



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** June 13, 2016

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:32 PM

**SELECTMEN:**

Selectman, Steve Ranlett, Chairman  
Selectman, Tammy Bergeron  
Selectman, Peter Bracci

Selectman, John Sherman Vice Chairman  
Selectman, Julian Kiszka  
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

**AGENDA**

**SWEARING IN OF PLAISTOW POLICE CAPTAIN BRETT MORGAN**

Chief K. Jones states we are here celebrating the Promotion of Sergeant Brett Morgan to the position of Captain. He started out as an Explorer and was hired as a police officer in 2000. He has been with the department for 16 years, is a leader and admired by his co-workers. Chief Jones looks forward to working with Captain Morgan. Attorney Cook swears in B. Morgan. Captain Morgan thanks the Town Manager and the Board for their support. Most importantly he thanks his parents for their continued support and he admires their work ethic. S. Ranlett congratulates Brett on his promotion and thanks him.

S. Ranlett states in addition to celebrating this promotion we have a member of the Board of Selectmen who served our country for 20 years. He recently retired from the National Guard. S. Ranlett recognizes and thanks Sergeant Julian Kiszka for his dedication to our country.

S. Ranlett calls for a 10 minute recess for pictures.  
Recess begins at 6:41pm.  
Meeting resumes at 6:50pm.

S. Ranlett requests a moment of silence for the tragic event to remember the victims in Orlando, Florida.

**MINUTES**

*J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016. Second by T. Bergeron.*  
*Vote: 5-0-0*  
*Motion Passes.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Peck mentions a few items:

- Historical Society – thanks S. Fitzgerald, the Board of Selectmen and Paul Lucia for getting the Museum painted and fixing the fence
- Dena Carbone, Plaistow's oldest citizen and holder of the Boston Post Can recently passed at the age of 103. If you know of a Plaistow resident who may now be the oldest person please contact Jim at 617-571-3198
- On Friday June 17th, the Library will unveil a mural located in the central atrium, painted by John Lecors. There will be a wine tasting and an outdoor concert to kick off the adult summer reading program.

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARTER**

Deferred to June 20, 2016

## **DONATION FROM PHIL SCARPONE/SHAW'S TO PLAISTOW RECREATION LITTLE LEAGUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500**

Dave and Eric from Shaw's are in attendance to present Bill Coye of the Recreation Commission a \$500 donation. This donation will extend the Little League Baseball season through the summer. It is for children aged 7 -10 and the donation will cover most of the costs of the summer program.

S. Fitzgerald appreciates all Shaw's help and thanks Shaw's for their donation.

## **CABLE CONTRACT UPDATE - PETER EPSTEIN**

Attorney Peter Epstein discusses the cable contract. It is a 5 year agreement from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2021. The franchise fee is still 5% however gross revenues are more inclusive. Capital funding will benefit local access at \$100,000 per year. This will be paid at \$20,000 per year without interest. We do not have a discount for veterans or senior citizens in the contract however if certain criteria is met these individuals may be eligible for a 10% discount. They must call Comcast directly to receive it. The Board is not able to negotiate rates or channels offered by cable. The discussion of contract negotiations ensues.

The Board signed 3 original contracts. They will be sent to Comcast. Comcast will sign all three keep one for themselves, send one to the Town and send one to Attorney Epstein.

## **JRM SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PRESENTATION – PETER GAMACHE**

S. Fitzgerald requests Peter Gamache explain our current strategies.

P. Gamache thanks the Board for our past business. He recommends Plaistow increases recycling. JRM invested 12 million on a new recycling plant. They now offer single stream recycling which tends to increase recycling because it is easier for residents. Single stream also eliminates broken glass and leakage because a different type of truck is used for pick up. Business and condominiums are discussed as well as a pay as you go system. The recycling market has changed. No new uses are being developed for recycled materials. JRM's proposal is the least expensive one the Town received. When asked about this, P. Gamache states knowledge of the community is the difference.

S. Fitzgerald recommends moving forward with JRM due to their favorable proposal and he recommends the Board direct him to enter into negotiations with JRM. Discussion ensues.

***P. Bracci motions to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 311 (a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (c) Reputation, (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal understanding that both parties have agreed. Second by J. Kiszka.***

***Board Polled: S. Ranlett = yes, J. Sherman = no, T. Bergeron = yes, J. Kiszka = yes, P. Bracci = yes  
Entered in at 7:48pm***

Public Session resumes at 8:29pm

***J. Sherman motions to direct the Town Manger to work with JRM on a new contract with the terms as presented in JRM's proposal and including reviews of contract performance after 3 months and again after 6 months. Those performance reviews to include potential changes in Plaistow's approach to picking up trash specifically related to businesses and condominiums. Second by S. Ranlett.***

J. Sherman states the JRM proposal is less expensive by at least \$116,000 still more if you consider the additional costs of changing vendors. Discussion ensues.

J. Sherman acknowledges that the level of service provided by JRM has not been the best but the Town Manager will work with them to improve their service.

***Vote: 3-1-1 (T. Bergeron, P. Bracci)***

***Motion passes.***

J. Sherman discusses Comcast and the fact that we are not able to negotiate anything without Comcast passing the costs along to their customers. Other's mention their frustration with the situation.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Normandeau – the next Scope of Work should help identify a rate structure for a Water system, & a Capital Improvement Plan

Methuen Construction - Water quality tests on the reservoir are complete, all came back negative (no contaminants), would like consensus from Board to drain reservoir. The Board's consensus is to allow drainage for the reservoir – the area will be landscaped.

Old Road Water Hydrant

Edelstein Curb Cut- Request consensus from the Board for the curb cut to remain the same. It is the Board's consensus to have the curb cut remain the same

Public Safety Meeting June 9 – project scope and schedule

Bond Interest Rate is 2.86%

Storm water funding grant is due 7/1

S. Ranlett states school impact fees help offset the school portion of the tax rate.

P. Bracci would like the position of Finance Director posted and filled.

P. Bracci inquires about approval of the manifest when some members abstain. Discussion ensues including Robert's Rules of Order.

### **ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

Reviewed

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **SELECTMAN REPORTS-**

J. Sherman

- Conservation Commission - Forest Management
- Palmer - 20 acres not 32 acres
- Recreation Commission - Dog Park, Security at PARC. Friends of Rec fundraises for Recreation will be losing money from concession stand on Old Home Day for the Fireworks, schedule for summer concerts.

T. Bergeron

- Pollard School- Little Lending Library- give a book- take a book
- Family Mediation - Fundraising

S. Ranlett

- Old Home Day this Saturday - 50 vendors, events at Terra farms
- Plaistow Community Garden- spaces available
- Happy Birthday Charlie Manes

J. Kiszka- Nothing to report

P. Bracci

- Beede Open House
- Vietnam Presentation at Wilbur Comeau Post in Haverhill. The Wars in the Middle East have taken a toll on the veterans who have served and those who are still serving there

### **SIGNATURE FOLDER**

S. Ranlett states the signature folder and manifest are going around.

S. Ranlett adjourned the meeting at: 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel,  
Recording Secretary