



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:38 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 J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2012 as written.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote: 4-0-1.

Abstain: C. Blinn.

Motion carries.

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2012 as written.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2012 with changes to page 3 & 6.

2nd by R. Gray.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one from the public wishing to speak.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT - CHIEF SAVAGE & LT. BALDWIN

S. Fitzgerald noted each Selectmen folder had a Memo from the Police Chief.

W. Baldwin discussed grants; current grant for Command Vehicle; vehicle's purpose: Emergency Management and ICS (Incident Command System); Command System's ability to monitor/assist with small or large incidents; and the details of the three grants he would be writing.

J. Sherman requested details of the Command Vehicle.

W. Baldwin discussed lighting: standard for all Police and Emergency vehicles; command center in the back of the vehicle; vehicle designed to fit the need; command center built in a way

that it could just roll out; tent attached to back of vehicle; communications to include a lap top and a radio; and the ability to speak to all agencies.

J. Sherman inquired about training and if the Assistant Emergency Directors would be trained on the command center.

W. Baldwin noted they could be.

J. Sherman inquired if the Town currently had this vehicle then when would they have most recently used it.

W. Baldwin noted with motorcycle/vehicle accidents on Route 125, to search and find someone, and to search for information on a suspect. He noted the vehicle was more than an Emergency Management Vehicle. It could also be used for Police work.

S. Savage discussed using the Vehicle as a command post.

J. Sherman inquired if and when would the Vehicle leave Plaistow.

S. Savage discussed under Mutual Aid (example given: Danville). The Lieutenant and a Deputy would go as a mutual interest to Plaistow. It could be weather related or radio redundancy.

M. Curran inquired where the vehicle would be kept.

S. Savage noted the vehicle would be used as a patrol vehicle and it would be available 24/7.

M. Curran discussed vehicle being utilized every day and concern for gas mileage and vehicle upkeep.

S. Savage discussed vehicle assigned to one person, primary operator and mileage being relatively small.

M. Curran and S. Savage discussed match for grant.

R. Gray discussed capital rotation process.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the likelihood of Plaistow getting a grant for this vehicle because of Route 125 being a busy highway and the need for a vehicle like this.

S. Savage discussed two marked cars which are in the budget and one unmarked car versus the emergency command vehicle.

D. Poliquin discussed insurance payoff for police cruiser that was identified as totaled by the insurance company.

S. Fitzgerald discussed \$6,500 insurance payoff to go into the General Fund under the unused fund balance to help reduce taxes next year.

D. Poliquin inquired if an example could be given for the benefit of having an on scene command center instead of relaying information to/from dispatch.

S. Savage discussed on scene versus remote in the enforcement eyes; emergency management eyes are at the scene; difficult to sit at dispatch and suggest where to go whereas you can have someone directly there commanding and doing hands on.

S. Fitzgerald discussed satellite communications.

M. Curran discussed Town being lucky to have the Lieutenant as both a Lieutenant and the Town's Emergency Management Director. Previously it was two separate positions. She inquired how the vehicle would be used by the Lieutenant for both Police and Emergency Management.

S. Savage discussed cost of vehicle; utilization of vehicle by both Emergency Management and Police; vehicle's equipment; vehicle being part of the fleet; vehicle's ability to be used for hazmat or school incident; and the benefits of both but with emphasis on the emergency command aspect.

M. Curran discussed replacement vehicles.

S. Fitzgerald discussed funding.

R. Gray requested the Chief to quantify the difference between a regular fleet vehicle versus this vehicle.

S. Savage noted the extra equipment would be funded by a grant.

J. Sherman inquired if there was any sense as to when they would hear about approval/acceptance of the grant.

S. Fitzgerald discussed first come, first serve and noted the grant was competitive.

S. Savage thought they should know within a couple of weeks.

J. Sherman and W. Baldwin discussed hazardous material and placarding vehicles.

J. Sherman noted he was in favor of this and thought it was a good thing to do.

D. Poliquin inquired if they were looking for action tonight from the Board.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was seeking authorization from the Board to move forward.

Motion by J. Sherman to direct the Town Manager to move forward with this application.

