



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: March 24, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Selectman, Michelle Curran
Selectman, Steve Ranlett

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

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

*Motion by S. Ranlett to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014
2nd J. Sherman with a change. On page 2, the section, swearing in of Elected and Appointed
officials, Kristen Lewis Savage and Jennifer Kiarsis will be sworn in on a future date.*

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF PLAISTOW POLICE OFFICER JENNIFER HAAS

Chief Savage introduces Jennifer Haas to the Board and reviews her qualifications and background.

S. Fitzgerald highlights her education and experience in the field of Law Enforcement.

J. Haas discusses her working experience in New York and looks forward to the opportunity to continue her career in Plaistow, New Hampshire.

M. Curran states that Deputy Chief Jones is a great mentor; she was the first full time female police officer breaking barriers.

M. Pelletier, Town Clerk swears in Jennifer Haas as a Full Time Police Officer in the Town of Plaistow NH.

TRIAL PERIOD OF “NO THRU TRUCKING” – CHIEF SAVAGE

Chief Savage begins by handing out Traffic Statistics and states that following discussions with local businesses. The issue appears to be centered mainly around visitors traveling through the town, rather than local truck traffic. Westville Road and Pollard are problem areas; we are making stops approximately 6 to 8 a day. A trial period of limiting truck traffic will push them to other roads, but

some of these roads need to be limited. As suggested, a trial period will be more informative and from a data gathering perspective. Knowing the answer is difficult.

J. Sherman states the goal is limiting truck traffic on Main Street. Local roads that are not state roads will be good for a trial basis. What are the thoughts on enforcement, how would you know what vehicle is thru traffic versus a truck that isn't.

Chief Savage states that education for the officers to be able to judge the difference and signage.

J. Sherman states that we are not interested in hurting local businesses. We can post the information on Channel 17. When would we think about implementing this?

D. Poliquin states that pedestrian safety is a great concern with large trucks passing through.

S. Fitzgerald states we can have a Public Hearing in two weeks time to go over the information. The Chief can reach out to truck companies to let them know what is being done now. Education is the most important thing. Enforcement is also important to show that we mean business and educating the public regarding the Town's stance on this issue. Proper posting and notice working with NH DOT will make a difference.

Pete Johnson states he is concerned that it does involve him. All of the roads are antiquated, substandard and are not wide enough it makes it very dangerous for everyone. When I am on Westville Bridge I am concerned when I see pedestrians and vehicles sharing the road. He also observes congestion and the lack of enforcement creating dangerous situations.

Discussion occurs regarding truck weight restrictions and traffic calming on Main Street and State Police enforcement.

Chief Savage states the State Police enforcement budget has been reduced and they are spread thinly.

J. Sherman inquires how would we know where we are in 6 months to gage the effectiveness of the program.

Chief Savage states that we can track the data of stops and truck counters.

S. Fitzgerald states it is an effort to calm traffic for pedestrian safety.

J. Ingerson inquires whether there is DOT comment on this issue.

Chief Savage states that he believes DOT's stance is, if you stop it somewhere, it will pick up in other areas.

Discussion occurs regarding alternate routes the trucks may use to avoid the designated streets for "No Thru Trucking".

S. Fitzgerald states a larger police presence may initially help in the traffic calming. The Board can be updated on a 60 day basis, and also had a conversation with L. Komornick regarding traffic counters. This can help validate the success of the program.

Chief Savage states the fines are \$50.00 first offense and \$100.00 second offense.

M. Curran states that Duston Road was a no thru traffic but following construction the sign was not put back up.

S. Fitzgerald states that the potential impacts will have to be mitigated. There may be adjustments that have to be made in the future. SRTS will also call for the trucks to use 125 instead of Main Street.

D. Poliquin calls for Consensus of the Board to direct S. Fitzgerald to continue with this and move forward scheduling a public hearing.

S. Ranlett states that someone coming off Kingshaw and East Pine Street there is a technicality of not going onto “No Thru Trucking” on Main Street to Route 108. There is nothing to say that you just came off of E. Pine Street onto Forest Street. How would you know where they came from. Timberlane Road and there are several other examples.

Pete Johnson states that if he is on Forrest Street, leaving my yard, head down Forrest Street to East Pine to Main to get to 125. I cannot make the turn at 108 and 110. I go down to the lights at 125. When the truck is full, I go over East Pine, I have no choice.

M. Curran states we are not trying to cause anyone hardship.

S. Fitzgerald states the Chief should follow up with Pete Johnson.

Pete Johnson inquires if there are any plans for the Westville Bridge.

S. Fitzgerald states that the discussion has been ongoing with NH DOT and that the Town is still waiting on the state.

M. Curran inquires if the Chief can reach out to other local truck drivers and to invite them to the Public Hearing.

S. Ranlett states the landscapers should be included as well.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMUNICATIONS – SEAN FITZGERALD

S. Fitzgerald states that it was previously mentioned to the Board regarding providing communications equipment for Board members. Providing a business phone line for board members.

D. Poliquin states that it may be time to revisit this question.

S. Ranlett states he spoke with S. Fitzgerald and thought it was something to be brought up, it is a business phone line.

J. Sherman states he is not interested in having an additional phone.

D. Poliquin states he is not interested personally, but can understand S. Ranlett’s concerns regarding usage of a personal phone line for town business. He inquires if the Town has a phone plan in place now.

S. Fitzgerald states the Town does have a plan at this time. Again it would be a business phone only. If members of the Board feel that they need a business phone it would be available.

D. Poliquin states it can be left to the individual.

Consensus of the Board: Yes, to move forward with that.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald states:

- Request for Waiver of Building Permit Fee

Discussion occurs regarding requirements.

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 S. Ranlett

J. Ingerson states the language be included to recommend the permit be signed by an adult. Discussion occurs regarding language inclusion, and it is dropped.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries.

- Town Wide Yard Sale
 - M. Curran states that if the suggestion occurs again details such as portable toilets and clean-up be addressed.
- Planning Board Meeting March 19th.
- “Pre-Bid Walk Through” tomorrow, March 25th, at the Public Safety Complex.
- Draft Conservation Easement - Jill Senter to meet with the Board next week and have a Public Hearing.
- Trinity Ambulance Contract is Complete.
- Fire Department Class A Uniforms.
- Fire Department ICS-300 Certification – Reminder Selectmen should be ISC 100 certified.
- Roof Repair at the Historical Society and Town Hall Tower.
- Communications Strategy for Public Safety information will be given next week.
- Highway Safety Committee meeting Friday, April 18th.
- Drug Free Communities Grant.
- Safety Complex Generator Update.
- State of NH Public Utilities Commission.
- CERT Team meeting Wednesday, March 26th at 6 pm.
- Testa release status update.
- Windham Economic Development Committee regarding Water Resources.
- Eagle Scouts Ceremony this Saturday, March 29th.
- Water Department & Fire Chief’s Vehicle status.
- Highway Department mower purchase.
- Hoarding & Bio-Hazard Workshop attended by the Health Officer.
- Old Shaw’s Plaza Update.
 - Discussion occurs regarding business vacancies and promoting economic development.
- 2012 Cyclical Verifications NH DRA.
- Tax Collectors Office will be closed for a workshop on April 16th.

- 14th Annual Pops Concert Dinner & Silent Auction April 4th at the Atkinson Resort and Country Club.
- Summer Nights Senior Dance at the Vic Geary May 2nd, June 6th and August 1st.
- Run of the Savages Reminder on April 12th.

OTHER BUSINESS

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMENS REPORTS

M. Curran:

- Family Mediation meeting was postponed.

S. Ranlett:

- Attended the Planning Board meeting last Wednesday. Tim Moore is now the Chair. Charlie Lanza is now the Vice Chair. Geoffrey Adams was reappointed as an alternate.
- Hawaiian Isles is renovating and a tenant area will be created, to be named later on.
- Steve Lewis of Chandler Ave. is coming before the board regarding the elderly housing project.
- Snowsbrook have 2 foundations in, they will be starting the community center and pump house. School impact fee has been approved at a reduced rate.
- April 2nd will be the next meeting.
- Perspective tenant for Testa is a salt company. They will be transporting approximately 40,000 tons of salt to bay A & D. This is all inside storage. It is an approved use for the site. They will be coming before the board at the next meeting for approval of the site plan.
 - Discussion occurs regarding truck traffic impact and other prospective tenants.
- Continuing to have a final draft of the survey sent out regarding the Master Plan.
- Recount for the School has been completed with the same result with a difference of 4 votes last Saturday.
- Received a report from Brian Spencer, a Hampstead resident, that a Bald Eagle was spotted in the Town Forest.
- Billy Joe Ray applied for a subdivision of his property on Witch Lane. He does not have enough frontage and he was directed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance.

J. Sherman:

- No update same information as last week.
- The Town Report Committee is meeting on Tuesday April 8th at 5:30 pm and the Budget Committee Reorganization is also meeting at 6:30 pm following the Town Report Committee meeting.
- Reviewing the information S. Ranlett handed out regarding the potential tenant for the Testa Building who in their information states that the trucking would be transporting 500 tons of salt per day and requiring approximately 15 truck trips per day, 7 days a week, 7 am. to 4 pm.
 - Discussion occurs regarding the applied for hours of operation.

J. Ingerson:

- Attended a Cable Advisory Committee Meeting last week, we discussed Warrant Articles that had passed. Future cable equipment purchases were also discussed. As a reminder anyone who does not get Comcast can see the meetings on Vimeo on the internet. Dean would like to set a deadline with S. Fitzgerald to hire for the open cameraman positions. Submitting and presenting warrant articles for future town meeting to set a timeline so that the information can get on the public access channel in a timely manner.
- Conservation meeting applied for a grant to restore and clean up the area. Last meeting find date. Arbor Day is coming up, the planting of 100 Maple saplings, with contests on April 25th.

D. Poliquin:

- Nothing to report. The rock salt sitting over our town Aquifer is concerning as well as the additional truck traffic when we are trying to limit truck traffic on Main Street. There is a Public Safety Complex meeting this Friday.

Public meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Lee Noel