



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** Monday, July 23, 2012

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:31 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 J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2012 as written.*

*2nd by C. Blinn.*

*Vote: 4-0-0.*

*Motion carries.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roy Jeffrey:

- Showed the Board of Selectmen a picture of cow which is stationed at the entrance of Plaistow on Route 125.
- Discussed the WWII plaque in the foyer of Town Hall. He noted it has changed a little bit. It has been brought up to date and 17 names have been added. He has contacted Timberlane Glass who will be putting Plexiglas over it.
- The anniversary of the end of the Korean War is coming and he is working on Citations similar to the WWII citations that were previously signed by the Governor.

J. Sherman suggested to have an event such as the Town did for the WWII Veterans.

S. Fitzgerald discussed holding an event and working with the Post.

J. Sherman would like something separate for the Korean War.

R. Jeffrey discussed the three monuments outside Town Hall (Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf) and inquired who put them up.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would have to look into that and get back to him.

R. Jeffrey discussed the backside of the monuments that are on the Town Hall Green. He noted they look bear and would like to have something put on them. He was not sure as to what but would like something done.

- Tomorrow at 2 pm the Legion is coming to Town Hall and will replace the white crosses in front of each monument on the Town Hall Green which are in a deplorable state.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **Closing Off of Elm Street/Main Street Slip Lane**

*M. Curran opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 pm.*

S. Fitzgerald gave a brief presentation and overview of the proposed slip lane closure. He showed where the location of the barrels would be placed to block off the Main Street/Elm Street slip lane. Back in 1997 the Town installed barrels to close off the Elm Street Slip Lane. He discussed the history of the slip lane: Years ago a sidewalk in that area was paved over making it a very dangerous area. The measures were because of traffic concerns and many abutters living at the intersection felt the barrels made a huge difference. In 2011 a Traffic Calming Study was started and a lot of data was collected and then the data collection was evaluated. The information has been reviewed by a number of people. There are 12,000 vehicles per day on Main Street and Main Street is a short cut to Route 125. He discussed recommendations from NHDOT and noted the idea was reviewed and supported by various boards.

*D. Poliquin arrived at 6:48 pm.*

Chief Savage noted the Town has been dealing with this issue since 1997/1998 and they are looking at funding for the long term. Consensus back then was that it worked well and the new boards and people still have the same consensus. His concern was for the near misses since there has not been many accident there. He noted a number of traffic calming strategies have taken place and discussed closure and eventually a permanent change at that intersection would one day allow them to join the sidewalks. He suggested installation of pedestrian crosswalk signs.

J. Sherman thought one good thing was that it would allow the Town to connect the sidewalks at a later date. He noted the current barrel situation was only on a temporary basis and if they choose at a later date to do such is would cost money which may need to be done through a Warrant Article. He requested explanation about the barrels - the weights and potential damage they may cause to a car if hit.

D. Garlington described barrels: bottom weighted, the rings slide, and they are made of plastic. The first time the slip lane was closed they used sandbags inside the barrels. These barrels are designed to give like a barricade would.

J. Sherman inquired the number of barrels that would be used.

D. Garlington noted he had 10 barrels.

J. Sherman inquired about the need to trim the tree out there.

D. Garlington thought the trimming purpose was because the tree may be considered a visibility hazard. The tree was just trimmed for Old Home Day because a branch broke however he would trim the tree to 13 feet.

J. Sherman inquired if this was the recommendation of the Departments and Boards listed on the PowerPoint presentation: Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, Highway Safety Committee, NHDOT, and Plaistow Planning Board.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Departments and Boards reviewed and it was their consensus to go forward.

J. Sherman inquired how someone would take a left turn on Elm Street. He referred to Figure 14 of the PowerPoint presentation.

Chief Savage discussed width and distance for cars.

R. Gray noted in general his singular focus in dealing with Elm and Main Street was slowing down and reducing truck traffic. For the long term solution he thought having trees line the entire area would make the area more attractive in a Planning standpoint. He was concerned with the radius of the area and thought trucks would have difficulty turning.

Chief Savage discussed limitations of size because they are state roads.

*M. Curran closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm.*

***Motion by R. Gray to allow for the placement of barrels as presented in the report from the Town Manager dated 7/23/12 as outlined on the PowerPoint Presentation and for the Town Manager to report back to the Board of Selectmen within three (3) months.***

***2nd by J. Sherman.***

***Vote: 4-1-0.***

***Opposed: D. Poliquin***

***Vote carries.***

*Review of 2012 Code Book Update - Mike Dorman*

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

M. Dorman read the Memo regarding Updates to the Plaistow Code Book dated July 9, 2012 addressed to Sean Fitzgerald. He discussed Code Book changes.

R. Gray and M. Dorman discussed proposed changes.

M. Dorman reviewed the Plaistow Code Book Chapters recommendations - chapters with changes and chapters without changes.

Board expressed opinions and concerns for some items submitted.

- Chapter 17 Article and Section 17-3.A - delete "Recreation Department"

Chief Savage discussed and reviewed Chapter 67 Chapter Title Fire Arms.

