



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: March 17, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

SELECTMEN:

Selectman, John Sherman
Selectman, Michelle Curran
Selectman, Daniel Poliquin

Selectman, Joyce Ingerson
Selectman, Steve Ranlett
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by D. Poliquin to approve the minutes of March 10th, 2014

2nd M. Curran

Vote: 3-0-2 (M. Curran, S. Ranlett)

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Sherman states that today is St. Patrick's Day. We have a proclamation to present, it reads;

Whereas St. Patrick's Day is a day to recognize the significant contributions Irish-Americans have made to the betterment of Plaistow and our Nation; and,

Whereas From the first immigrants who served in the Revolutionary War to the many Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans have nobly made the ultimate sacrifice on our Nation's battlefields; and,

Whereas Irish-Americans have excelled in all professions and occupations – education, science, medicine, the arts, politics, sports, literature, and in all aspects of human endeavors; and,

Whereas We recognize our own Irish-American Plaistownian, Tom Cullen, who has sought to preserve and promote Irish traditions, heritage and fellowship of Irish and Irish American descendants living in the Town of Plaistow; and,

Whereas It is appropriate to recognize the outstanding contributions the Irish have made to our community and our nation and we extend this special appreciation to those of Irish ancestry living in the Town of Plaistow; and

Now Therefore: By the authority vested in us as members of the Board of Selectmen, We do hereby proclaim that Monday, March 17th, 2014, be declared:

Irish Heritage & Cultural Appreciation Day in Plaistow, NH

And We encourage all citizens to recognize and appreciate the many enduring contributions of the Irish, which have helped to create the greatest democracy the world has ever seen.

In Witness Whereof, we have here unto, set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Plaistow, this 17th day of March 2014.

J. Sherman invites Tom Cullen to say a few words.

T. Cullen states that he has lived in the United States all of his life. My grandfather and my great-grandfather and great-grandmother came here in 1876. Five years later they were citizens of the United States. They were considered rich, but the starvation was on. The potatoes were getting infected and we ate potatoes three times a day. It was the food of Ireland and hard working people had a lot to lose. By coming my family knew they had a lot more to gain. They were under the control of the English for 658 years, the potatoes were not growing and people were starving. He states that conditions were very poor, you could pay approximately \$25.00 for 5 people to go to America. He continues that his parents settled when they first arrived they were in Hudson, and then they moved over to Salem NH, by the boarder of Atkinson NH. They had pounds for dollars, the average wage in Ireland was 2 cents a day. Thanks to Jim Peck I was able to get my Irish Citizenship. Glad I came to Plaistow, and glad to still be here. Glad to have a good friend like Roy Jeffrey

R. Jeffrey states that his maternal great grandfather was born in Ireland. I have here his declaration denouncing Queen Victoria and swore to follow the constitution of the United States.

J. Sherman presents T. Cullen with a Proclamation.

T. Cullen sings an Irish song.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Selectman – Steve Ranlett.

Budget Committee – Martha Sumner, Charles Fowler, Jack Paone, Dean Nifakos and Charles Lanza, Jane Query.

Conflict of Interest – John Moynihan

Moderator – Bob Harb.

Trustees of the Trust Fund – Kara Ann Gilroy.

Supervisor of the Voter Checklist – Kathleen Giacobbe

Auditor – Martha Sumner.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate – Martha Sumner.

Maryellen Pelletier swears in the Elected and Appointed Officials

Kristen Lewis Savage and Jennifer Kiarsis will be sworn in at a future time.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - REORGANIZATION

J. Sherman states that the position of Chairman is open.

Motion by M. Curran to elect D. Poliquin

2nd J. Ingerson

Vote by Consensus

J. Sherman states that D. Poliquin is elected Chairman effective immediately.

D. Poliquin states that next on the agenda is the election for Vice Chairman.

Motion by J. Ingerson to elect J. Sherman as Vice Chair.

2nd M. Curran

Vote by Consensus

D. Poliquin states effective immediately J. Sherman is elected Vice Chair.

D. Poliquin states that the Budget Committee Representative was J. Sherman.
J. Sherman states he will remain the representative for the Board of Selectmen.

D. Poliquin states that the Budget Committee Alternate was M. Curran.
M. Curran states that she will remain the Alternate Representative for the Board of Selectmen.

D. Poliquin states that the Beede Reuse Representative was M. Curran.
M. Curran states that she will remain the Beede Reuse Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Beede Reuse Alternate was R. Gray.
S. Ranlett states he will be the Beede Reuse Alternate.

D. Poliquin states that the Cable TV Advisory Board of Selectmen Representative was J. Ingerson.
J. Ingerson states that she will remain the Cable TV Advisory Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Cable TV Advisory Board Alternate was M. Curran.
M. Curran states that she will remain the Cable TV Advisory Alternate.

D. Poliquin states that the Capital Improvement Program Board of Selectmen Representative was John Sherman.
J. Sherman states that he will remain the Capital Improvement Program Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Capital Improvement Program Representative was J. Ingerson.
J. Ingerson states that she will remain the Capital Improvement Program Representative.

D. Poliquin inquires if anyone would be interested in being an alternate for the Capital Improvement Program.
M. Curran states that she will be the Alternate to the Capital Improvement Program.

D. Poliquin states that the Conservation Commission Board of Selectmen Representative was J. Ingerson.
J. Ingerson states that she will remain the Conservation Commission Board Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Conservation Commission Alternate was M. Curran.
M. Curran states that she will remain the Conservation Commission Alternate.

D. Poliquin states that the Elder Affairs Committee Board of Selectmen Representative was M. Curran.
M. Curran States that she will remain the Elder Affairs Committee Board of Selectmen Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Elder Affairs Committee Alternate was J. Ingerson.
J. Sherman states he will be the Elder Affairs Committee Alternate.

D. Poliquin state that the Family Mediation Board of Selectmen Representative was M. Curran.
M. Curran states that she will remain the Family Mediation Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Family Mediation Alternate was D. Poliquin and that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the HAZMAT Board of Selectmen Representative was D. Poliquin and that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the HAZMAT Alternate Representative was M. Curran.
S. Ranlett states that he will be the HAZMAT Alternate.

D. Poliquin states that the Highway Garage Committee Board of Selectmen Representative was R. Gray.
S. Ranlett states he will be the Highway Garage Committee Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Highway Garage Committee Alternate was D. Poliquin and he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Highway Safety Committee Board of Selectmen Representative was D. Poliquin and he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Highway Safety Committee Alternate was J. Ingerson.
J. Ingerson states that she will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Historical Society Board of Selectmen Representative was R. Gray.
S. Ranlett states that he will be the Historical Society Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Historical Society Alternate was J. Ingerson.
J. Ingerson states that she will remain the Historical Society Alternate.

D. Poliquin states that the Old Home Day Board of Selectmen Representative was J. Ingerson.
Discussion occurs regarding the Committee meeting on Sunday.
Defer on the OHD Representative

D. Poliquin states the Plaistow First Committee Board of Selectmen Representative was J. Sherman.
J. Sherman states he will remain the Plaistow First Committee Representative.

D. Poliquin states the Plaistow First Committee Board of Selectmen Alternate was R. Gray.
S. Ranlett states he will be the Plaistow First Committee Alternate.

D. Poliquin states the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen Representative was R. Gray.
S. Ranlett states he will be the Planning Board Representative.

D. Poliquin states the Planning Board Alternate was M. Curran.
M. Curran states that she will remain.

D. Poliquin states the Public Safety Complex Building Committee Board of Selectmen Representative was D. Poliquin and he will remain.

D. Poliquin states the Public Safety Complex Building Committee Alternate was J. Sherman.

J. Sherman states that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Recreation Commission Board of Selectmen Representative was D. Poliquin and that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Recreation Commission Alternate was J. Sherman.
J. Sherman states that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Rockingham Economic Development Council Board of Selectmen Representative was D. Poliquin and that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Rockingham Economic Development Council Alternate was J. Sherman.
J. Sherman states that he will remain.

D. Poliquin states that the Town Report Advisory Committee Board or Selectmen Representative was R. Gray.
J. Ingerson states that she will be the Town Report Advisory Committee Representative.

D. Poliquin states that the Town Report Advisory Committee Alternate was J. Sherman
J. Sherman states that he will remain.

S. Fitzgerald states there are typically some appointments that the Board will make following feedback from the Planning Board. Appointments to the Rockingham Planning Commission and some of the technical committees they have. Once the planning board meets we will receive some of those recommendations.

S. Fitzgerald requests K. Noel email the contact information of new committee members and appointees.

M. Curran states also to notify members and alternates of all committee meetings.

J. Ingerson states whoever represents the Old Home Day committee, I didn't see any efforts to reach out to the Police Department as far as parking, vendor arrangements.

S. Fitzgerald states that the committee is working hard and will find out where the disconnect is.

REVIEW OF 2014 TOWN MEETING AND WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

D. Poliquin states that the articles can be reviewed.

J. Sherman states that the Warrant Articles all passed. Our communication to the voters must have been effective.

D. Poliquin states that the communication was greatly improved, the voters understood the information that we were trying to convey.

S. Ranlett states the intent section is very helpful. It explains the situation and why the Warrant is being brought forth.

Discussion occurs regarding communication, warrant article content and other communities.

