



# *Plaistow First Committee*

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## **MINUTES**

### **PLAISTOW FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 12, 2011**

The Meeting was Called to Order at 3:40 p.m. by Bob Harb.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Dick Latham, Paul Sickel and George Melvin.

**Present for Staff:** Leigh Komornick and Mike Dorman.

### **REVIEW OF ACQUISITIONS:**

Bob H. reviewed the listing of proposed acquisitions as presented by Tim Moore, including:

#### **1) The Smith Property - 148 Main Street**

Discussion ensued regarding the issue of the Selectmen already having made an offer on the property and whether this would preclude the Plaistow First Committee from placing it on the list of recommended acquisitions. It appears that the Selectmen's offer was not accepted. It is an 1840 built house on a 29 acre parcel with 27 acres in conservation easement.

Bob G. noted that there would need to be at least \$100,000 of work done to the house and that is why they offered the amount they did. John S. noted that he was in favor of acquiring it but would like to know how it is going to be used.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the Town owning the property at 148 Main Street, including issues such as what the true costs will be to repair/renovate the house, take care of the house and property, and how it would benefit the Town in the long run.

Following all discussion, Dave Hansbury made a motion, Charlie Lanza seconded, to table the vote on any recommendation concerning 148 Main Street.

**So Voted.**

The Committee did agree that the Selectmen should be asked for information regarding the above questions members had regarding 148 Main Street.

**2) Harriman Road Property**

Tim Moore explained that this is a large piece in the middle of Town that has "Blanding Turtles" which is considered an endangered species. Mr. Gerry Holt owns the property, however Dan Johnson noted that he believes that there are title and boundary problems, particularly the back side near Forrest Street.

Committee members discussed the fact that there is a house on the large tract of land and that likely an easement or subdivision would be needed. It was also noted that when a proposal to develop the property conceptually came before the Planning Board some years back, the abutters all wanted to get a referendum on the ballot to have the Town acquire it.

Following all discussion, Dave Hansbury made a motion to work with the property owner on the rear portion of the property by either subdivision or easement to separate the house from the land. The land would be placed in conservation. Charlie Lanza seconded.

**So Voted.** John Sherman abstained.

**NEXT ITEM:**

Review of John Sherman's spreadsheet:

**RECOMMENDATION GN-5:**

John Sherman noted that this recommendation involves preparing a database of all properties that about the following Town owned properties:

- 1) Safety Complex
- 2) Cemetery
- 3) Town Hall
- 4) PARC on Old County Road
- 5) Highway Garage
- 6) Courthouse
- 7) North Main Street/Mount Misery area

**RECOMMENDATION GN-10:**

John Sherman noted that this recommendation involves preparing a database of all county, state, municipal, and federally owned land, properties or infrastructure located in Plaistow.

**RECOMMENDATION GN-7:**

John Sherman noted that this recommendation involves preparing a database of the 50 largest parcels in Town.

**RECOMMENDATION GN-8:**

John Sherman noted that this recommendation involves preparing a database of all known properties with easements to the Town.

John Sherman made a motion, Dick Latham seconded, to refer this recommendation to the Planning Board.

***So Voted.***

**NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the Plaistow First Committee would meet again on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.. Bob Gray wants on the agenda Tax Map 37, Lots 12 and 13 (Properties located at corner of Chandler and Main Street). John Sherman wants on the next agenda the Traffic Calming Study Recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

★Bob Gray motioned, Dave Hansbury seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 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, Dan Johnson, Dick Latham 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.**