



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: January 3, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Darrell Britton

Select Vice Chairman, John A. Blinn, Sr. – Remote participant

Selectman, Greg Taillon

Selectman, Jay DeRoche

Selectman, Bill Coye

Also present: Greg Colby, Town Manager and Beth Hossack, Recording Secretary.

Note: J. Blinn is participating remotely for health reasons. He is in a room alone.

Minutes

G. Taillon motions to approve the December 27, 2021, minutes. Seconded by B. Coye. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

Public Comment

None.

J. DeRoche motions to enter executive session under RSA 91-A:3 II (L) Consideration of Legal Advice as permitted by law. Seconded by G. Taillon.

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

Public session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

D. Britton states the Board will come back to a public session.

Public session resumes at 7:05 p.m.

Note: B. Blinn is now participating in the meeting via speaker phone.

G. Taillon motions to approve article P-22-06, Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Union and have it placed on the ballot. Seconded by J. DeRoche.

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

Motion carries.

J. DeRoche motions to approve article P-22-07, Special Town Meeting for Defeated Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Union and have it placed on the ballot. Seconded by G. Taillon. Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, J. Blinn = yes, G. Taillon = yes, J. DeRoche = yes, B. Coye = yes. Motion carries.

G. Taillon motions to seal the minutes of tonight's executive session as disclosure would render the proposed action ineffective. Seconded by B. Coye. Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, J. Blinn = yes, G. Taillon = yes, J. DeRoche = yes, B. Coye = yes. Motion carries.

Approval of Prior Executive Session Minutes

G. Taillon motions to approve and keep sealed the executive session minutes from December 27, 2021, session #1. Seconded by J. DeRoche.

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

J. DeRoche motions to approve and keep sealed the executive session minutes from December 27, 2021, session #2. Seconded by G. Taillon.

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

G. Taillon motions to approve and keep sealed the executive session minutes from December 27, 2021, session #3. Seconded by B. Coye.

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

Town Managers Report

- Busy wrapping up the distribution of new barrels.
- Working on year end close.
- Working on Town Report.
- The tax office has been busy with payments. Tax bills total about 12 million dollars and we have received 94 million in payments to date.
- Revenue for the year will end at or above our estimate.
- We do not know the total of appropriations yet. It is too early.

D. Britton states the dumpsters for cardboard recycling are not in place yet. We hope to have them installed by next week.

G. Taillon asks if JRM will pick up the old barrels.

B. Britton replies, he does not know if a pickup was worked out yet.

D. Britton states some residents have reported that JRM is still manually dumping barrels, leaving covers open and throwing them on the ground.

G. Taillon states in his neighborhood the new semi-automatic system was used correctly.

J. DeRoche state JRM cannot do a Town wide pick of old barrels until Spring. If you want to dispose of an old barrel but it out with your trash with a note.

Default Budget

G. Colby states the draft default budget is in your packets. The default budget is approximately 10.3 million. It will be given to the Budget Committee tomorrow.

Other Business

G. Taillon is concerned about the levels of PFOA's and PFOS's found in some of the ground water in Town. The areas of concern are near 27 Elm Street and 9 Hale Spring Road. He is wondering why it is so high.

G. Colby states we are waiting for more information from the State.

D. Britton states the potable water line will run along Hale Spring and Elm Street. Anyone with a contaminated well should connect to the system.

G. Taillon wants to know if we will ask the State to come to a Board meeting and enlighten us.

D. Britton is not sure how much it would help. Hale Spring is about 200 yards away from the Public Safety Complex. There is no way to know if the contamination is in the aquifer or if it is drifting into the aquifer.

G. Colby states the ground water on Elm Street was tested four (4) years ago and the levels were slightly above the threshold. There is no known reason for the change.

D. Britton states he would like to know more about the testing. Including where and how was it done.

G. Taillon mentions some concerns residents posted on Face Book regarding the changes in the State's plowing policy. Some people leave early for work. School busses start early too. He is concerned some roads may not be safe.

G. Taillon states the Board should address this in some way.

D. Britton agrees there should be a contingency plan.

J. DeRoche states, the new policy is not just for Plaistow, it is for the whole State of New Hampshire.

D. Britton hopes the Board will step in if necessary. He states the Town Manager should talk to Highway Supervisor, Dan Garlington.

G. Taillon asks if we need to discuss the Town Managers contract.

D. Britton states it is with Attorney Kalman. The contract should be done soon, and it is basically what was already discussed.

As there is no further business before the Board, D. Britton adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack
Recording Secretary