



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, May 7, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:38 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Charles Blinn

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin - arrived 6:54 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Robert Gray

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2012 as written.

2nd by R. Gray

Vote: 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roy Jeffrey discussed:

Arbor Day

There was a tree planting in memory of Ruth Jenne on the Town Hall Green. There was an Arbor Day celebration at Pollard School. Posters were drawn by Pollard Students Grades 1 - 5 and poems were read by the fifth graders. All of the Arbor Day celebrations were very nice.

PARC

Saturday, May 5th was Opening Day at PARC. Lots of people showed up. Gerry Lovett throughout the first pitch. The Friends of the Library had raffle tickets for two bicycles and the money raised will go to the Library passes for Museum access and anything else the Library needs.

MEMORIAL DAY

R. Jeffrey inquired if arrangements needed to be made for Memorial Day or had they been taken care of.

J. Sherman noted the Town Manager was working with the American Legion.

S. Fitzgerald noted he had spoken to the Legion and an agenda was being worked on.

R. Jeffrey wished Carli Malette a speedy recovery.

M. Curran discussed Roy having too much free time on his hands so she wanted to fill some of it.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Roy assisting and representing the Town at many occasions. He noted the May 7, 2012

Board had a special designation for Roy - Ombudsman, recognizing him as a special person for the Town. Roy was presented with an Ombudsman Award and red sash.

S. Fitzgerald read the Ombudsman Award Citation.

M. Curran presented Roy with the Citation and Official Sash.

J. Sherman discussed Gerry Lovett throwing out the first ball on opening day at PARC. He informed all that there were two first balls thrown: Gerry Lovett threw the first ball for baseball and Kate DeRoche threw the first ball for softball.

PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE - 2012 RELAY FOR LIFE

Gina Bowman discussed being a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, a 19 year event held in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She was reaching out to the people in Plaistow for assistance. She spoke about her background; the event (Paint The Town Purple), where it was held (Northern Essex Community College), and date (June 8 and 9th - 24 hour event). Purple bows (\$5 donation) could be purchased and placed throughout the Town. She thanked Plaistow Rec for Coaches versus Cancer and invited the Board of Selectmen to attend the event.

M. Curran encouraged people to Paint the Town Purple and read the Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen to Gina Bowman.

Board presented Gina with a Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen.

D. Poliquin arrived at 6:54 pm.

ARBOR DAY DISCUSSION - JILL SENTER

J. Senter presented the Board of Selectmen with T-Shirts "May the Forest Be With You". The winners of the Pollard School Poster contest received the same t-shirt.

Poster Contest Winners and Finalists:

Grade 1 Winner:	Grade 2 Winner:	Grade 3 Winner:	Grade 4 Winner:	Grade 5 Winner:
Jillian Brown	Olivia Rando	Aryana Anthony	Iain Sidor	Samantha Carrigan
Finalists:	Finalists:	Finalists:	Finalists:	Finalists:
Braidon Bowman	Morgan Canney	Jordan Randall	Jason Ramos	Julianne DeGreenia
Nick DeLucia	Kyle Perrault			Jillian Fitzpatrick

The Winner of the Fifth Grade Poem Contest were:

- ☐ First Prize: Brenna Marcotte.
- ☐ Finalists: Julliane DeGreenia, Josemary Cruz, and Cameron Marino

Arbor Day was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 1st but the weather did not cooperate so it was celebrated on Thursday, May 3rd in doors at the Pollard School. Arbor Day is officially April 22nd however school vacation is that week so the Town postponed until May.

M. Curran showed The winning posters.

Brenna Marcotte, winner of the Fifth Grade Poem Contest was present and read her poem.

J. Senter discussed trees planted: one on the Town Hall Green in the memory of Ruth Jenne, two trees at the Public Library, and one tree at Pollard School.

J. Senter discussed Roy Jeffrey being present during the Pollard School Arbor Day Celebration and presented him with a t-shirt, wrist band and a letter from the Pollard School students. She thanked Roy Jeffrey, Delores Coyle Quirk, 5th Grade Teacher, and Ellen Stutman, retiring Art Teacher, and Dan Garlington Highway Supervisor for help with planting the trees.

