



***Town of Plaistow ♦ Budget Committee***  
***145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865***

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2010

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 8:33 pm

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kristin Lewis Savage - Chair	John Sherman – Selectmen Rep.
Dan Hooper	Normand Bouchard
Neal Morin	Michele Conte
Catherine Willis	Tricia Holt

**EXCUSED:** Martha Sumner, Vice Chair  
Gayle Hamel, Ron Hayes, Joyce Ingerson, Ben Sadewicz

**AGENDA:**

**Review of any additional Board of Selectmen Warrant Articles**

Committee members discussed 148 Main Street and the opinions.

Committee members received new Warrant regarding 148 Main Street.

K. Lewis Savage discussed concerns regarding not having all the information regarding 148 Main Street and not being comfortable with moving so quickly with it but noted she had to keep in mind what is in the Town's best interest.

S. Fitzgerald discussed vision for barn and house; barn and house being difficult for the Town to control at the present time; possibility of putting the house back onto the market; 7 acres abutting property; great acquisition for Town; geographic location being in center of Town; and the advanced rush process.

J. Sherman thanked Budget Committee members for attending the BOS meeting. He noted he disputed what someone had said regarding owning the land doesn't give us anything more than what we have now and noted that was not quite true. While the public is entitled to walking trails, if the Town owned the land we could do more, and we would have more rights and would be able to do more than we could do now.

D. Hooper discussed ownership is regardless as to who owns it, it is the same however we could just promote the use of it more than a residential could.

D. Hooper and J. Sherman discussed grantor and grantee. The grantor is the owner of the property.

K. Lewis Savage, D. Hooper and J. Sherman discussed the easement.

D. Hooper and J. Sherman discussed the Conservation Easement Deed with Access Easement expressing their opinions.

J. Sherman discussed additional benefits for grantor.

K. Lewis Savage noted she is not in favor of this Article. She discussed not enough information; more activities cost more money; park drainage problems; highway garage not done; safety complex renovation/addition; \$300,000 is a lot of money to spend where as you do not have complete control of the property; from a budget standpoint it is not in the best interest of the Town so she intends to vote no. She inquired if the Article goes on and fails and the owner does subdivide then have we precluded the Town from purchasing the property.

J. Sherman noted the Article was for the whole thing and if they subdivided and wanted to sell us a piece he thought it would be a new negotiation.

K. Lewis Savage noted in the Intent she thought A-E should come out because it is too confusing.

M. Conte discussed as a voter she has no problem with A-E but noted as a voter the Article implies that you get none of what is listed there and that is not so.

***Motion by N. Bouchard to recommend Article P-10-K.***

***2nd by T. Holt.***

***Vote 3-5-0.***

***Opposed: K. Lewis Savage; N. Morin, D. Hooper; M. Conte and N. Bouchard.***

**Old Business:**

K. Lewis Savage noted there was no Old Business.

**New Business:**

K. Lewis Savage noted there was no New Business.

S. Fitzgerald noted that the Budget Committee needed to sign the MS-7 before leaving.

Budget Committee went downstairs to sign MS-7.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Audrey DeProspero