



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin - arrived 6:39 pm
Selectman, Charles Blinn
Selectman, John Sherman - excused

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

AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one from the public wishing to speak.

ROY JEFFREY - BENCH/TABLE DONATION DISCUSSION

Donation

R. Jeffrey discussed his proposal of placing a stone bench and a table with benches in honor of Tom Cullen, Bill Hallahan and himself to honor the Veterans, Pearl Harbor, Normandy Landing and Okinawa. He would like the items to be placed somewhere near the Memorial Park but noted he was open to suggestions. He discussed putting them near the Memorial Bridge, at PARC or any other location that had enough room. He was not sure where the appropriate location would be.

Veterans Memorial Plaque

R. Jeffrey discussed Veterans Memorial plaque located on the first floor of Town Hall which was erected in 1947. He noted the flags could be replaced and the plaque needed to be refurbished.

M. Curran thought some of the names may be missing.

D. Poliquin arrived 6:39 pm.

R. Gray discussed bench and table and thought it would be a good idea to put them near the Veterans Park Memorial that was just erected. He would like to see the Town work with Roy Jeffrey and the Pollard Park Group to find an area around the Memorial to locate the bench and table so people would use them. He would like them to work to find the perfect place on the Town Hall Green.

R. Gray thought the wall plaque on the first floor of Town Hall could use refurbishing and the names could use updating. He would like to see the Town work with Roy Jeffrey to get the area updated with new flags to spruce it up.

S. Fitzgerald discussed pulling a few mock ups together and finding the funding.

D. Poliquin suggested to consider possibly putting the bench and table at another Town location such as PARC because the Town Hall Green was getting crowded.

R. Jeffrey discussed his visit to PARC. He felt the recreation area left him cold and noted it was a work in progress. He thought PARC would be a good idea for Tom Cullen.

Town Hall Music

R. Jeffrey inquired if Town Hall could have some music in it.

S. Fitzgerald discussed speakers in Town Hall; Dean Zanello rewiring the speakers; and the access being located in the cable studio on the 3rd floor.

M. Curran turned the meeting over to D. Poliquin at 6:46.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS: PORTER & MAZZA

D. Poliquin discussed special ceremony at Town Hall tonight: Swearing in of Officer Alec Porter & Officer Jason Mazza to position of Sergeant.

S. Fitzgerald thanked Steve Savage and staff for pulling the celebration together. He noted it was a privilege and an honor to welcome Officer Porter and Officer Mazza and their families as the Town welcomed both of them to their new Sergeant positions. He noted this was a huge responsibility and an honor. He thanked all the families for attending.

S. Savage discussed the fair amount of planning to get to this spot this evening; years of service of the Officers; hard work; huge turning point in their lives; and being one of the command staff. He introduced Alec Porter, his wife Roclyn and their daughters Diamond and Destiny. He gave background of Officer Porter's career prior to Plaistow and with Plaistow. He introduced Jason Mazza, his wife Suzanne, their daughters Elizabeth and Lauren and their son Ryan. He gave background of Officer Mazza's career.

Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook swore in Officer Porter to position of Sergeant.

A. Porter thanked the Board of Selectmen for having a ceremony during their meeting. He thanked all for their support and congratulated Sergeant Mazza and his family.

Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook swore in Officer Mazza to position of Sergeant.

J. Mazza thanked the Board of Selectmen and all for attending.

S. Savage discussed changes in the Police Department and the opportunities of the Department.

D. Poliquin thanked all and wished them the best of luck.

REVIEW OF TOWN HALL DORMERS - DAVE BOWLES

S. Fitzgerald discussed a number of people have contacted him since the presentation on the Town Hall Dormers at the Deliberative Session. People are concerned with using vinyl on Town Hall. They would like to have other items looked at for material evaluation.

D. Poliquin thanked Dave for waiting until after the Police Department presentation.

D. Bowles discussed not putting vinyl on Town Hall because he does not think it would be appropriate. He went back to Merrimack Valley who is doing the dormers and discussed details of items required to complete the work. After numerous discussions it was decided and agreed up that cedar siding and painting would be done by Merrimack Valley for the same cost that was invoiced. The color would be matched to the color that was already outside of Town Hall.

M. Curran inquired how long the cedar siding/painting would last.

D. Bowles noted seven years. Merrimack Valley will restore as much of the trim as they could and they will replace what needs to be replaced.

