



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** July 25, 2016

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:30 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**

**MINUTES**

*J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of July 11, 2016. Second by S. Ranlett*  
*Vote: 3-1-1 (P. Bracci, T. Bergeron, abs)*  
*Motion Passes.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MICROBURST UPDATE WITH UNITIL REPRESENTATIVES**

S. Ranlett thanks all the respondents for doing a phenomenal job following the storm.

Alec O'Meara, Scott Wade and Pat Agualina of Unitil are in attendance. Alec states it is nice to hear the thank you, the crews really appreciate it. Alec is with the Communications Department and is the Chief Information Officer for all weather events. Scott is in charge of Electric Operations while Pat is the Operations Chief. He was at the Fire Station all night working with the Town's first responders. The first calls came in at approximately 3:30pm, once they saw the amount of damage they escalated their response.

By 11:00pm the number of residential outages was down to about 1000.

S. Wade states it was a pleasure to work with the Police, Fire and Highway Departments. There were many residents outside viewing the situation. He notes downed wires do not necessarily mean that the wires are dead. They are all thankful no one was injured as a result of all the poles that came down. Fairpoint assisted Unitil with the downed poles. The fact that the storm covered a fairly small area allowed for a faster response in restoring power.

S. Fitzgerald was pleased with the number of trucks and how quickly they responded. He thanks Unitil and Fairpoint for all their hard work.

Unitil has a map on their website that will show current power outages and an estimated time for the power to be restored. This is very useful for the public. The link is [www.unitil.com/map](http://www.unitil.com/map)

S. Wade reiterated that generators that are not hooked up properly can cause back feed to the lines. Downed lines are not necessarily dead. People need to be aware of this and stay away from downed wires.

S. Ranlett thanks the Town of Derry who sent 2 crew members, a truck and a chipper today to help with the clean up. He notes they will be helping tomorrow too.

Gary Aubin and Chris Stevens from Fairpoint are also present tonight. They state it was a great coordinated effort by all. It was wonderful to have power restored in less than 24 hours.

S. Ranlett states he had personal contact with Captain Eiro who did a great job.

Chief Jones thanks Lucia Theberge in Dispatch who came back to work for an additional 3 hours to assist with the storm.

S. Fitzgerald states we cannot possibly thank everyone by name but the Plaistow team of Police Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Management personnel and Highway Department all did a terrific job.

### **TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS/UPDATE**

Jill Senter presents the MS-9 to the Board of Selectman. This is the quarterly report of the Capital Reserve Accounts. J. Senter notes that the Town has received more than \$10,000 in interest for the first 6 months of 2016. She notes this has already exceeded last year's total interest. She states that Mackenson has already taken steps to minimize any negative impact to our investments due to the 2016 Federal election. They are prepared and will be watching this closely. The good news is the strong interest we have earned.

S. Fitzgerald agrees this is good news. The economy is increasing and we are gaining the benefit in our investments.

S. Fitzgerald inquires if Jill likes working with Mackenson.

J. Senter states she is happy with them as they are very patient and answer all her questions. She feels they are investing in a more secure market than the prior investment group we were using.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX UPDATE**

Gino Baroni is present to update the Board of Selectmen on the project. The Selectmen all have a copy of the first Quarterly Report. He inquires if anything else should be added to the report as this will be the format used for all following quarterly reports. G. Baroni states the team has had some spirited discussions and they are all feeling better and working towards a common goal. They will have to be very careful to stay within the budget. Last week we found out about an unknown situation. There are bats living adjacent to the complex and we are currently on hold from breaking ground due to the regulatory requirements. The next step is to try to get this waived. The regulation requirement in place involves disturbing an acre or more of land yet we only need to disturb about ½ an acre. However, the Army Corp is stalling the process of moving forward. G. Baroni notes we will be ready to go as soon as the Bat Habitat situation is resolved.

### **K-9 FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND DISPATCH GRANT UPDATE**

Chief Jones states that as of today they have raised the \$15,000 needed to implement a K-9 unit again. She thanks the community for their support in this project.

Chief Jones states the communication system has not been updated since 2003. The system is aging and it is now difficult to get repair parts. Homeland Security has opened a grant which is 100% funded. We are applying for it though she notes due to the fact it is 100% funded it will be very competitive. The fact that we have a Communication System in our CIP will help us in the application process.

S. Fitzgerald states it would be helpful if the Board supports this initiative with some funding. Chief Jones request the Board write a letter of support.

If the Town is awarded the funding for a new system it would be a whole radio system, not just a dispatching system. The software and hardware are included and it will take us 13–15 years into the future.

A key component of the grant is interoperability, so our partnerships with local agencies, the school district, surrounding communities and across the state border will help.

Next week we will have an update on letters of support for the grant.

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

2016 Assessing Recommendation & Update

Public Hearing Safe Routes to School- grant with no matching funds focusing on Elm and Main St and Pollard School intersection. Potential second project would require a match of funds to be reviewed next week and the Town has not made a commitment

Easter Seals Funding for CART Transportation Services

GREE, Plaistow Water Initiative

Update on Water Line Installation

Cable Studio Expansion

Solid Waste/Recycling Negotiations S. Fitzgerald recommends moving forward with the contract with JRM along with the Memorandum of Understanding.

Discussion ensues regarding trash tonnage, recycling and Solid Waste Committee charter. They are willing to single stream recycling with the new contract which could possible increase recycling. The contract changes agreed upon is changing to a 3 year contract with a 2 year renew clause. Number 2 of Memorandum of Understanding to include to not leave barrels in the street or in front of mailboxes. Number 9 to include a monthly call log and post resolutions on the website.

**Consensus of Board is to have The Town manger make the above changes and sign the contract with JRM.**

Plaistow Stormwater Task Force MS4 Municipal Roundtable

Timber Tax Collection

Dogs and Commercial Properties

Newton Road Property

### **ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

Reviewed

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **SELECTMAN REPORTS**

J. Sherman

- Attended Conservation Commission
- Conservation meeting for Aug 4 has been cancelled
- Tanko has received info from Unitil

S. Ranlett

- Attended the Planning Board Meeting

J. Kiszka

- Attend Highway Safety Meeting as a citizen

- Renewables meeting was postponed

P. Bracci

- Reviews email he sent to the Board on Friday. Discussion of the Milton Cat Front End Loader ensues. P. Bracci inquires as to the trade in value of the 924 Loader. It was noted the DRA would not take issue with the way the loader transaction was handled.
- He inquires about the new lock system & when it will be completed.
- He inquires about SRTS and Old Home Day expenditures.

T. Bergeron- Nothing to Report

**SIGNATURE FOLDER**

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

*S. Ranlett motions to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:311 (a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (c) Reputation (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal understanding that both parties have agreed. Second by T. Bergeron.*

*Board Polled: S. Ranlett=yes, J. Sherman=no, T. Bergeron=yes, J. Kiszka=yes, P. Bracci=no.*

Public Session ends at 9:00pm

Public Session resumes at 9:22pm for adjournment. No decisions were made in the non public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel,  
Recording Secretary