



# ***Plaistow First Committee***

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## **MINUTES**

### **PLAISTOW FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 5, 2011**

Bob Harb Called the Meeting to Order at 3:40 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stood and made a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present:** Bob Harb, John Sherman, Dick Latham, Tim Moore, Dave Hansbury, Paul Sickel, Charlie Lanza, and Dan Johnson.

**Absent:** Bob Gray and George Melvin

**Present for Staff:** Leigh Komornick, Sean Fitzgerald and Mike Dorman

Dick Latham presented a preliminary report of the Plaistow First Committee to be included in the 2010 Town Report. Leigh Komornick will have the information entered electronically and see that the report is included. It was noted that the Committee names, short-term recommendations and Water Use Subcommittee should be added to this report.

### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2010 PLAISTOW FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

★ Dick Latham motioned, seconded by Tim Moore, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 Plaistow First Committee meeting as amended.

***So Voted.*** (Charlie Lanza Abstained).

### **REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS & TASKS**

**The Disposition Committee includes Tim Moore, Dave Hansbury and Paul Sickel.** Their purpose is to report on suggested properties that should be disposed of /sold by the Town. Mike Dorman noted that he had made recommendations for disposal and

presented a map showing orange/white parcels that he was recommending based upon review/analysis and the various input he had received from private property owners. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate method of determining how recommendations are made for the disposition of land, i.e. should the Needs Committee review and make recommendations which are then forwarded to the Disposition Committee, etc...

Charlie Lanza inquired as to whether the Committee had ever established a procedure for disposing of property.

John Sherman noted that he had found information in the 2001 Town Report that specified the process, including detailed steps that must be followed.

Dick Latham expressed concern over some of the properties on the eastern most side of Plaistow that are along the Haverhill, MA border and whether they may belong to Haverhill.

Dan Johnson noted that he felt that there has been activity on these particular parcels of Town owned land. Mike Dorman stated that the Department of Building Safety was aware of this and has spoken with the property owners. One of the owners is interested in acquiring a piece of Town owned land.

Paul Sickel stated that he believes the process for making recommendations on disposition of land should be started.

It was agreed that the Needs Committee will start the process and make recommendations to the Disposition Committee who will then present to the Board of Selectmen.

Bob Harb expressed the difficulty in "teasing" out the deeds as some are not recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for making recommendations such as open space preservation, low market housing, etc... Dick Latham was wondering if preserving land for Aquifer Protection and Leigh noted this is in the Master Plan.

Overall, the Plaistow First Committee will make direct recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Sickel inquired as to whether the Planning Board would be updating the Master Plan? Tim Moore stated, "Yes," but that it is been very difficult process due to coordination of the Master Plan Subcommittee (that is constantly changing) and the Planning Board.

It was suggested that the Plaistow 1st Committee could actually pursue the updates needed to the Natural Resources Chapter. A general discussion about the need to support the Planning Board in updating the Master Plan.

Dan Johnson requested a copy of the zoning map and Leigh Komornick noted she would provide this.

It was suggested that the Village Center District needs should be added to the Needs List.

It was noted that the Ingalls Terrace Parcel needed to be coded as Town owned.

Dan Johnson said that he would work with Leigh Komornick on deed research for Town owned parcels.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A brief discussion of the property located at 148 Main Street and Sean Fitzgerald informed the Committee that the Town Solicitor was working with the property owner's attorney, but that there is nothing that can be done for a warrant article.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Plaistow First Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Town Hall. The Committee will review the

### **ADJOURNMENT**

★Paul Sickel motioned, Tim Moore seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.  
***So Voted.***

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Leigh G. Komornick, Town Planner  
Plaistow First Committee  
Recording Secretary***

***As included in every set of minutes for informational purposes, the following is a list of the subcommittees, persons assigned to them, and their purpose:***

**Needs Subcommittee includes Bob Harb, Bob Gray and George Melvin.** Their purpose is to create a needs list of property and buildings after reviewing the Master Plan and interviewing the Board of Selectmen , Town Manager, Town Department Heads, Fire, Police, and any else the Subcommittee deems they wish to interview. This discussion should include water and conservation issues (to be more particular defined by the Selectmen shortly in response to a request from this Committee.

**Use (Usage) Subcommittee includes John Sherman, Dick and Charlie Lanza.** To review how Town property is presently being used and to recommend properties that should be used differently.

**Disposition Committee includes Tim Moore, Dave Hansbury and Paul Sickel.** Their purpose is to report on suggested properties that should be disposed of /sold by the Town;

**Acquisition Subcommittee includes all members of the Plaistow First Committee.** The purpose of this subcommittee is to report on properties the Town should consider acquiring and/or a plan for future Town acquisition of properties.

**As staff support to all of the subcommittees, Resource Assignments will be carried out by Leigh Komornick, Mike Dorman & Sean Fitzgerald.**