of volunteering and for help with coverage of Carli Malette's duties while Carli is out.
- Spent the afternoon trying to find some rod iron railing to put on the gazebo to replace the one that is damaged.

S. Fitzgerald noted Dave Bowles was working on that and he would have Dave get in touch with Roy to work out the details.

- Veterans Memorial Bridge signs - Roy noted there was a sign on the bridge and one sign on one entrance of the bridge but wondered if another sign could be placed at the opposite entrance side as well.

M. Curran requested Sean to look into this matter and bring some information back to the Board.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would work with Dan Garlington for recommendations.

- Area of land near the Veterans Bridge - Roy thought the Town owned land near the bridge but found out differently, so he plans to find the owner of the property and see if the owner would allow him to post a sign and a flag there.

- Veterans Plaque in lobby of Town Hall - Roy and Bob Hobbs from the Historical Society are working to put the plaque back to the original way and then cover it with Plexiglas.
- Suggested to hold a Christmas Concert inside Town Hall. He has a console organ that he would be willing to move to the Town Hall as long as they could find someone to play it. He suggested to work with the schools to see who was willing to participate and noted he was willing to help coordinate the event.
- Stopped to see Mr. Hallahan and noted Mr. Hallahan was not well.

*D. Poliquin arrived at 6:43 pm*

R. Jeffrey inquired if Dan Poliquin could look at the rod iron railing on the Town Gazebo to see if he could work on it or fix the bent rod iron railing that is currently there.

D. Poliquin noted he would look into it.

- Flag store in Plaistow has closed and he would like to see the flag poles in the Veterans Park replaced with stronger flag poles.

S. Fitzgerald noted they could look into it.

James McNeil, 1 Ashley Nicole Drive:

- Issue of littering throughout Town - he thought Route 121A was a disgrace. He noted the weeds were covering the litter there but come fall or spring it would be clearly seen. On Friday morning someone left a desk on the corner of Route 121A and Ashley Nicole Drive. He spoke to the Board of Selectmen Administrator about it and asked to have it removed. The situation was rectified immediately. He suggested to have the prisoners come clean the road because it would not cost the Town anything.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Trustees coming to Town.

J. McNeil suggested to focus on the area past Hampstead entering Plaistow. He would like it cleaned up. It has been cleaned in the past and has not been done this year. He himself is able to lend a hand and do his part around his area however he is concerned with the elderly that are unable to clean up areas around them. He has spoke to the Police Department about having the Trustees clean up the area but has not heard or seen anything since his request.

S. Fitzgerald noted he could look further into this matter and suggested for James to leave his number with him so they could discuss further.

M. Curran thanked James for cleaning up the area near his property.

M. Curran noted she was invited to attend a celebration for Edwin H. Wright, Jr. last week and was honored to have done so. She has recently found out that last Wednesday Ed turned 76 years old and wished him a happy birthday. She noted a Citation was in the Selectmen's signature folder for the Board to sign.

### **OLD HOME DAY REVIEW - DAN BUSH**

M. Curran thanked Dan Bush for volunteering for Chairperson position for Old Home Day.

D. Bush discussed the Old Home Day tradition. He thanked all the people who helped. There were vendor changes this year but they stayed within the budget. There were concerns for the parade but all worked out well. Bill Lohnes is in charge of the parade and Dan will address the concerns with Bill. People have indicated they like the parade and he would like to stay with the tradition. The Committee wanted to emphasize that they enjoy doing what they do. He thanked the Board of Selectmen for helping him and Arthur from Grand Rental who was a great help to him too.

R. Gray noted Dan and the Committee have done a great job. He liked the fact that he added new things and was keeping things fresh. Holding the event the week before the 4th of July he thought kept the attendance down. He thought it was the 3rd weekend in June not the 4th weekend in June. He suggested changing the entire day of the event to sometime in September.

D. Bush noted the Committee had discussed changing the date and he himself had no personal issue with changing the date. To his knowledge it had always been the last Saturday in June.

J. Sherman noted it should be the 4th Saturday in June and suggested to keep it out of the same week as the 4th of July. He noted Old Home Day was a really a good day. Overall it was a terrific day and well executed. He heard some comments about the parade and wanted people to know that it was the Lions that control who participates in the parade.

D. Bush noted the Old Home Day Committee was only an advisory committee to the parade.

J. Sherman thought it would seem logical that the people who were on the reviewing stand were in the beginning of the parade. He noted that someone from the Town Report Committee would be in touch with Dan to get a break down of costs so they could list the information in the Annual Report.

S. Fitzgerald discussed vendors asking to sell their items at PARC. This was prohibited because of the logistics however going forward they could have a standard policy for vendors. He thought it made more sense to have vendors at the Town Hall Green and reserve PARC for Town purposes.

D. Bush noted PARC's concession stand was hopping during the entire time that he was there. Friends of Rec were at the concession stand and it seemed to him that it was a great success.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - 2012 CODE BOOK UPDATE - MIKE DORMAN**

*M. Curran opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm*

M. Dorman noted he came before the Board of Selectmen a couple of weeks prior to discuss changes. The changes were emailed to the Selectmen and hardcopies were in the Selectmen folders. He discussed no fee for pellet stoves and noted he was looking for a final adoption and a date to put the Code Book changes into effect.

J. Sherman inquired what the logic for having no fee for pellet stoves was.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Fire Chief did not want the cost to be a deterrent.

M. Dorman noted the Fire Chief wanted to inspect all pellet stoves and was concerned that if there was a fee people would install them themselves and would not have them inspected.

S. Fitzgerald inquired when the Code Book would go into effect.

M. Dorman noted immediately. He spoke to Attorney Kalman who informed him once the Board signs and approves the changes it would be immediate.

*M. Curran closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm.*

***Motion by D. Poliquin to put forth the proposed changes to the Plaistow Code Book that were put forth July 2012 with changes noted and copies given to the Board of Selectmen August 6, 2012 to take effect August 15, 2012.  
2nd by J. Sherman.***

J. Sherman wanted the changes to take effect immediately.

R. Gray was concerned with money not with date of effectiveness of changes but supported the August 15th effective date.

***Vote: 5-0-0.***

***Motion carries.***

#### **DONATION FROM PLAISTOW LIONS - ROY WALLING & PETE JOHNSON**

R. Walling noted Pete Johnson was not present this evening but James Bezanson was.

J. Bezanson thanked the Town and the Board of Selectmen for their support. He noted they were there to present the Board with a check in the amount of \$650 to the Recreation Department.

Mr. Walling presented Michelle Curran with the check.

J. Bezanson discussed the Lions events: Comedy show in March, Golf Tournament in May, Lyme Ride which had almost 200 motorcycles and lots of volunteers, and another motorcycle raffle this year, (Art Sickel won last time), raffle will be done in the fall and the winner will be pulled during Old Home Day. A lot of new members have joined their Board and it is a great club.

R. Walling noted Pete Johnson's major project this year was the food pantry. He helped them get new freezers for Holy Angels Food Pantry. The Legion tries to help out in a lot of places in Town.

J. Sherman inquired if the Board needed to vote to accept the funds raised.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Board did not need to vote because the check in the amount of \$650 from the Plaistow Lions Club was specifically made out to the Friends of Plaistow Rec not Plaistow Recreation.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Pennichuck water line.
- Annual Code Book updates to be put into a power point presentation for a standard review of the Board of Selectmen.
- Town collaborating with NH Dept of Health and Greater Derry Public Health to establish a testing site in our region as part of the Hepatitis C outbreak at Exeter Hospital.
- Budget Law training to take place at Town Hall on August 7th.

- Highway Safety met Tuesday, July 31.
- Elm Street slip lane has been blocked off.
- Police Chief has asked Patrol Staff to monitor the Elm/Main Street intersection.
- The next Beede conference call is scheduled for August 16th at 10:30 am in the Town Manager's office.
- ADA handicap access and crosswalk in front of Town Hall is being worked.
- Planning Board met on July 18 to discuss the Old Shaw's Plaza and recent economic developments.
- Notification from NHDES of violation which occurred at 79 Plaistow Road.
- CIP met July 25 and the plan continues to be updated.
- Storm water work continues. Staff completed a preliminary application offered by NHDES.
- Selectmen Curran and he attended the Grand Opening of Cumberland Farms on Thursday. He spoke to Ari Hasseotes, President and Chief Operating Officer for Cumberland Farms regarding the Beede Site and he suggested a follow-up meeting.

