



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: December 13, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 6:29 p.m.

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Darrell Britton

Select Vice Chairman, John A. Blinn, Sr. - Excused

Selectman, Greg Taillon

Selectman, Jay DeRoche

Selectman, Bill Coye

Also present: Beth Hossack, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

G. Taillon motions to approve the November 29, 2021, minutes. Seconded by B. Coye. There was no discussion on the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries.

Public Comment

None.

State's Revised Snow Policy

Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor received the State's Snow Removal Policy which was updated on November 17, 2021. It is important for the Board and residents to understand the changes in the policy. One of the changes involves down time, meaning the time in between plowing. In October of 2020 the down time was every two and one-half hours (2 ½). In 2021 the time has changed to every three to four (3-4) hours. Much more snow can accumulate during the longer time period. The new policy also includes no plowing from 9:00 p.m. through 4:00 a.m. Some of the roads in Plaistow are State Roads. The change in plowing may cause traffic problems and public safety problems. Police, fire, and ambulance service might be negatively impacted. D. Garlington does not anticipate the State will completely stick to the new policy however they may. If the State takes longer to plow their roads it will have a back lash affect regarding plowing Town roads. If the State roads are not clear it will be hard to keep up with Town roads. It may cost the Town more money in plowing since we may be waiting for the State to do their part. The goal of tonight's discussion is to let the public know there may be changes this year.

D. Britton states people will need to be patient.

D. Garlington states many residents do know the difference between State roads and Town roads. Some of the State Roads include Rte. 121A, Danville Road, North Ave., Rte. 108, Palmer Ave., and East Road.

D. Britton thanks Dan for the update and states we will hope for the best.

Other Business

D. Britton states a mask mandate has been issued for all Town Buildings. This is until further notice.

Warrant Articles

G. Taillon states there are two (2) changes to the warrant articles. The Conservation Commission has withdrawn the warrant article for prime wetlands. They need more time to work on it. They plan to have it ready for the 2023 ballot. The second change is the addition of the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund Deposit.

B. Coye states phase 1 of the project for a new softball field and drainage started three (3) years ago. That phase included raising the field and adding drainage. Last year the field was not used to allow time for the grass to grow. The current warrant article is for the completion of the project known as phase 2. Phase 2 includes the installation of two (2) dugouts and a back stop. The money currently in the recreation capital reserve fund is earmarked for the Mt. Misery trail system. The trail system is expected to be finished in May 2022. The majority of the funding for phase 1 of the softball field came from impact fees. The Recreation Commission stated from the beginning a warrant article would be necessary to complete the field work at PARC. The fields generate revenue because they are often rented to other athletic organizations.

G. Taillon motions to recommend article P-22-22 capital Reserve Fund Deposit – Recreation be placed on the ballot. Seconded by J. DeRoche.

Discussion: J. DeRoche states last year there was a warrant for Recreation which would have raised and appropriated 25,000 in taxes and taken 25,000 from the general fund. The article failed. He hopes it will pass this year. It is a worthwhile warrant article.

B. Coye agrees and states both the softball and baseball programs are growing rapidly.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries

G. Taillon asks how the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union is coming.

D. Britton replies, they are still quite a way apart however it is not insurmountable. There is another meeting this week. A final meeting will be held the last week of December if necessary.

Selectmen's Reports

J. DeRoche

- Attended the tree lighting on Sunday. It was a great event.
- Planned to attend the TRAC meeting however there was not a quorum, so no meeting was held. A resignation was received from Debra Esparza-St Louis. J. DeRoche thanks her for her work on the committee.
- Attended the Conservation Committee meeting.
- Attended the Trash Talk program held at the Library on 12/7. Some residents have started using the new barrels. They must be used as of January 1, 2022.

D. Britton hopes people will be cognitive of their elderly neighbors and help them with their trash if necessary.

B. Coye

- Attended the Trash Talk program held at the Library on 12/7. It was recorded and he recommends people who were not able to attend watch it.
- Attended the Recreation meeting. The mailbox to Santa will be available through 12/19 on the gazebo. Soon a map of the best lights in Town will be available. A few activities have been planned for school vacation. One is skating and the other is the movies. Registration for baseball and softball has started.

G. Taillon

- Attended the Budget Committee meeting – most of the warrant articles have been approved by the committee.
- Attended the Planning Board meeting. The warrant articles pertaining to the Planning Board are mostly vocabulary changes. They are working on an issue regarding driveways when an in-law apartment changes to a duplex.

D. Britton asks if there is a plan to dispose of old trash and recycling barrels.

J. DeRoche states Dee Voss, Special Projects Coordinator is researching it.

D. Britton motions to enter an executive session under RSA 91-A:3 II (E) Pending or Threatened Litigation. Seconded by J. DeRoche.

Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, G. Taillon = yes, J. DeRoche = yes, B. Coye = yes.

Motion carries.

D. Britton states they will not be coming back to a public session. The public meeting is adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The public meeting resumed at 7:17 p.m.

J. DeRoche motions to seal the minutes of the executive session. Seconded by B. Coye.

Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, G. Taillon = yes, J. DeRoche = yes, B. Coye = yes.

Motion carries.

D. Britton adjourned the public meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack
Recording Secretary