M. Curran presented Jill Senter with an Arbor Day Citation.

J. Sherman noted the Lions planted 4 or 5 trees at PARC in honor of Arbor Day.

INTRODUCTION OF POLICE OFFICER CANDIDATE (RYAN GARNEY) AND ACO CANDIDATE (BRIAN FARRELL) - CHIEF SAVAGE

S. Savage introduced Brian Farrell from East Hampstead as Plaistow's ACO Candidate.

M. Curran inquired if Brian had officially started on the job.

S. Savage noted Brian was officially being hired this evening as he will be sworn in by Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk.

J. Sherman inquired if Brian was familiar with NH.

B. Farrell noted he had been living in Hampstead since he was two years old.

D. Poliquin inquired how long had Brian been an assistant in Hampstead.

B. Farrell noted just over one year.

S. Savage discussed Brian's orientation on Thursday; residents still need to contact Police Department for animal concerns; Dispatch will contact Brian; and meeting with Danville to get Danville back on board with Plaistow.

R. Gray inquired if Brian planned on staying for awhile.

B. Farrell noted yes.

M. Curran discussed previous collection for blankets and items for the kennel and suggested once Ryan was established he should let the Board know what he may need.

S. Savage introduced Ryan Garney from Sterling, Massachusetts as Police Officer Candidate.

M. Curran discussed Family Mediation.

R. Garney and J. Sherman discussed Ryan's background and his career in law enforcement.

D. Poliquin welcomed Ryan Garney.

Maryellen Pelletier presented both Brian Farrell and Ryan Garney with Oath's of Office. Both read oaths and signed.

S. Savage noted he had another candidate which he would like to get on the Board's next agenda.

S. Fitzgerald discussed conditional offer made to other candidate.

S. Savage discussed fundraising on two events: body armor for Police Dog Kraken and monument out back of the Safety Complex for all service dogs that have passed. He requested permission from the Board of Selectmen for his fundraising events. Police Dog Kraken is in need of new body armor which costs approximately \$2,300 and Police Dog Stryker has passed away three weeks ago so he would like to erect a monument with his name. The Chief suggested putting a picture of Kraken and his Handler on a canister at various locations to raise money.

M. Curran thought it was a great idea.

J. Sherman supported the idea

Motion by R. Gray to allow the Police Department to fundraise for soft body armor for Police K9 and for a monument to be erected as outline during the Board of Selectmen Meeting on May 7, 2012 up to \$5,000.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion passes.

DONATION (SWINGS) FROM FRIENDS OF REC TO PLAISTOW RECREATION DEPARTMENT - KATE SHERMAN DEROCHE

Kate DeRoche and Shauna Manthorn discussed the donation of swings from the Friends of Rec to the Town of Plaistow. They noted the Friends of Rec continue to fundraise to support needed equipment at PARC. Upon the Board of Selectmen's approval for the swings, they will be placed at PARC and installed.

M. Curran thanked all who supported Friends of Rec.

K. DeRoche discussed swings: t-structured swings which will have three bays (two tot swings, three regular swings, and one ADA swing.

M. Curran inquired if a special surface underneath the swings was required.

K. DeRoche noted there would be a safe surface similar to the one underneath the play scape.

J. Sherman inquired if there were any other upcoming fundraisers by the Friends of Rec.

K. DeRoche noted there is a raffle/fundraiser for a log splitter which is housed at Westville Grand Rental if anyone wanted to look at it. Tickets are \$5 each and the winner will be picked during the Fall Festival.

R. Gray inquired about the placement of the swing set.

K. DeRoche discussed location for swing set and noted the ground was ready for placement. The swings will be closer to the fence. From the direction of the concession stand it would be play scape then swings and it would not disturb the neighbors.

S. Fitzgerald noted he spoke with Pat Buckley and Dan Garlington regarding the installation of the swing set. They will be moving quickly to have the swings put up.

Motion by R. Gray to accept the donation from the Friends of Rec for \$8,797 for the new swing set at PARC.

2nd by D. Poliquin.

M. Curran thanked Friends of Rec.

D. Poliquin noted if anyone was looking for something to do in Town to help out, the Friends of Rec was a great organization to work with.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

Recreation - Tom Alberti

M. Curran introduced Tom Alberti.

T. Alberti discussed his background: Plaistow resident for 7 years; neighbor of the Buckley Family; he and his wife have always been involved with volunteering; he has been an Alternate for about a year; and previous Vice Chair Ed Aziz resigned which opened up the position he volunteered for.

J. Sherman enthusiastically recommended Tom to the Recreation Commission. He has seen Tom as an Alternate and supports Tom in the position of Vice Chair to the Recreation Commission.

D. Poliquin vouched for Tom and noted Tom has been very involved with the Recreation Commission and is very much an active member.

Motion by R. Gray appoint Tom Alberti as a Regular member to the Recreation Commission for a three year term.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

T. Alberti noted there were Alternate positions on the Recreation Commission available if anyone was interested.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Presentation at Town Hall by Ed Thurston on Lyme Disease.
- Follow up discussion with Testa regarding the small pool adjacent to the water/cell tower.
- Adult entertainment to the Great Elm Plaza.
- Summer concerts have been set.

- 221 Main Street will be demolished. Security fence will be placed around property.
- Conference call on Thursday, May 17th at 10:30 to discuss various issues regarding the Beede Superfund Site.
- Landfill is open. Schedule is on the Town's web site.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th from 9am until noon.
- Meeting with Rick Bickerstaff to discuss the Town's Memorial Day events.
- Kohl's Grand Reopening Ceremony is scheduled for 7:45 am on Wednesday.
- Congressman Guinta's Representative will hold public office hours at Town Hall on Thursday, May 10th from 11am until noon.
- Highway Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, May 11th at 9:30 am.
- Flag Repository at the Safety Complex.
- Regional Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th at Kingston Town Hall.
- Conflict of Interest is still looking for committee members.
- Rain barrel winner Steve Kiarsis. Picture submitted by Steve to show his rain barrel usage.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Gray discussed roadway lighting and plans: the new exit/entrance at Petro King at the signal light was very dark and not lighted and the other area of concern was at the intersection of Kingston Road/125 which has no lighting either.

D. Poliquin discussed lights at Town Hall and suggested adjusting timer for lights outside of Town Hall because the lights were on when the Board arrived. The days are getting longer and the nights shorter so the timer for the lights at Town Hall needs adjusting.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Sherman:

- Budget Committee does not meet this time of year.
- Plaistow First met and finalized their final recommendations. They are looking to get on the Board of Selectmen Agenda.
- Town Report meeting deferred from this Wednesday - exact time not yet set.
- CIP Committee should start meeting soon.

C. Blinn:

- Attended Old Home Day Committee meeting last night at 6pm. Dan Bush is planning on getting together with Department Heads to make sure all is coordinated. Janet Gallant Finance Director attended and was working with Committee on the contacts of the budgets for Old Home Day and she has questions for the Town Manager.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Town was all set to have a great Old Home Day.

- Attended Conservation meeting. They discussed Arbor Day and Ruthie's tree. Dedication went well. Ruthie would have been pleased. They reviewed application for ARM (Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund) that Phil Auger from Southeast Land Trust prepared.

- Attended the Elder Affairs Committee. They are working on transportation assistance and have been discussing information with CART.
- Handicap parking is going before the Highway Safety Committee.
- Elder Affairs Committee is involved with the Old Home Day Parade.
- Elder Affairs will be holding a raffle of a rocking chair for those that are interested.

R. Gray:

- Last Wednesday Planning Board met. They discussed establishment of adult entertainment in Plaistow. The facility will be for persons 21 years or older. It will be a fun, safe environment. Other businesses they own are located in Hudson, NH, Nashua, NH and Gloucester, MA.

D. Poliquin:

- No meetings last week.
- Attended Opening Day at PARC. There was an excellent turn out. He congratulated all involved and thanked the coaches and all persons that donated their time. All had a great time. It was amazing the number of kids involved. The fields looked awesome and he thanked the Highway Department. The parade was great and Selectmen Sherman spoke during Opening Day.

J. Sherman noted they were looking into expanding the facility and parking.

M. Curran:

- Opening Day at PARC was Saturday. The number of vehicles and pedestrians have increased. She encouraged law enforcements to be aware and discussed the speed limit and pedestrians around PARC.
- Had no scheduled meetings last week.
- Will attend Kohl's Opening.
- Family Mediation is next week.
- This Wednesday the Landfill is open from 4pm until 8pm.
- Rec meeting this week.
- Highway Safety Committee is this Friday.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is this Saturday at Old County Road.
- This week is a recycle week.

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero