



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** March 09, 2015

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:38 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 John Sherman to approve the minutes of March 02, 2015*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ingerson.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kimberly J. Raymond, 7 Linview Ave Unit 1 has requested information regarding the Town Finances and pending issues regarding town events. She has asked several times and feels that she has not gotten the information in a timely manner. She states a concern with the Audit stating that the Town did not comply with GASB 45. The Board explained this to her that they have been advised by numerous financial advisers that to comply with this is not worth the cost. The Board is aware that the audit letter states that the Town is not on compliance with this, as a lot of municipalities are not also and chooses not to be, but that doesn't mean the financials are not materially met standards for accounting. We were found to have no material weaknesses by an independent audit. S. Fitzgerald states that he has prepared a packet with the information that she has requested. She requests information regarding the Finance Director's arrest, conviction, restitution and insurance. Discussion ensues regarding the information requested and it being sent to her.

J. Sherman states that the Town does not comply with GASB 45 and does not intend to, as many municipalities are not, as the cost of implementation is not worth it. This does not mean the finances are out of control.

S. Fitzgerald explains how difficult it is to project the demand of future expenses and the Town has decided to pay as we go to pay for post employment expenses. The town has \$2.8 million in the unexpended fund balance that can offset some of those unforeseen expenses. The state has required the Town to keep a certain percentage of the budget in the unexpended fund balance. Many municipalities are not GASB 45 compliant and the auditors will continue to state that in their report every year. The Board thanks her for her interest.

**JOSEPH BARBONE, PRESIDENT & CEO METHUEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

Dave Hansbury, lifelong resident, 11 Wildbrook Drive, introduces Joseph Barbone, President and CEO of Methuen Construction Company. Methuen Construction Company has bought the property at

144 Main Street and will be moving his outstanding company to Plaistow. Dave states he has known Joe for over 30 years and knows that Joe and his company will be an excellent corporate citizen. A large growing company will provide many benefits in the future to Plaistow, the needed economic growth.

Joe Barbone thanks Dave and begins a presentation of Methuen Construction Company. He is General Manager of Met Com Realty, the new owners of 144 Main Street. He thanks the Board and S Fitzgerald for allowing him the opportunity to come before you tonight.

J. Barbone reviews the history of the company, been in business for 55 years and he has been with the company for 27 years, looking for a new home that will allow growth. The plan in place is to grow about 15% per year, a healthy growth which they have hit for the last several years which lead them to outgrown their current space. The property at 144 Main Street met their needs; they also want to join forces with a good community that they could become involved in and offer their resources from time to time. It is their corporate responsibility.

They will be moving the entire company to Plaistow, which includes three major groups:

1. Methuen Construction Company- Heavy Industrial Type Construction- The bulk of the company- many types of services including hydroelectric renewable energy, waste water treatment facilities, anaerobic digestion turning it into energy, water treatment, alternative energy, industrial manufacturing, process piping and mechanical work
2. Summit Metal Fabricators – primarily Metal Fabrication Company- Miscellaneous irons, light iron, pipe supports, steel ways, walkways, access platforms, MBTA station.
3. Methuen Construction Facilities Services- Small Capital improvements & repairs. Instrumentation and controls, UL panel certified shop, pump and mechanical repairs, preventative maintenance, golf course irrigation and pump houses.

They started in Methuen before moving to Salem where they have been for the last 15 years and look forward to a long history in the Town of Plaistow.

The Board thanks J. Barbone for coming in.

### **Town Managers Report**

Holy Angels Food Pantry

Meals on Wheels

Cemetery Donation

CEDS- D. Poliquin will consider continuing on committee as small business owner representative

Phone System Update

Recreation Events

Firemen's Ball- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Rabies Clinic- Sat April 4<sup>th</sup>

Library- Minute Taker needed

Plaistow Police Department Awards Night

Water Bills

NH DES- MtBE- GREE- potential areas of MtBE contamination

Public Safety Complex- Public Information night Thursday march 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

Safe Routes to School- Contract negotiations continue

NHMA Right to Know Seminar- March 12<sup>th</sup>

Women in Leadership- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual – Nominations due

Dave Bowles – Retired – 20 years of service

Security improvements for Town Hall

Bond Council- They are comfortable with the way it is stated that there should be no problems.  
Lights for Wilder Drive  
SB 0083  
Surplus Polygraph Equipment  
Pro Bark Complaint  
Cable Playback server  
LWCG Grant  
Beede Site Update  
Fire Suppression System  
Plaistow YMCA  
Heroin Concerns

### **ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

Light outside Town Hall is out- timer issue or bulb?

The flags at the Courthouse need to be replaced.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

D. Poliquin states he would like to revisit the GWV limitations on Pollard Road and Forrest St. Discussion ensues regarding posting of the No Thru Trucking on these roads. Trial Run for 6 months to see if it makes a difference on Main St and how enforcement will be. This issue has been discussed in the Highway Safety Committee.

J. Sherman suggests a 6 month trial.

J. Sherman motions to direct the Town Manager to implement a 6 month trial of commercial No Thru Trucking no greater than 12000 GWV on Pollard and Forrest St , with a traffic counter on Sweet Hill and to report the results the second week of September 2015.

J. Ingerson 2nds.

Vote 4-0-1 (M. Curran)

J. Sherman notes that when Councilor Sununu was here at a BOS meeting 2 years ago, he emphasized that no decisions regarding the commuter rail should be made until the commuter rail study was completed. He also stated that it was possible to have an environmentally safe layover. He refers to a Vimeo dated January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This vimeo has been put back on the Town's website.

J. Sherman also reminds residents to take election signs down Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

M. Curran states that the stop sign is down at the corner of Kelly Rd and Old County Rd.

### **SIGNATURE FOLDER**

D. Poliquin states the manifest and signature folder are going around.

### **SELECTMENS REPORTS**

M. Curran- Elder Affairs- There was a guest speaker regarding scams on the elderly. Next meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Uno's.

This is her last Selectmen's meeting it is bittersweet. She may be back. Please vote many important ballot items.

J. Ingerson- Conservation Commission- wetlands impacts from layover on Joanne Dr,

Arbor Day is coming up; the theme is “All about the Trees”.  
Plaistow YMCA- Teen night- small donation given by Recreation Department.

S. Ranlett- Old Home Day meeting last Sunday, they are ramping up for a great year. This year they will be holding a food drive, raffles, baby contest with the theme of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fire Department.

Firemen’s Ball- Great event everyone had fun. Great speech by Chief McArdle.

Planning Board- Subdivision regulations.

J. Sherman- Thanks to Gayle Hamel on the Town Report- Great job.

Thanks to Michelle Curran for her service & her passion for the Town.

Thanks to Dan Poliquin for his service of 9 years on the Board.

J. Ingerson leaves at 9:05pm

D. Poliquin- Nothing to report.

D. Poliquin states it has been a great 9 years, it was an honor to give back, and he has no regrets and thank you to all that have called him.

He wished all the candidates the best of luck tomorrow; there are many important items to be voted on.

***MOTION BY M. Curran TO ENTER INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION BY: under RSA 9-A: 311 (a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal***

***2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ranlett***

***Board Polled: D. Poliquin = yes, J. Sherman = yes, M. Curran = yes, S. Ranlett = yes J.***

***Ingerson=excused***

Public Session adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel

Recording Secretary