



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: March 14, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

SELECTMEN:

Selectman, Steve Ranlett, Chairman
Selectman, Joyce Ingerson
Selectman, Julian Kiszka
Selectman Peter Bracci

Selectman, John Sherman Vice Chairman
Selectman, Tammy Bergeron
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA

MINUTES

J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of 03-07-16. Second by T. Bergeron

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion passes.

S. Ranlett begins by expressing his gratitude for all those who have run for office, especially our colleague Joyce Ingerson. He notes her accomplishments and her work in getting the Public Safety Complex passed. He presents her with flowers.

J. Ingerson expresses her thanks and appreciation to each of the Board members and the Town Manager.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEWLY ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

S. Ranlett swears in all newly elected officials beginning with the Board of Selectmen.

R. Bickerstaff presents J. Ingerson with a certificate of appreciation from the Carl G. Davis Post 34 American Legion.

S. Ranlett continues swearing in all other elected officials.

J. Sherman motions to recommend Rosemarie Bayek and Michele Sykes to the Plaistow Library Board of Trustees for the appointment period of 1 year. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

S. Ranlett begins by thanking committee members for all their hard work. He especially thanks Barbara Kiszka for her commitment to the Public Safety Complex.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee Members are assigned as follows:

Budget Committee - J. Sherman, alternate P. Bracci
Beede Reuse Committee - J. Kiszka, alternate T. Bergeron
Cable TV Advisory Committee – P. Bracci, alternate T. Bergeron
CIP – J. Sherman & J. Kiszka, alternate S. Ranlett
Conservation Committee J. Sherman, alternate P. Bracci
Elder Affairs Committee – P. Bracci, alternate T. Bergeron
Family Mediation – T. Bergeron, alternate S. Ranlett
HAZMAT – S. Ranlett, alternate J. Kiszka
Highway Garage – S. Ranlett & J. Sherman, alternate J. Kiszka
Highway Safety –J. Sherman, alternate J. Kiszka
Historical Society - T. Bergeron, alternate S. Ranlett
Old Home Day - S. Ranlett, alternate T. Bergeron
Plaistow First – J. Sherman, alternate S. Ranlett
Planning Board – S. Ranlett, alternate J. Kiszka
Public Safety Complex – J. Sherman & T. Bergeron, alternate J. Kiszka
Recreation – J. Sherman, alternate P. Bracci
Rockingham Economic Development – J. Kiszka, alternate J. Sherman
Town Report Advisory – J. Sherman & S. Ranlett, alternate J. Kiszka
Renewable Energy – J. Kiszka, alternate S. Ranlett

J. Sherman motions to appoint S. Ranlett as Chairman of the Board of Selectman. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 4-0-1 (S. Ranlett)

Motion passes.

P. Bracci motions to appoint J. Kiszka as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectman. Second by S. Ranlett.

Discussion - J. Sherman notes he would like to be considered for Vice Chairman of the BOS.

Vote: 2-2-1 (S. Ranlett)

Motion fails.

T. Bergeron motions to appoint J. Sherman as Vice Chairman. Second by S. Ranlett.

Discussion J. Sherman states he would like to be the Vice Chairman.

T. Bergeron states she feels J. Sherman has a lot of knowledge and experience and would like to see him continue as Vice Chairman. She notes this is not a reflection against J. Kiszka at all.

Vote: 4-0-1 (J. Kiszka)

Motion passes.

REVIEW 2016 TOWN MEETING

S. Fitzgerald reviews the Town Meeting results. He notes the successful vote for the Public Safety Complex. He states how the 3/5th majority were calculated. Only the votes in the affirmative and negative are counted when determining a result that requires a specific number to pass. Blank votes were not counted in the calculation per RSA 33:8. S. Fitzgerald states the required paperwork will be filed for Bond Council. The Town will be getting together with Trident, the Owner's Project Manager and Eckman Construction, the Construction Manager at Risk to sign their contract.

J. Sherman notes the confusion on the warrant articles and states of the 1265 ballots cast none of the warrant articles received all 1265 votes. He notes it is not abnormal for voters to not vote on all warrant articles or all offices. Some voters may only attend to vote for one article.

Discussion ensues regarding the votes and why some articles and pages were left blank by some voters.

J. Sherman mentions the Town Moderator declares the vote, not the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager.

S. Fitzgerald states that the operating budget and all warrant article passed except for the warrant article for the Unmarked Police Vehicle Capital Reserve. The citizen's petition for residency passed. A legal opinion based on a Supreme Court case in NH identified a very narrow provision for supporting a residency requirement for municipal workers. S. Fitzgerald suggests revisiting this issue within the next 2 weeks once there is more legal information from Town Counsel.

S. Ranlett states this has been previously discussed and the NH Constitution states it is illegal to force an employee to move to town.

T. Bergeron notes the citizen's petition could not be changed in any way by the Board of Selectman.

J. Sherman notes a change to the citizen's petition can be done at the Deliberative Session but there was no positive discussion regarding this article at Deliberative Session therefore the Board of Selectman did not change the petition.

Discussion ensues regarding the intent of the citizen's petition.

REVIEW OF RIGHT TO KNOW REQUEST FORM

Deferred to next week, 3/21/16.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Swearing In Ceremony – Newly Elected Officials

Safety Complex Bond Issue – Reviewed by Town Counsel
Project Meeting - \$345K Water Line Installation
Regional Selectman's Meeting
SRTS
Plaistow's Source Water Protection Plan on DES Website
Cycle The Seacoast Event
North Shore Tour de Cure Cycling Event
93 Plaistow Road
Chandler Ave Development
EPA Meeting April 11th
Transportation Planning Meeting
ZBA Renewal Appointment (non-Public)
Household Hazardous Waste Day
Web Site Upgrade
Senator Ayotte- Town Hall Meeting
Meals On Wheels -14th Annual March For Meals (reminder)

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

Reviewed

OTHER BUSINESS

SIGNATURE FOLDER

S. Ranlett states the signature folder and manifest are going around.

SELECTMENS REPORTS

J. Kiszka

- Spent Tuesday 3/8 at the polls.
- Attended the recreation meeting, some upcoming events are the Toddler Easter Egg Hunt 3/25, Town Egg Hunt 3/26 with Pollard Pancake Breakfast, Community Garden Information Night 3/30 at the Library.
- Attended the Community Solar Info Night in Atkinson.
- REDC – “Are you ready to start your own business?” to be held 3/15.
- Will attend the Renewable Energy Committee Meeting on 3/16.

J. Sherman

- Spent Tuesday 3/8 at the polls.
- States how to subscribe to Town News on the Town website & the Town Calendar.
- Reviews Town & County magazine published by NHMA and states most information given by them is correct but NHMA is not an official state agency and the information they provide is not a primary source of legal opinion. Please keep this in mind.

T. Bergeron

- Will attend the Family Mediation Meeting on 3/23.
- Rabies Clinic will be held on 4/2 at the Safety Complex from 9-1.
- Spent Tuesday 3/8 at the polls.

S. Ranlett

- Spent Tuesday 3/8 at the polls.
- Attended the Fire Fighters Ball.
- Attended the Planning Board Meeting.
- Wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

S. Ranlett thanks Ron Reardon for watching.

P. Bracci inquires if the Town has a Notary. He also inquires about the status of speaking with Attorney Kalman.

S. Fitzgerald responds yes we have several Notaries in Town Hall. If a selectman speaks to Attorney Kalman the town is charged. S. Fitzgerald states if a legal opinion is needed it should go through the Chairman.

J. Sherman motions to enter into a Non public session: under RSA 9-A:311 (a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (c) Reputation, (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal. Second by J. Kiszka

Board Polled: S. Ranlett = yes, J. Sherman = yes, P. Bracci = yes, T. Bergeron = yes, J. Kiszka = yes.

S. Ranlett adjourns the public meeting at 8:44 PM

Public Session is reopened at 9:00pm

J. Sherman motions to seal the March 14, 2016 non public minutes for 1 year. T. Bergeron 2nd.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

S. Ranlett adjourns the Public Meeting at 9:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel
Recording Secretary