S. Fitzgerald noted a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen would also be helpful.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

S. Savage discussed grant for speed limit enforcement.

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M. Curran inquired on an average how often did the Police Department roll out the current speed sign.

S. Savage noted they did not put it out in the winter because of the snow banks.

S. Savage noted he was looking for acceptance from the Board to pursue the speed enforcement grant.

S. Fitzgerald discussed stationary speedometers.

***Motion by R. Gray to authorize the Town Manager to move forward on the last two grants listed on the Police Chief's Memo dated February 13.
2nd by J. Sherman.***

M. Curran inquired if the information would be brought back to the Board.

S. Fitzgerald noted yes.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

J. Sherman inquired if the intent was to show the Power Point presentation on channel 17 and if so then it had too much information on each slide.

**WATER RESOURCE PROPERTIES RECOMMENDED BY PLAISTOW FIRST -
L. KOMORNICK/M. DORMAN**

S. Fitzgerald discussed request of Selectmen Sherman regarding map to be prepared and presentation to be given on these properties recommended by Plaistow First. A number of the properties are water rich. He noted the Plaistow First Committee has spent a number of hours evaluating the properties.

M. Curran inquired if they were all water or conservation related.

S. Fitzgerald noted yes.

J. Sherman noted the properties reviewed by Plaistow First are all Town owned properties and they do not have a lot of sale value because they are small and wet. The Committee felt it was important to retain them because of water conservation. A list of map and lots were given to each Selectmen with the recommendation of the Plaistow First Committee.

M. Curran discussed not making any decisions on the properties; not doing anything with the properties currently; not voting on them; and not tying the hands of a future Board.

S. Fitzgerald discussed recognizing the extensive amount of time and effort the Plaistow First Committee and Town Officials have done. He noted each property was unique and the information may help future Boards.

R. Gray noted that most of the parcels were so small that you cannot build a house on them. He discussed taking a vote to retain property for water conservation purposes; vote not tying future Board's hands; and vote to designate lots.

D. Poliquin was not sure what the Board was voting on. They were not making them conservation areas and they were not voting to sell the properties because the Town already owned them.

J. Sherman noted they were recognizing the efforts of the Plaistow First Committee.

M. Curran noted the Plaistow First Committee was suppose to bring the information to the Board of Selectmen. She discussed concerns with taking a vote because the Board was not taking action on the properties.

R. Gray discussed designating Town owned land.

J. Sherman noted they did not need to designate land as conservation land.

D. Poliquin discussed wording of vote to retain property may be misconstrued at a later date.

S. Fitzgerald discussed credentialing and recognizing properties as important properties; concurring that these properties are important properties; and taking an action that speaks on the collective will of the Board.

M. Curran noted she was not comfortable with making a motion and applying something to property that they already owned.

D. Poliquin appreciated all the efforts and work of the Plaistow First Committee.

M. Dorman discussed changing color on the map for the listed properties.

J. Sherman discussed properties not necessarily needing to be sold and just acknowledging the work that the Plaistow First Committee has done.

M. Curran discussed voting to not sell these properties; Town currently owning the properties; not asking for the properties to be conservation land; and not asking for the properties to be part of the Town Forest.

J. Sherman discussed acknowledgment of the 9 recommendations of the Plaistow First Committee (to note the Board has seen them and they make sense).

Board discussed consensus; what was presented made sense; and accepting the recommendations.

Consensus of the Board was to recognize, validate and show appreciation for the work done by the Plaistow First Committee, Planning Department, Dee Voss, Mike Dorman and whoever else worked on this project.

R. Gray agreed.

J. Sherman agreed that these recommendations made sense.

S. Fitzgerald discussed properties around and near the Town Forest.

D. Poliquin discussed information was put forth to the Conservation Commission.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Conservation Commission wanted to have another discussion about this.

J. Sherman noted they already did.

Motion by R. Gray to direct the Town Manager to research the following parcels: Lots 6-3, 7-1, 6-7, 6-16, 7-3, 8-24 and 8-25 for possible addition to the Town Forest, including clear title research, per recommendations 58 and 59 from the Plaistow First Committee and consistent with the wishes of the Conservation Commission per the January 6th Memo from Jill Senter, Chair.