S. Fitzgerald requested the Board's permission to set up a meeting with Ari Hasseotes and Raymond Leather, Vice President of Environmental Affairs for Cumberland Farms.

J. Sherman inquired how aware they were with the current situation.

S. Fitzgerald thought they seemed as if they were willing to be a broker for the process to put the past behind them.

J. Sherman thought it would be great if Sean could bring them more up to date on the issues.

S. Fitzgerald noted as part of Cumberland Farms Grand Opening, they offered to make a donation of 20 cents per drink sold to the Town, up to \$1,000. Once they reach their goal of \$1,000 he will have them come before the Board to present the donation and then the Board could hold a discussion with them.

M. Curran noted they did speak briefly on the matter of back taxes. They were eager to have a conversation with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the situation. They did not speak much about it because they were there for another reason, their Grand Opening.

R. Gray noted he saw it as a positive.

- Next meeting with Testa Industries is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th.
- Town Report to meet August 28.
- Historical Society continues to work with Town Planner on a number of grant applications.
- The Historical Society still seeks a Board of Selectmen Representative.
- Pictometry update will be completed in the next couple of months.

R. Gray inquired if the Pictometry group shared the pictures with Google Earth, if not then who.

S. Fitzgerald noted they were doing it as part of the Massachusetts Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. The Town piggy backed onto Massachusetts and is the only NH town to do so.

- Court house repair work continues.
- Plaistow First Committee recommendation updates.
- Attendance at Kit Morgan's retirement party on July 25.
- Kit's support for Plaistow, the MBTA and for the Tiger II Grant. He gave a brief update on where the MBTA, NHDOT, feasibility work, and scope of work.

M. Curran suggested to have the timeline updated on the Town's website.

J. Sherman discussed getting a group of volunteers to police the road for litter and inquired if the DOT would support that. He requested Sean to look into.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would look into, however the Police Chief was present this evening and he would be able to discuss the Trustee issue and having them come to Town.

R. Gray inquired what the fine for littering in Town was.

S. Savage noted it could be anywhere up to \$500.

R. Gray requested Sean to communicate the fine amount to James McNeil who spoke during Public Comment.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would.

## **SIGNATURE FOLDER**

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

No Other Business discussed.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

J. Sherman:

- Budget Committee not meeting. They will start in September.
- CIP has met, they are hoping to have one more meeting to wrap up.
- Plaistow First is not meeting. He will take Sean's update and forward to them.
- Town Report Advisory Committee meets August 28 at 8am to talk about next year's Report.

R. Gray:

- Planning Board has not met. Their last meeting was postponed and another meeting is coming up in two weeks.
- Not sure if he can attend the Town Report Advisory Committee meeting however he would let John know.

C. Blinn:

- No meetings last week.
- Elder Affairs is August 7th at 3:00 pm.

D. Poliquin:

- Highway Safety Committee met. They had a brief discussion of the slip lane. The area is to be monitored by the Police Department. John Corrigan gave the Safe Routes to School presentation which was very interesting.

J. Sherman inquired if anyone had a general number for the cost to install 100 yards of sidewalk.

S. Fitzgerald noted 15 yards of sidewalk cost between \$6,000 - \$10,000 but it could be less or more depending on if you had to dig out and really construct a sidewalk.

M. Curran:

- Was invited to see the stepping down of Edwin Wright. She met Ed when he first moved to Plaistow. He belonged to the Trinity Lodge Knights of Pythias and had a curiosity of history for her building. Over the years she and her husband have spoken to him and his wife. Both approached her and asked her to attend the National Order of the Knights of Pythias where he held the highest rank of Chancellor. She was honored. She asked Sean to comprise a Citation for her to present to Ed, which he did. Norm Major attended and represented the State Governor and the House. She thought it was amazing to be in the room and go through this gentleman's history. She asked the Board of Selectmen to participate in this honor by signing a proclamation from the entire Board along with a Birthday Citation. She was honored to know Ed and his wife.
- Attended Grand Re-Opening of Cumberland Farms.
- Planning Board meeting was cancelled last week.
- Family Mediation is this week.
- Budget Training is scheduled for this week.

**NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3 II (d) NEGOTIATIONS - UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

***Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Negotiations.  
2nd by J. Sherman.***

M. Curran welcomed home Chief Paul Gavin who has recently returned from 19 months of duty in Kuwait.

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

Public Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Audrey DeProspero