M. Curran thanked Dave for doing the extra steps regarding the aesthetics of the building.

M. Curran and D. Bowles discussed siding.

D. Poliquin discussed distance from ground to building and not being able to tell the difference.

D. Bowles discussed Hearty Plank which is not real cedar, it is made of composite. He showed the Board a book with examples and noted it came with a 30 year warranty.

R. Gray discussed historic building; inside building at one time was historic but in order for the Town Hall to continue to be used they needed to make updates; staying with the times; building materials and technology out there that will be able to make the building just as good; and maintaining costs and upkeep of a municipal building.

D. Bowles discussed not going with aluminum trim; company working with the Town; and his personal opinion was to go with the Hearty Plank

M. Curran thanked Dave.

S. Fitzgerald inquired about the time line.

D. Bowles noted as soon as the Board says okay he will contact the company and they can start planning.

D. Poliquin inquired if a motion was required.

S. Fitzgerald noted no motion needed, just a consensus.

Consensus of the Board was for Dave to continue his work and for Sean to keep the Board updated.

MINUTES:

Motion by R. Gray to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2012 with change to page 5, 5th paragraph: capitalize G in Gray.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote: 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Board of Selectmen did not meet last week due to President's Day.
- Busy week last week preparing the Town Report. Proof copy should be present tomorrow. The Board is welcome to stop by to take a look at it.
- Meeting with John Sherman and Martha Sumner on Saturday, February 18th for the Budget PowerPoint presentation. A copy was in the Selectmen's folders and the PowerPoint presentation was available on the Town's web site.
- Brownfield site assessment conducted on the former Penn Box Site. Draft expected to arrive over the next few weeks. The funding for any of the planning efforts under Phase I including reuse for planning of the site is included in the scope of the grant program.
- Visits to Vic Geary: He joined Selectmen Curran at the Vic Geary Center on Valentine's Day; he and Fire Chief McArdle presented a Citation to Virginia Butcher for her 90th Birthday on February 21st; and he presented State Representative Ken Wyler a Citation for his years of services on the Rockingham Meals on Wheels Board.
- Cemetery Sexton Herbert "Topper" Reed passed away. The Town is looking for ways to strengthen the cemetery responsibilities. It would be helpful for the Town to adopt new regulations and he will review some information and get back to the Board with it.
- Touring 28 Main Street on Wednesday, February 15th with Mike Dorman and Historical Society Member Bob Hobbs. The property was built in 1730 and was formerly owned by Jeb Bradley a Veteran of the American Revolution. The new owner is NH State Representative Jeff Oigny who has affixed a sign to the house at the corner of Chandler and North Ave: "Bradley's Corner".

M. Curran commended Jeff Oigny for his restoration and noted it was too bad that it could not go forward as he had wanted it to.

- On February 16th the second technical conference call for the Beede site. The call focused on providing Town Staff with an update on proposed Beede site activity and coordination on the access route.
- Meeting with Primex regarding renegotiating Workers Compensation Insurance.
- Continuation of Union Negotiations and meeting with Jeff Padellaro.
- Plaistow First continues to meet and evaluate a number of properties in Town. Their next meeting is March 14th.
- Met with Jill Senter, Conservation Commission Chairman to discuss steps to place properties that comprise the Town Forest into a conservation easement.
- Pennichuck Water continues to evaluate their ability to support water for a number of neighborhoods in Plaistow. Recently they have been asked by the Beede Group to add 22 additional connections around the Beede site. John Boisvert has asked to come before the Board of Selectmen to discuss alternative strategies for water.

R. Gray discussed the possible hook up of the 22 residents by Pennichuck and inquired if Pennichuck would be billing Beede for the hookups/water.

S. Fitzgerald thought Pennichuck would bill the residents directly.

R. Gray discussed current situation of the Beede Group supplying water directly to resident and thought the residents were not getting the best deal and suggested this be further investigated.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the availability of permanent public water.

Board discussed having Pennichuck come before the Board to further discuss.

S. Fitzgerald discussed bring Pennichuck to the Board on March 5th.

D. Poliquin discussed Alex Vogt coming before the Board on March 5th and thought both may make for a long meeting so he suggested another evening.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would find another date convenient to both.

- Alex Vogt will be attending March 5th meeting to present the (NHDOT Service Road presentation) latest proposal for the Service Road to run behind the commercial property along Route 125 with a connection to Old Road.
- Highway Safety Committee met this past Friday to discuss a proposal from Lt. Baldwin to realign Pollard Road along Harriman Road.