2nd by M. Curran.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald discussed:

- Site walk of the Penn Box site.
- Elder Affairs Committee met last week to discuss parking around Town Hall.
- Granite curbing cut out in front of Town Hall.
- Using part of horseshoe in front of Town Hall for handicap parking.

J. Sherman discussed work done while renovating Town Hall and locations of suggestion for handicap parking.

- Town Hall is being used for Recreational programs. Seniors were knitting socks, mittens and scarves for Veterans.
- Senior Tea was held at Town Hall last week.
- Taxing utility providers.
- Meeting in Concord with Tim Moore to present letter of support from Board relative to HB1561.
- Meeting with Attorney Kalman and Selectmen Gray to discuss Beede site tax abatement.

R. Gray discussed request from Attorney Kalman regarding report from Wil Corcoran regarding how he derived at the figures and mandate by BTLA (Board of Tax and Land Appeals) to settle with the Beede Group before it goes to Concord.

- Thursday's Conference call with Beede and EPA which is part of the regularly scheduled monthly conference calls.

J. Sherman discussed back taxes; Beede Group says property has no value so they should not be assessed any taxes; and they don't believe that they owe any back taxes.

R. Gray discussed the reason the Beede Group was disputing the taxes was based on the hypothetical property value the Town assigned to it.

- Moving forward with the final stages of the Annual Report.
- Regional Selectmen meeting this week in Chester.
- Visited Mrs. FitzGerald last week. She was very interested in Town business.
- Old Home Day Committee is starting their preparations for the Old Home Day events.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Sherman noted there was an item in the Signature Folder that he was unsure if the Board spoke about before or not.

S. Fitzgerald noted that the paperwork had to do with the telephone companies bankruptcy and at the present time there was not advancement of the Town's interest. The company was settling their outstanding debts and the paperwork was the recommendation received from the Finance Director.

Board requested more information.

J. Sherman noted he did not sign the paperwork.

D. Poliquin discussed letter from Assessing Department. He noted not all residents received this letter. It was isolated to a specific area where the Assessing Firm would be. The letter indicated the Assessing Firm would be out and about throughout the Town and would be doing assessments. If residents were not available the Assessing Firm would do a walk around of the exterior and if residents had any questions they could call Town Hall. If residents were not available the Assessing Firm would leave a note to request an appointment with them. Residents could call prior to the Assessing Firm being out there to request an appointment.

D. Poliquin noted this week was a recycling week.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Sherman:

- Budget Committee not meeting until the first Tuesday in April for their Organizational meeting.
- Town Advisory Committee not longer meets.
- Plaistow First meets again on the Wednesday, February 22nd.

R. Gray:

- This week is a recycling week.
- Planning Board's meeting on Wednesday has been cancelled. They will not meet until the first Wednesday in March.
- Plaistow First Committee met last week. Subcommittee to meet on abutting properties.

C. Blinn:

- Attended Elder Affairs meeting on February 7th. Tim Moore attended the meeting and was appointed as an official member. The Committee is looking forward to their Service Fair at the Fish and Game and they discussed parking around Town Hall.
- Cable Advisory meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- ConCom meets Thursday at 7:00 pm.

M. Curran:

- Accompanied Roy Jeffrey and Sean to visit Bernadine FitzGerald and to Hannah Dunston Nursing Home in Haverhill to visit residents there. She was honored to be asked to do such.
- Family Mediation meets this Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

D. Poliquin:

- Rec Commission met this past Wednesday.
- This Saturday the 18th is Baseball Evaluation Day at Granite Fields from 8-11 am.
- Friends of Rec will be selling clothing.
- Committee discussed updates to Master Plan.
- Friends of Rec's Annual Spring Ball is March 24th. \$15 per person and will be held at the Fish and Game. There will be raffles and prizes.
- Opening Day for PARC on Old County Road is May 5th.
- The Committee discussed possibly moving the skateboard park to another facility or property in Town. This was discussed with Sean on Thursday/Friday and Sean is to put together a list of potential Town owned properties of possibility.

J. Sherman noted the Board would not be meeting next week due to President's Day.

J. Sherman noted he would not be present at the following week's meeting and requested to be excused. He noted he would try to attend but may not be able to.

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero