



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: February 24, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:34 PM

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Robert Gray

Selectman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin – arrived 6:55 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Joyce Ingerson

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

R. Gray leads a *Moment of Silence* for the victims of carbon monoxide poisoning at Center Circle this week.

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R. Gray also states that the Welfare Guidelines will be postponed until next week.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014, page 4, 4th paragraph, replace the word article with reserve fund title, needs more clarification.

2nd M. Curran

Vote: 3-0-1 (Joyce Ingerson abstain)

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TRINITY AMBULANCE CONTRACT – CHIEF MCARDLE

Chief McArdle states that since October 1st the communities being served by Trinity Ambulance for the last four years have been satisfied with the service and the contract is set to expire. We recommend the three contract agreement and we added on years four and five if everyone is in agreement. You have copies of the agreement in your folders.

S. Fitzgerald states we have been very satisfied with the service provided by Trinity. They are a good partner for the region. Six communities have reviewed this over the past few months.

J. Sherman states that the co-ordination of contracts so they expire at the same time regionally so as to renegotiate in combination to the benefit of the surrounding towns as well.

Chief McArdle states this is a no cost contract for the town.

S. Fitzgerald states that the previous contracts used to cost the town, this no cost is due in large part to the work of Chief McArdle. Trinity is accountable and works to resolve any issues that arise.

R. Gray this is a rare contract and we have not received one complaint for the service provided.

M. Curran states that the Chief has worked very hard to create this great situation with Trinity and we all benefit from it.

Motion by J. Sherman to move to approve the contract for ambulance services as identified in the document called Ambulance Services Agreement Trinity between the Town of Plaistow and Trinity EMS Inc. of Massachusetts as presented in the signature folder.

2nd M. Curran

4-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman inquires from the Chief to remind people against the dangers of *Carbon Monoxide Poisoning*.

Chief McArdle states it is a silent deadly killer, you can't see it, you can't taste it, you can't smell it. The carbon monoxide coming out of your heating system, its colorless; you will not know you are in it. For the cost of a carbon monoxide detector, \$25, \$35, \$50 and will last for ten years, do it for your family.

J. Sherman inquires if it is a requirement in the town of Plaistow.

Chief McArdle states for new residences it is required and multifamily dwellings since 2009. Being required shouldn't be the motivator, it can save lives. The Lions Club has come forward to provide detectors to those who can't afford them.

S. Fitzgerald states that we are exploring ways to support public information and recommendations to the Board of things we can do in our community. We all need to be cognizant of this risk.

R. Gray states that it is sad that it takes a tragedy to create awareness.

Chief McArdle states that anyone who has one and is not sure how it works you can call the Fire Department and we will come out and check it.

M. Curran inquires if there is something to put together at the Vic Geary Center perhaps a day of awareness, working with the Lions Club. We can discuss this at the Elder Affairs meeting coming up.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE APPOINTEE – PETER BEALO

R. Gray states that P. Bealo is seeking an alternate position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He is a past member of the planning board. He was on the Zoning Board previously as well as the Budget Committee. Currently he is a member of the Regional School Board.

M. Curran inquires whether his activities in the school board will interfere with the Zoning Board Schedule.

P. Bealo states that it should not conflict with his schedule on the School Board. He will attend on an as needed basis. The Zoning Board of Adjustment decides the case the night it is presented so every meeting is a new meeting with new issues. At the end of each meeting you have completed the task.

J. Sherman states that he is in favor of his appointment.

Motion by J. Sherman to appoint Peter Bealo as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective immediately for 1 year.

2nd J. Ingerson

Vote: 4-1-0 (M. Curran)

Motion passes.

He is sworn in by Martha Fowler – Deputy Town Clerk.

BOY SCOUT NATE FLYZK – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

N. Flyzk introduced himself stating that he is a life scout in troop 18 in Plaistow. I am an Eagle Scout candidate and am here to present my Eagle Scout Project. My Eagle project is working with the Plaistow Police Department to improve their training facility here in town located on Wilder Road. I am working with Lt. Baldwin on the specifics of getting to the range. So far I have purchased a 25 foot commercial flag pole. It is already up there and in place. I will be building and refurbishing octagon tables and gun tables for the firing range. I am now in the fund raising process and am looking to raise \$2500.00 through donations and a yard sale. I hope to have completed the fund raising by spring/summer and would like to have the project wrapped up before the dedication of the firing range. Involvement with Troop 18, and Chief Savage and Lt. Baldwin regarding this project has been a great value.

S. Fitzgerald states that the *Firing Range* behind the public works facility has been referred to as the firing range but in reality it is a *Tactical Training Center*. We have been working for months and years to establish a site plan to help with training. Nate's work to bring a flag pole and improvements with gun tables and octagon tables creates a great benefit to the town and the department. The work the Eagle Scouts have been performing around town is phenomenal.

R. Gray states that he is very proud of Nate and the other Eagle Scout's work in town.

S. Fitzgerald inquires about Nate's badge accomplishments.

N. Flyzk states that he has Archery, Reading, Fish and Wildlife Management badges. An Eagle Scout has required badges such as, cooking, merits, leadership training. He has had a discussion of posting the Flyzk name somewhere at the facility.

