



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: February 1, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:47 PM

SELECTMEN:

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

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION:

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR WARRANT ARTICLE P-14-22

Shall the Town vote to authorize, beginning at the Town Meeting 2015 that the Town Clerk and Tax Collector receive up to a cost of living raise, based on the regional consumer price index? This increase shall be included in the operating budget and shall be voted upon as part of the annual operating budget of the Town. If the Town Clerk or Tax Collector seek an increase larger than the cost of living that request will be a separate warrant article. The salary of the newly elected Town Clerk and Tax Collector shall be set by the Board of Selectmen based upon experience and education.

Intent: To develop a way to give a cost of living raise to the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Whenever the position of Tax Collector or Town Clerk is vacated the salary shall be set based upon experience and education and to place this on the warrant per Board of Selectmen. A survey of more than 50 NH towns showed that around 45 of those towns give their clerk's and tax collectors a cost of living raise in this manner.

Motion by R. Gray to recommend the article.
2nd by M. Curran

R. Gray states he is not in favor of the article with the proposed changes.

M. Curran agrees stating she is not in favor of the changes made to the article.

R. Gray states that the DRA may concluded that the changes are not legal.

D. Poliquin states he is not in favor.

J. Sherman states that following the review from DRA the Board would have to vote to withdraw the article.

S. Fitzgerald states that the vote is for the article as amended.

Discussion occurs regarding the amended article. The amended article is:

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S. Fitzgerald states that the Board still has the ability to set the raise amount based on the consumer price index.

Vote: 2-3-0 (R. Gray, M. Curran, D. Poliquin)

Motion fails.

Public meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Lee Noel