M. Curran inquired if they went along with the proposal.

S. Fitzgerald noted there were other issues that needed to be discussed.

- Economic Development strategies: increased interest in plazas along Route 125.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Gray discussed letter in the FYI folder from DES regarding water sampling taken at the Safety Complex regarding deficiencies.

S. Fitzgerald noted the issues were taken care of immediately.

R. Gray discussed email regarding problem with spelling of a name on the ballot and inquired what was outcome.

S. Fitzgerald noted both candidates discussed issue and he spoke to Attorney Sumner Kalman. He discussed numerous small issues with names on ballots; President Obama had a challenge to his name and as long as most people understood the names on the ballots, then it would be able to be defended at the Supreme Court if necessary.

R. Gray inquired about the Highway Safety Committee's discussion regarding Haseltine and Main Street.

D. Poliquin noted the Committee did not discuss Haseltine and Main Street because of their discussion regarding Pollard and Harriman Road was quite extensive.

D. Poliquin discussed notification by the State of NH Department of Safety's reimbursement to the Town for storm damages. The Town is to receive \$8,425.47. He discussed the letter the Town received which said Town of Windham and suggested Sean bring this incorrect information to the NH Department of Safety to correct.

D. Poliquin noted this week was recycling week and school vacation week. The Library is sponsoring a variety of items and the list of items can be found on both the Library web site and Recreation web site. Upcoming events in Town: March 24th Plaistow Friends of Recreation is holding their Annual Spring Ball; April 7th is the Annual Fire Department Rabies Clinic from 10 am until 2 pm; and April 14th is the Annual Fire Association Spaghetti Dinner.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

R. Gray:

- Attended the Regional Selectmen meeting in Chester. Unfunded mandates were discussed. The next meeting is May 24th at Kingston Town Hall at 7pm. Invited are all regional Selectmen, Representatives and Senators. They are being invited due to concerns regarding Legislature passing bills that impact communities after the March elections and it is too late for towns to raise and appropriate money. Another topic of discussion was election and having Selectmen show up at election and the lack of consequences. The Town of Auburn had a long time Town Moderator who decided not to run for re-election and there was an issue with a seal broken on the ballot machine and the Attorney General showed up and charged the Town with a misdemeanor. The problem with the charge was that the Moderator's employment outside the town was working for a security company and it hurt his outside job. Attending the meeting will also be the Secretary of State.
- No Planning Board meeting last week or this week. The next meeting is March 7th however he cannot attend. He inquired if Michelle could attend in his place, however she could not attend because she has a Family Mediation meeting.

C. Blinn:

- Attended Conservation Commission. They discussed Joanne Drive's request for an 8 x 14 deck. The Commission gave their okay to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustments to get their okay. Conservation said okay because the owner was not encroaching on wetlands.
- Jill Senter attended the Plaistow First Committee and they discussed the land they want to put in the Conservation easement.
- Conservation received a letter from Jake Lovett regarding the Town Forest and he read the letter.

M. Curran:

- Family Mediation meeting last week. They went over their budget, future obligations, programs and are making sure the communities are taking advantage of the programs offered.
- Listened in on the Beede conference call.
- Had an opportunity to participate in the Senior Trip on Friday. It was a great trip and very well run. The bus was full.
- Candidate's Night is tomorrow night at 7 pm at the Library. She invited all to come meet the candidates and find out what they are all about.

D. Poliquin:

- Attended the Highway Safety Committee:
 - The major discussion was the Pollard Road and Harriman Road area. A memo will be coming from the Committee as a recommendation for both the long and short term considerations to make that area a little safer. They discussed signage, lighting, cutback for pedestrian traffic, and more information to the public through the media such as bike and walk to school days.
 - The upcoming meeting on March 5th with the Board of Selectmen for the Service Road on Route 125 was discussed.
 - DOT representatives discussed work done on Route 125 and it was discovered the turnouts in the new area are going to be cut out and revamped. There have been numerous incidents with running over signage and curbs and people have been using Larry's Clam Bar to cut across Route 125. They are looking at another truck turn further north in addition to the turn out that is currently there. A little more construction will be done on Route 125 this coming spring.
- Will attend meet the Candidates Night at the Library. He is hoping for a good turn out and is looking forward to the questioning.

NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Legal

Motion by M. Curran to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Legal.

2nd by C. Blinn.

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

D. Poliquin congratulated Sergeant Mazza and Sergeant Porter.

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero