



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, May13, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Robert Gray
Selectman, Michelle Curran
Selectman, Daniel Poliquin - excused

Vice Chairman, John Sherman
Selectman, Joyce Ingerson
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2013 with correction to page 3, paragraph 2: delete "not be accurate" and replace with "be out of date".

2nd by: M. Curran.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Absent: D. Poliquin)

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

R. Gray introduced the new Summer Recreation Director Ruth Glazier.

S. Fitzgerald spoke of Ruth's background.

R. Glazier discussed her background: she has worked with the Girl Scouts for the past 11 years as Care Director and Trainer, is active at school as an advisor and in numerous organizations in her town. She is looking forward to building a better program.

R. Gray inquired when the Summer Recreation Staff was going to be fully hired.

S. Fitzgerald note some interviews have been completed and others were scheduled for Wednesday. The counsellors will be coming before the Board of Selectmen next week and others will be coming within two weeks.

J. Sherman noted he and Ruth were old friends. He coached one of her daughters in softball for many years. He knows her background. She has been involved with many positive things. He thought this was a great thing for Plaistow.

M. Curran and J. Ingerson welcomed Ruth.

PUBLIC HEARING – DONATIONS: MESSAGE BOARD/RADAR TRAILER

R. Gray opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 pm.

S. Fitzgerald discussed donations for the new message trailer. The trailer is currently being programed at the Police Department. He hoped to have it in front of the Board next Monday for viewing. Cumberland Farms has donated \$1,000 to the message board trailer and Taurus Plaistow Investors, LP (the owners of the plaza where Walgreens is located) donated \$2,500 towards the purchase of the message board trailer.

M. Curran inquired about the cost of the radar trailer.

S. Fitzgerald did not know the exact about but thought it was a little over \$20,000. The Police Department has received a \$16,000 grant from Homeland Security and the balance was being raised by private donations.

J. Sherman inquired how the message board would be used.

S. Fitzgerald discussed message board being used in front of Town Hall, on Route 121A or Route 125 to list current events to help remind persons of civic events and programs, to be use during storms to let people know about emergency shelter locations, for safety information for residents and for public information outreach.

J. Sherman inquired if it was part of the Police Department or Emergency Management.

S. Fitzgerald noted Police Department.

R. Gray inquired how much information could be stored on the message board.

S. Fitzgerald did not know the character size but would get back to the Board with this information. He hoped to have the message board available for the Selectmen to see next week and to be able to touch the keyboard and work with it. He would like to have a few people trained to operate the message board.

J. Sherman suggested to use it for Memorial Day notifications.

R. Gray closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 pm.

***Motion by J. Sherman to direct the Town Manager to process the two donations: one from Taurus Investments for \$2,500 and a second donation from Cumberland Farms for \$1,000.
2nd by M. Curran.***

J. Sherman thought this was a good thing to do. He thanked both for their donation.

S. Fitzgerald noted he would send a thank you from the Town on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

STATE OF NH STORMWATER COALITION – TIM MOORE

S. Fitzgerald invited Tim Moore to tonight's BOS meeting to discuss the State of NH Stormwater Coalition. Tim has been a member of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission for the last 20 years. He has tested the inflows and outflows, attended many MS4 stormwater meetings and

meetings with staff during the Administrative Order. The Town is facing an update of the MS4. Communities need to implement a number of changes associated with testing that are costly. A group of municipalities are looking at forming a Coalition. He discussed collectively working with others. The Board has copies of the comments presented at the EPA meeting in Portsmouth from a month ago for review. Several communities have agreed to join the Coalition: Manchester, Derry, Dover, Rochester, Salem, Merrimack, Hudson, Londonderry, Bedford, Portsmouth, Goffstown, Hampton, Amherst, Seabrook, Hampstead, Plaistow, Atkinson, Auburn, Danville, Allenstown, and Wilton. The Coalition is seeking a consultant to prepare a letter on behalf of the Coalition that would challenge some of the tenants of the permit. He discussed the bacteria found in Little River.

R. Gray inquired what Plaistow's payment of \$1,468.39 would get them.

S. Fitzgerald noted the money would get them a legal document that would protect the Town's interest with the coming permit. The law firm contacted has contacts with environmental consultants. It will bring communities together to share the coordination and to focus the discussion around community interest. He thought this was a reasonable first step. Attorney Kalman reviewed the ramifications for the permit and he suggested for the Town to send a letter in. The expense would be greater if the Town did this on their own and not in association with the surrounding communities.

R. Gray inquired when the letter would be drafted and who the money was billable to.

S. Fitzgerald discussed communities and reasonable involvement and the committee already being recognized as a NH Public Works Association coordinated through the LCG and is in good standing with NHDES.

J. Sherman discussed Little River bacteria and inquired where the amount (80%) came from.

S. Fitzgerald noted NHDES went out and established the standards. He asked Tm to speak on it.

T. Moore noted they did not tailor it to Plaistow. He discussed nitrogen loading, overflow of sewer plants, personal septic failing, and over fertilizing. Cases need to be looked at on a Town by Town basis. He discussed pollution levels and good quality levels, and reduction of pollution. He did not know where they were measuring however overall 80% would be admirable. The chloroform in Kelly Brook in the Meadowview area is caused by the animals, it is not human nor bird. The cost of the test is \$274 so if a projection across 100 outfalls was done that would be a huge amount of money. The Coalition can help with getting the EPA to realize that this needs to be looked at case by case.

S. Fitzgerald discussed cleaner river and streams and cost of permit.

J. Sherman noted in general he was in favor of this. He thought regionally was the way to go. He inquired if this was a mandate from EPA based upon the data submitted by NHDES.

S. Fitzgerald noted that was correct.

J. Sherman inquired if the funding was a one-time funding for legal support to help the Town prepare a response that was within the timeframe allotted.

S. Fitzgerald noted yes and suggested the information be discussed at the Regional Selectmen meeting.

J. Sherman inquired if they ran the risk of other municipalities not joining would their pro rata cost be larger if all 30 towns did not participate and only 20 did. He also inquired if this happened would Sean come back to the Board and ask for more money.

S. Fitzgerald noted he did not think he would have to come back to the Board. He thought it would be accepted. He discussed prorated shares and their population and the cost associated with the new permit.

Motion by J. Sherman to support the recommendation of the Town Manager to support the Town of Plaistow's pro-rated contribution of \$1,468.39 for the NH Public Works Association (NHPWA) Storm Water Coalition.

2nd by M. Curran.

J. Sherman noted this something they were all in favor of - cleaning up water. The discussion is about how this is being enforced and how their response is needed in a restricted amount of time. This was absolutely something that needed to be regionalized.

R. Gray recommended no money to be sent or spent until he knew that all communities were involved.

S. Fitzgerald noted the more communities that showed up the better it was. It would not cost the towns more. He would like to think it would cost less. He agreed to revisit with the Board if it did cost more.

Vote: 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

2013 ARM GANT UPDATE/PLAISTOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION/EMERSON PROPERTY – TIM MOORE

R. Gray noted the Board would be going into Non Public for twenty minutes.

Motion by J. Sherman to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Negotiations and (e) Legal.

2nd by M. Curran.

Board polled: R. Gray=yes; J. Sherman=yes; M. Curran=yes; and J. Ingerson=yes

Board returned to Public Session at 7:25 pm.

R. Gray noted no decisions were made however more information would come next week.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald:

- Safe Routes to School - the Town is eligible for a \$10,000 startup grant that would help support concept level support for a sidewalk system leading to the Pollard School.

J. Sherman noted it was good that they had some of their studies done for future progress. Having these previous studies completed may have helped them possibly get a larger grant.

- Eagle Scout presentation by Bryce Wittaker. Bryce coordinated an Eagle Scout project to construct a greenhouse for the Pollard School and Staff. He suggested to have Bryce come before the Board of Selectmen.

- Met with Principal Gaydos and Superintendent Metzler regarding ball fields behind Pollard School. They spoke of how they could bring the ball fields back to good condition for use.
- Visited Mrs. Bernadine FitzGerald. She has an original map of the recreation space behind the Pollard school.

J. Sherman noted he has seen this document and it is fascinating. He suggested all to look at it.

- Would like to work with the School District to help fix the disrepair of the ball fields.
- Received good news on FEMA reimbursements. The Town will be receiving \$7,831.69 from Hurricane Sandy and the Town is expecting \$45,459 from snow storm NEMO.
- Tax Collector update - taking a property for failure of property taxes. The Town has never voted to authorize the BOS to dispose of tax deeded property. He discussed the sample warrant article given to him by the Tax Collector and suggested that she come before the Board in the fall to discuss.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day was a success. 105 Plaistow residents participated. It was a successful regional service that the Town partnered in with four other communities.
- Elder Affairs met last week. They discussed their bylaws. The Committee made recommendation regarding the handicap spaces around Town Hall. He would like to invite members of the Elder Affairs to come before the BOS to discuss next week.
- CMAQ MBTA Feasibility Study will be going before Executive Council on June 5th or 19th.
- Rail Education Day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16.
- Historical Society is having a fundraising event on Thursday, May 23rd at UNO's.
- Memorial Day event is planned for Monday, May 27 at 10 am. This year it is at a new time. They will pay tribute to the Korean War Veterans.

J. Sherman discussed time and noted if it were later it would be better.

- Dog registration reminders have been sent out.
- Summer Recreation Director was here.
- Third Grader Vanessa Mahoney of the Pollard School has won the state wide Fire Protection Contest out of 500 submission. He would like Vanessa to come before the BOS with her poster.
- Plaistow First met last week and discussed potential Highway Garage locations (four properties).
- Sewell tax map viewer is on line. Residents can go to Plaistow Home page and click on the link for Plaistow GIS. It will be changed to Plaistow On Line Tax Viewer. There is also a link on the Board of Selectmen page, Planning Board page as well as the Zoning Board page.
- Economic Development Committee meets this Friday.

J. Sherman inquired if a presentation of the new online mapping would be done.

S. Fitzgerald noted he did plan on showing it.

- Recreation shelter at PARC is moving forward. It is an \$80,000 project which is an impressive addition to PARC.
- Firing Range improvements are ongoing. We are supporting a site plan.
- Residential construction has begun in Plaistow on: Kimball Avenue, Ridgewood Drive, Village Way and Gunstock Road.

- Safety Complex roof is complete. He was pleased with the work done by Lambert Roof.
- Court House will replace windows over the next several weeks.
- Planning Board meets Wednesday.
- Pennichuck will increase their rates. He received a letter received from Pennichuck and contacted them to discuss the rate increase. He recommends to have a Pennichuck Representatives attend the Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss.
- Highway Department has an opening for a Laborer position.
- Tour de Cure takes place this weekend.
- RPC meeting is this week.
- Regional Selectmen meeting is Wednesday, June 5th in Brentwood.

OTHER BUSINESS

M. Curran noted the Recreation Department had an SRO Officer last year during summer activities and inquired if one would be assigned this year.

S. Fitzgerald noted the SRO would be involved and Christina was working with the Police Department to bring this back.

M. Curran supported this activity. She thought it was a positive item for Summer Recreation.

M. Curran noted PARC has opened and games have started and there is Police enforcement out there however the speed of vehicles in the area is still excessive. It is only 25 miles per hour

J. Sherman noted this Friday, May 17th is Walk/Bike to Pollard School event. It is their annual event and he encouraged all students to walk to school.

Kate Sherman DeRoche discussed the bike and walk to school event this Friday. The Fish and Game and Town have offered two places for parents to park. The Vice Principal will start from Ingalls Terrace and walk to Pollard while the Principal will start from the Fish and Game and walk to Pollard. Crossing Guards will be out assisting students and parents as they cross the roads and breakfast for both kids and parents will be held at Pollard School upon arrival. This is a really well attended event. She suggested all take the day and join in their event.

S. Fitzgerald noted it was a Town effort to support Safe Routes to School.

K. Sherman-DeRoche noted Deputy Kathy Jones was working with her to help with the additional Police enforcement to enable the children to be able to safely cross the streets. The Penn Box site is also available for staff to park at so they can walk to school also.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

R. Gray noted the Manifest and Signature folders were going around.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Ingerson had nothing to report.

M. Curran:

- Attended Elder Affairs. Carli was appointed to the Committee. Carol Jesso has resigned because she is moving out of Town. The Committee worked on their bylaws. The spoke about parking spaces around Town Hall.

- She is working on Memorial Day flowers.
- Family Mediation meets this Wednesday in Atkinson.

J. Sherman:

- Attended Plaistow First meeting.
- Budget Committee does not meet this time of year.
- No activity with the Town Report Committee.
- Attended Opening Day at PARC. He was pleased to be able to speak about Dave Nye.
- Noted the information at the bottom of the agenda was not correct.
- Did attend site walk. The trails out there exist and are adaptable for Town use. The Rec Commission was excited about the walk.

R. Gray:

- Plaistow First met. They discussed the list of properties the Committee is recommending. Moderator Bob Harb will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss. He discussed all the recommendations of the Plaistow First Committee and suggested for Sean to compile a list of this information and divide over the next couple of meetings so the Board can look at.
- Planning Board meets this Wednesday night. There are no major hearings on the agenda just Planning Board issues like the Master Plan.
- Historical Society meets next week. He plans on attending.

J. Sherman inquired if the Historical Society had any funds.

J. Ingerson noted they did.

J. Sherman discussed memorabilia listed on eBay.

J. Ingerson noted Jim Peck was looking into this.

R. Gray suggested residents should join the Historical Society face book page because they had some very interesting information that they send daily.

- Plans on attending the Economic Development meeting on Friday.

R. Gray noted the Board would be going into Non Public again because he had information to discuss with the Board however no decisions would be made.

NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3 II (a) PERSONNEL

Motion by J. Sherman to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel.

2nd by M. Curran.

Board polled: R. Gray=yes; J. Sherman=yes; M. Curran=yes; J. Ingerson=yes;

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero