



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

**Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes**

**Date:** April 3, 2023

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:02 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

Select Chairman, Bill Coye – Present  
Select Vice Chairman, Jay Deroche – Present  
Selectman, Darrell Britton – Present  
Selectman, Jonathan Gifford – Present  
Selectwoman, Tammy Bergeron – Present

Also present: Town Manager, Greg Colby, Town Moderator Bob Harb, Assistant Town Moderator Norm Major, Town Clerk, Martha Fowler, and Administrative Specialist, Beth Hossack.

**Public Comment**

None

**Election Process/After Action Discussion**

Chair Coye states elections were held at a new location, the Plaistow Fish & Game Club. Everything seemed to go well. He invites Town Moderator B. Harb to speak.

Town Moderator B. Harb states some questions were asked why elections were held with bad weather conditions. Plaistow is part of a regional school district. The only way elections can be postponed is with a majority of Towns in the district voting in favor of postponement. We did not have that. Approximately 2/3 of the normal amount of voters showed up to vote. Everyone seemed to like the facility. There was enough space for everyone including the Supervisors of the Checklist, Moderators, the Board of Selectmen and voters. Town Moderator B. Harb thanks the Fish & Game Club for the use of their facility. He mentions a few signs will be helpful for future elections. The parking and lighting were much better than the Public Works Facility.

Assistant Town Moderator N. Major states the Town Election is the most difficult election due to all the open positions for the Town and the School and the Warrant Articles. The ballots are multiple pages compared to a Presidential Election which is one page. In 2024 there will be four (4) elections. The Presidential, the Town, the Primary and State Elections. We plan to use the same facility.

Town Clerk, M. Fowler thinks the election process went well. She was not made aware of any complaints. The Monday before the election her office was extremely busy with many requests for absentee ballots due to the predicted snowy weather.

Other than wishing more voters had come out, the election process was successful.

### **Water Project Update** (added agenda item)

Town Manager G. Colby states he invited Charlie Lanza from Hampstead Area Water Service Company (HAWSCo) to attend tonight's meeting to provide an update on the water project. C. Lanza states we recently heard from the State. Another letter will need to be sent to water users this quarter regarding the HAA5 contamination. The numbers are coming down however the letter is required based on averages and the October 2022 sample was high enough to throw off the averages. The letter will be posted on the website.

The results of the March 10<sup>th</sup> water tests are promising. The results from the March 16 tests showed a small step back. However, all the tests were below 60 except the water taken at Sweet Hill Tank which came back at 62. We are still waiting for the results from the tests done on March 23. As soon as we receive them, they will be posted to the website.

Selectman Britton asks what is driving the numbers at Sweet Hill Tank. It seems like we have been circulating enough water. The water is coming from Salem, and we know they had a problem for a while. He also asks how much water we are flushing.

C. Lanza states we are flushing twice a week in the amount of 20,000 – 30,000 gallons each time. We are considering changing the disinfection process to mono chlorination. If we move forward with this process the results found at the East Road Pump House should remain stable throughout the system. This should lead to less flushing.

Selectman Gifford asks if we get more users will that help.

C. Lanza replies, yes.

Chair Coye asks when will the change occur.

C. Lanza replies before it gets too warm. Most likely sometime in April.

Selectman Britton asks what the cost is to change the disinfection process.

C. Lanza replies, there is no cost.

Town Manager, G. Colby asks if HAWSCo. will also change their process.

C. Lanza replies, no they will stay with just the chlorine.

Town Manager G. Colby has asked the State if the same notices will be required if we change the disinfection process. He is waiting for an answer.

Selectwoman Bergeron asks if all towns should be using the same disinfection process.

C. Lanza replies, in a perfect world the answer is yes. If we do change the process, we need to let the State and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) know. Both Manchester and Salem use the mono chlorination process.

The Board thanks C. Lanza.

### **Review Board/Committee Assignments**

The Board reviews the chart. No changes are necessary.

B. Hossack states, the Timberlane Capital Improvements Program is no longer meeting (CIP). It will be removed from the list.

### **Mosquito Control Notice**

Chair Coye reads the Mosquito Control Notice. The complete public notice is posted on the website. If residents do not want their wetlands treated, they may use the no-spray registry online at [www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry](http://www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry) or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03855. You may also call 603-734-4144 or email [Help@DragonMosquito.com](mailto:Help@DragonMosquito.com) for more information on spray dates, location, material used, precautions or other concerns.

### **Davis Park**

There are still some concerns and questions regarding parking in Davis Park. Not all the residents feel the same.

Chair Coxe recommends talking to Road Agent Dan Garlington to see if he has any suggestions. Selectwoman Bergeron recommends tabling the discussion and holding a meeting inviting all the residents who live on Davis Park.

There is consensus to postpone further discussion until residents are able to meet in a group setting.

### **Determine Summer Meeting Schedule**

The summer meeting schedule is as follows:

April 17  
May 8 and 22  
June 5 and 19  
July 10 and 24  
August 7 and 21

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Item Description**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. BOS Draft Minutes March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023
3. One (1) 2022 Administrative Abatement Request
4. One (1) Application to Change a Family Trust
5. One (1) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
6. Two (2) ZBA Appointments – Michael Murray, Jim O’Brien and one (1) alternate member – Patrick Kiley

*Selectman Britton motions to approve the consent agenda as written. Seconded by Selectman DeRoche.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motions carries*

### **Town Managers Report/Potable Water**

- Busy preparing for the audit. They completed their work in two days. He thanks all the staff who helped with the preparation.
- Will attend a water meeting tomorrow with G. Forbes of Underwood Engineers.

### **Selectmen’s Reports**

Selectwoman Bergeron – nothing to report.

Selectman Britton – nothing to report.

Selectman DeRoche – will attend this week’s Energy & Planning Board Meetings.

Selectman Gifford – the Energy Committee is looking for members. Sometimes they cannot meet due to lack of a quorum.

Chair Coye – nothing to report.

**Events**

1. Toddler Egg Hunt – Friday, April 7, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2. Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 8, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
3. Rabies Clinic at the Fire Dept. - Saturday April 8, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
4. Run of the Savages - Saturday, April 15, 2023 @ 10:00am – Pollard School
5. Town Wide Clean Up Day – April 22, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
6. Household Hazardous Waste Day – Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, 144F Main St. Proof of residency will be required.

**Other Business**

None

As there is no further business before the Board, Chair Coye adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,  
Administrative Specialist