D. Poliquin welcomes S. Ranlett as a new member of the Board of Selectmen.

S. Ranlett states he looks forward being part of the Board of Selectmen and to the tasks.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald states:

- Water Department Vehicle
 - Motion by J. Sherman to follow the recommendation of the Water Superintendent and Town Manager to sole source the contract to purchase a Water Department Truck to Grappone Ford of Concord.*
 - 2nd S. Ranlett*
 - Discussion occurs regarding Grappone and the service they provide.*
 - Vote: 5-0-0*
 - Motion carries.*
- Beede Technical Committee Meeting
- Request for Waiver of Building Permit Fee
 - Motion by J. Sherman to waive the building permit fee for Plaistow Troop 18 Eagle Scout Project to construct a 10' x 10' astronomical observatory at the Timberlane Regional High School.*
 - 2nd J. Ingerson*
 - Discussion occurs regarding the entity pulling the permit*
 - Vote:*
 - Motion withdrawn until more information can be obtained.*
- Town Wide Yard Sale
 - Discussion occurs regarding space requirements and more information, non residents, clean up, parking limitations, environmental conditions of the green.
- Town Forest Conservation Easement
- Rockingham Planning Commission
- Highway Safety Committee Meeting
- Roof Repair at the Historical Society
 - Discussion occurs regarding roof repair.
- Recreation Commission Meeting
- Highway Safety Committee
- Communications Strategy for Public Safety
- 5th Annual Timberlane Health and Fitness Fair Wednesday, March 19th.
- Right to Know Change would Choke Town Government – 72 Hour Notice / Current law 24 hours.
 - Discussion occurs regarding proposed law on posting public meetings.
 - **Board directs the Town Manager to draft a letter regarding this issue to our Representatives stating the position of the Board on this issue.**
- Plaistow Volunteer Cert (CERT) Team informational meeting.
- Testa information was emailed to the Board.

- Happy St. Patrick's Day – Thanks Tom Cullen and Roy Jeffries Corned Beef Sandwiches that were dropped off to the Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

S. Ranlett stated there will be a recount of Article 6 at the Timberlane Regional HS School in the Cafeteria on Saturday at 8 am. The Para-Contract passed by 4 votes.

Discussion occurs regarding ability to count ballots and participate the RSA and other information seems to be conflicting.

D. Poliquin states that there is a warrant to reappoint Martha Sumner as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion by J. Sherman to reappoint Martha Sumner as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

2nd J. Ingerson

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

D. Poliquin notes that the signature folder and AP Manifest are going around.

SELECTMENS REPORTS

M. Curran:

- Attended Beede Reuse Committee
- Family Mediation meeting tomorrow will be postponed until the 26th.

S. Ranlett:

- Will be attending the Planning Board meeting this Wednesday night. We will be discussing the Master Plan survey that is going out to the residents of Plaistow, what would they like, what would they like to see.

J. Sherman:

- Budget Committee meeting is Tuesday April 8th for reorganization.
- Town Report Advisory Committee right before that on Tuesday April 8th 5:30 and 6:30 Budget Committee.
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J. Ingerson:

- Worked at the polls on Election Day. Spent 15 hours helping the Staff, Town Moderator and Norm Major. They were great and they worked very hard.

D. Poliquin:

- Attended the Recreation Committee Meeting. Request that Sue Sherman and Pat Barkley are provided a waiver to appear before the Board and let them come in to be sworn in anytime. We can fill out the forms, I am looking for a Consensus if that is acceptable. Consensus is Yes, fill out the forms and have them come in to swear anytime.
- Recreation Director reported that the February school vacation activities were a success, the Summer Recreation program activities have been set, they are still looking at a 13 year old junior leadership training program. As a reminder, all fees for recreation programs are payable online. Discussion regarding field trips as a weekly fee. All campers and CIT's should pay for field trips. It is an ongoing discussion to review this policy, perhaps with a subcommittee.
- May 3rd is Opening Day at PARC for baseball, it was changed due to Hazardous Waste Day.
- Toddler Easter Egg Hunt is April 18, Community Egg Hunt is April 19th.
- Rockingham Economic Development has a new facility in Raymond. They are having a Grand Opening Ceremony in May. For 2014, discussions include Workforce housing, MS-4 Regulations, Fisheries, they would like to move things within the program from Long term to short term to complete. The Waste Water Engineering Study was on the long term, they asked to move it to the short term.

S. Fitzgerald states we will have GREE funding information should be announced in the next two to three weeks, we will have funding and additional reports that will bolster the Water Feasibility Project. We can kick off the Source Water Protection effort and the GREE effort under the grant. I have spoken with the Windham Economic Development chair, he is looking to coordinate and manage resources, they want to discuss the SAIDS program and water resource issues.

J. Sherman inquires if they mentioned the Merrimack River.

S. Fitzgerald states Yes. They have similar interests in the river as Plaistow does.

D. Poliquin inquires Water and Waste Water, are we ready to move that to a short term.

Consensus is Yes.

Saids grant? S. Fitzgerald.

D. Poliquin states the next meeting of the Rockingham Economic Development is May 14 here in Plaistow from Noon to 1:30 or 2:00 pm.

J. Sherman states it may be a good time to think about the summer meeting schedule.

D. Poliquin added congratulations to winners of the elections, and thank you to everyone for participating.

Public meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kerry Lee Noel