- Chapter 134 (134-3) - change "This fee" to "This Fine"
- Chapter 174 (174-5) - specify "Town Clerk's Office"
- Chapter 205 (205-8) - leave as is, do not rescind and delete (No parking on Farrington remains in effect as currently noted)
- Chapter 205 (205-10.A) - leave as is, do not change.

J. Sherman was in favor of reducing the speed limit.

Board expressed their opinions.

M. Curran suggested the Board take a vote.

M. Curran called for a vote.

***Vote on Article and Section 205-10.A to change the rate of 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour per recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee.***

***Vote: 1-4-0.***

***Vote does not carry. Article and Section 205-10.A does not go forward. (205-10.A Westville Road and Greenough Road rate of speed remains at 30 miles per hour).***

Consensus of the Board was for the next 10 housekeeping items of Chapter 205 were to be amended. (205-11, 205-12, 205-13, 205-14, 205-15, 205-16, 205-17, 205-18, 205-19 and 205-22).

- Chapter 205-25, 205-26 and 205-33.C fine is increased to \$250.

J. Sherman inquired what could be done going forward to stop the code book from getting so far out of date.

S. Fitzgerald suggested to annually sit down with departments and review the code books.

J. Sherman agreed that there should be an annual review.

Board suggested to get the Fire Chief's recommendation regarding a fee for pellet and wood stoves.

J. Sherman suggested an April code book review and to then bring suggestions/recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

M. Dorman thanked all Department Heads for their input.

D. Poliquin noted a great job was done by all.

*M. Curran closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 pm.*

Consensus of the Board was for the suggested updates to be made and then to have them presented to the Board of Selectmen one more time for a formal vote at the Board's next meeting.

**NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3 II (e) LEGAL & (d) NEGOTIATIONS - PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX - CHIEF SAVAGE/MIKE DORMAN/TIM MOORE**

***Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Legal, (d) Negotiations and (a) Personnel.***

***2nd by J. Sherman.***

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

*Board entered Non Public Session at 8:11 pm - Board returned to Public Session at 9:49 pm.*

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Work that is continuing on the Main Street ADA/Crosswalk.
- Beede Superfund Technical Teleconference on Thursday, July 19th.
- CIP meeting held Tuesday, July 17th.
- Sewell contract for on line tax map services.
- Pre-Application to NHDES. He requested consensus of the Board to move forward.

*Consensus of the Board was for the Town Manager to continue to move forward with the application process to NHDES under the Clean Water State 2012 Revolving Loan Funds Program.*

- Highway Safety Committee meets Tuesday, July 31. A presentation by Safe Routes to School Grant Program Coordinator John Corrigan will be given.
- Updates on Plaistow First.
- Senator Shaheen's Staff will be at Town Hall on Thursday, July 26th from 10 until noon.
- Court House repair work.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

R. Gray requested an analysis or calculation regarding the amount of paper the Board of Selectmen goes through. He would like to know if buying IPADS for the Board would be a cheaper option and if it was he would favor it. Whatever the outcome was he would still comply with the Right to Know Law.

M. Curran noted Atkinson Selectmen just got IPADS and they could contact them to see how it was working out.

R. Gray requested Sean to arrange a meeting for him after his vacation to meet with Mr. Hallahan to do a cable show.

S. Fitzgerald agreed.

R. Gray discussed concerts on the Town Hall Green whereas he noticed kids riding their bicycles around the green during the concerts. He thought there was an ordinance regarding a restriction of bicycles because they were a nuisance and requested it be looked into.

J. Sherman noted he attended all the concerts and he would not classify bicycles there as a nuisance.

## **SIGNATURE FOLDER**

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

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

J. Sherman:

- CIP meeting last week and again this week.
- Budget Committee not meeting this time of year.
- Town Report Advisory Committee to meet soon.
- Plaistow First recommendation in Sean's report. He suggests for Board of Selectmen to read them because there are really exciting things in there.

R. Gray:

- Planning Board met.
- Public Hearing to talk Main Street has been postponed and will be done in the fall.
- They did conditionally approve the Walgreens site

C. Blinn:

- Attended Cable Committee meeting last week.
- They worked on CIP (equipment for cable studio).
- Microphones are now marked and they are finding out which ones are problems.
- They also spent some time discussing and working on storage for studio.

D. Poliquin:

- Missed last meeting. Apologized for not being present.
- Attended some of Old Home Day. He was in and out between work and going on vacation.
- Congratulated all who worked on putting Old Home Day together.
- Two Wednesdays ago there was suppose to be a Rec Commission meeting, however when he arrived it looked like no one was here so he attended the B Street Bombers concert instead.
- The B Street Bombers concert was great.
- Suggested for all to stop by First Baptist Church on Wednesday during the concert to make your own ice cream sundae.
- Attended Hazardous Mutual Aid District meeting. They reviewed budget and voted in officers. He is now the Secretary. He reviewed meeting details.

M. Curran:

- Went with Sean, Buzzy and Roy Jeffrey to Hannah Dustin.
- Landfill is open this Wednesday from 4-8pm.
- Concert on the Green is at 6pm.
- This is not a recycling week.
- ZBA meets this Thursday at 7 pm.
- There is no BOS meeting next week.

Public Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Audrey DeProspero