M. Curran states she is very proud of Nate and his efforts.

S. Fitzgerald states he would like Nate to participate in the dedication ceremony.

WELFARE GUIDELINES – SEAN FITZGERALD – Deferred until next meeting

J. Ingerson is leaving at 7:14 pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald states:

- Ongoing conversations with Union Representatives.
- Septic issue resolved at the Library.
- Snow Budget Update \$213,000.00 spent. Looking for ways to address any shortfall.
 - R. Gray states that in an update D. Garlington was experiencing salt shortages.
 - S. Fitzgerald responds there have been shortages; we have enough stored for several future storms.
- Letter from Mayor Fiorentini of Haverhill MA in the FYI folder.
 - J. Sherman states residents of Plaistow have sent in letters showing concern over the situation.
 - M. Curran states that at a Planning Board meeting that she attended, many commercial owners and renters in the area are just being made aware of it. The situation of receiving methadone from the clinic, is that the clients have to be driven, they are not allowed to drive under the influence of methadone.
 - S. Fitzgerald states that is the purpose of having Planning Boards and Zoning areas. This use of space wasn't allowed to be subject to those boards due to what appears to be a loop hole with the Dover Amendment.
 - R. Gray states that it is not that we are against Methadone Clinics, it has always been our argument not to have substance abuse clinics in areas where they are not best suited.
- Public Safety Committee has been working on site visits to communities with new facilities in regard to Police and Fire Stations. The is a draft RFP is enclosed in the folder ,
 - R. Gray requests a copy to be sent to him electronically.
- The Firing Range is wrapping up its site plan.
 - D. Poliquin inquires whether that will come before the Board before the Planning Board. Dan Poliquin requests the site plan be brought before the Board prior to the Planning Board.
- Jill Senter conversation regarding the draft of the Conservation Easement. Will have available to the board following town meeting. Did print out a copy of the Smith Conservation Easement the language about Recreation use. The language in the Smith agreement is used in the draft agreement.
- Old Home Day Committee is meeting and reviewing plans for Old Home Day. Last week I met with Hayley Bush to discussed solicitation and donations from various businesses in regard to the towns policies of such. We discussed bylaws, I will be recommending to the Board of Selectmen to adopt them.
- NH DOT MBTA meeting scheduled for March 6th.
- Training tomorrow on sexual harassment in the work place 2-4 pm.
- Town Property – resident inquired whether can purchase. Advise to write to the Board.
- Planning Board meeting next Wednesday night to review a site plan for Pentucket Plaza.
- Town Report in to the printer.
- Carlton Path continues to be reviewed.
- Wells Fargo versus Jay Davey Court Case, Atty. Kalman is looking into this.

- Draft of a letter in the FYI folder in reference to Scott Sullivan/Probark.
 - M. Curran states the Board has received copies of the letters as well.
- Hillcrest Estates request to waive impact fees, I am recommending to the board that Atty. Kalman draft a letter making a case for impact fees for this project.
 - R. Gray states that Snowbrook Development submitted a request to the Planning Board to waive the impact fees for Recreation and Education.
 - R. Gray states that the donation for the cell tower the impact fees were going to be waived.
 - M. Curran states he was under the impression it was a donation not because they wanted something else taken off.
 - S. Fitzgerald states he wants to review the information very carefully that the Planning Board has discussed.
 - J. Sherman states that in general we should not be waiving impact fees.
 - D. Poliquin states that they plan on having an onsite recreation facility, but that doesn't mean they won't utilize the towns facilities as well.
- SRST Grant gearing up this spring. Meeting with the School Committee on March 20th at the Timberlane School Board.
- Panera Bread is open.
- Rabies Clinic at the Fire Station. April 5th from 9-1. Joint Loss Committee Meeting on February 19th.
- Municipal Managers Meeting attended on Friday, February 21st.
- February School Vacation Recreation highlights.
- Sympathy for the victims that lost their lives this past week in Town.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Gray states next week's agenda we will have a full board discussions will include Welfare, Site Plan Firing Range, Time out for item in the Town Manager's Report that we will discuss offline. Town Manager Goal discussion can occur after Town Meeting in March.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

R. Gray notes the signature folder and AP Manifest are going around.

SELECTMENS REPORTS

M. Curran:

- She was able to attend Planning Board meeting for R. Gray, which included a conversation regarding a Condo Conversion of the Shaw's plaza
- Family mediation was postponed hoping for this Thursday.
- Elder affairs will take place the 1st week of March
- Plaistow Fish and Game and The Lions Club, they confirmed the 4th annual Festival of Trees. Let's think about it Wreaths and Donations.
- Candidate's night is rescheduled to the 27th.

D. Poliquin:

- I was unable to attend the PD tours, but have reviewed the pictures.
 - Sean discusses the tours. Selectmen are invited to attend any of the upcoming tours.

- Rec. Commission meeting reviewed the basketball schedule not held due to changes in venues and scheduling. All practices will be held at the following facilities. Coaches may request an alternate venue, inclement weather will not be rescheduled. Going forward from this point.
- Baseball will have opening day on May 10th at PARC. Summer rec. existing councilors will be returning. Discussed age group issues with older recreation kids 13 year old needs.
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R. Gray:

- Thanks Michelle for filling in for himself at the Planning Board meeting. There was another meeting last week, I heard a revised condo conversion to existing Pentucket Plaza, rental truck parking also a discussion regarding Snowsbrook development.
- ZBA meeting this Thursday at 7 pm.

J. Sherman:

- Taping annual show for the Budget this Saturday the 1st of March.
- Town Report is on its way, which is good news.
- Vote at Pollard School on Election Day.

J. Ingerson: excused

D. Poliquin states to check the Town Website for activities for kids this vacation week, the schedule is on the Town Website and the activities are great.

Public meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Lee Noel