

# **Political History**

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## ***POLITICAL HISTORY***

Plaistow has a rich history of its Citizens serving the Community. In 1962, Plaistow enacted its first Municipal Budget Committee. Until 1980, Plaistow had a three member Board of Selectmen at which point the Town voted to increase the membership to a five member board. In the late 1990's, Town Meeting voted to change the Planning Board from an appointed position to an elected position.

Plaistow celebrates all who volunteer their time for the betterment of the Community. It especially would like to recognize the following individuals who have served the Town for a quarter of a century: Irving Gilman – Municipal Budget Committee (28 years), Clifton Cook – Town Moderator (26 years), and Timothy Moore – Planning Board (25 years).

The following Citizens have served the town of Plaistow with more than a decade of service; Board of Selectmen Members: Charles “Buzzy” Blinn, Jr. (20 years), Thomas Cullen (15 years), Delorse Ackerman-Keiser (14 years), LeRoy S. Dube (12 years), Lawrence Gil (12 years), Norman Major (11 years) and John Sherman (11 years). The following citizen has served as Town Moderator with more than a decade of service: Barry Sargent (23 years). The following citizens have served the Town of Plaistow with more than a decade on the Planning Board; Thomas Cullen (17 years), Steven Ranlett (13 years), Robert J. Gray (12 years) and Lawrence Gil (11 years). The following citizens have served the town of Plaistow for more than a decade on the Municipal Budget Committee; LeRoy S. Dube (24 years), John Sherman (24 years), Henry Szmyt (17 years), Bernadine Fitzgerald (17 years), George Peabody (14 years), Brenda Major (14 years), Pauline Keezer (12 years), Kristen Lewis Savage (12 years), Douglas Laing (10 years), Charles “Buzzy” Blinn, Jr. (10 years).

The following is a list of the Citizens who have served as Selectmen, Moderator, Planning Board Member and/or Municipal Budget Committee member for less than 10 years over the past 50 years and the associated length of service of each:

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Frank L. Leathe – 1961	1 Year of Service
Malcolm M. Ewing – 1961-1962	2 Years of Service
Elwood D. Shaw – 1963-1966	4 Years of Service
Charles H. Silloway – 1967-1968	2 Years of Service
George A. Wrigley, Sr. – 1970-1972	3 Years of Service
Thomas H. Cullen – 1962-1976	15 Years of Service
LeRoy S. Dube – 1961-1969, 1976-1978	12 Years of Service

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN CONTINUED

Barry A. Sargent – 1973-1975, 1979	4 Years of Service
Milton H. Todd – 1977-1979	3 Years of Service
Thomas J. Repczynski – 1980	1 Year of Service
Michael McPherson – 1979-1980	2 Years of Service
Samuel D. Conti – 1978-1980	3 Years of Service
Douglas B. Laing – 1979-1981	3 Years of Service
Donald E. Cannon – 1981-1983	3 Years of Service
D. Joan Keezer – 1980-1984	4 Years of Service
Brian A. Levasseur – 1982-1985	4 Years of Service
Vincent R. Rizzo – 1984-1986	3 Years of Service
Charles R. Graham – 1980-1985, 1987	7 Years of Service
Alexander Brown, Jr. – 1985-1987	3 Years of Service
Norman L. Major – 1969-1977, 1979, 1990	11 Years of Service
John C. Ventura – 1985-1990	6 Years of Service
Sandra J. Daniels – 1988-1990	3 Years of Service
Davena Szmyt – 1985-1991	7 Years of Service
Darrell W. Britton, Jr. – 1986-1992	7 Years of Service
David Harnett – 1991-1993	3 Years of Service
Delorse G. Ackerman-Keiser – 1981-1991, 1993-1995	14 Years of Service
Mary M. Collins – 1991-1996	6 Years of Service
George E. Melvin – 1994-1999	6 Years of Service
Barbara Hobbs – 1997-1999	3 Years of Service
Michael L. Emmons – 1998-2000	3 Years of Service

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN CONTINUED**

Carlene E. Sarty – 2000-2001	2 Years of Service
Merilyn P. Senter – 1996-2004	9 Years of Service
Martha L. Sumner – 2002-2005	4 Years of Service
Lawrence W. Gil – 1992-1997, 2003-2008	12 Years of Service
Michelle Curran – 2005-2007, 2009-Present	6 Years of Service
Daniel J. Poliquin – 2006-Present	6 Years of Service
Charles L. “Buzzy” Blinn, Jr. – 1992-Present	20 Years of Service
John A. Sherman – 2001-Present	11 Years of Service
Robert J. “Bob” Gray – 2000-2002, 2008-Present	7 Years of Service

## **TOWN MODERATOR**

Clifton E. Cook – 1961-1986	26 Years of Service
Barry A. Sargent – 1987-2009	23 Years of Service
Steven Ranlett – 2010-Present	2 Years of Service

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Albert E. Hoyt – 1961-1962	2 Years of Service
Anthony G. Cogswell – 1961-1962	2 Years of Service
LeRoy S. Dube – 1961-1963	3 Years of Service
Irving Peaslee – 1961-1963	3 Years of Service
Nelson M. Schwaner – 1961-1966	6 Years of Service
George Willms – 1963-1967	5 Years of Service
Richard T. Lunt – 1968-1969	2 Years of Service

## PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED

William C. Bramley – 1968-1969	2 Years of Service
Stuart Jeans – 1963-1969	7 Years of Service
Paul C. Studley – 1964-1969	6 Years of Service
Donald F. Robinson – 1970	1 Year of Service
William P. Nichols – 1970	1 Year of Service
Edward H. Mayer – 1970-1971	2 Years of Service
Perry Xanakis – 1971-1975	5 Years of Service
Bruce M. James – 1972-1976	5 Years of Service
Bernard J. Dube – 1977	1 Year of Service
Milton H. Todd – 1977	1 Year of Service
Eleanor P. Sargent – 1977	1 Year of Service
J. Alden Palmer – 1970-1977	8 Years of Service
Walter Pearson – 1976-1978	3 Years of Service
Charles O. Stevens 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 1976-1978	3 Years of Service
Samuel D. Conti – 1978-1979	2 Years of Service
Marc Antkowiak – 1978-1979	2 Years of Service
Douglas Laing – 1980	1 Year of Service
Thomas Cullen – 1964-1980	17 Years of Service
Paul Bastarache – 1979-1980	2 Years of Service
Julia Gibbs – 1981	1 Year of Service
David Ingerson – 1978-1981	4 Years of Service
D. Joan Keezer – 1983	1 Year of Service
Donald McKendry – 1971-1975, 1982-1984	8 Years of Service

## PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED

Vincent Rizzo – 1983-1984	2 Years of Service
Daniel Johnson – 1984	1 Year of Service
Guy L. Sawyer – 1979-1984	6 Years of Service
Frank Consentino – 1981-1984	4 Years of Service
Peter Garbati – 1980-1984	5 Years of Service
Debra MacDonald – 1985	1 Year of Service
Paul Marcotte – 1978-1980, 1985	4 Years of Service
Janet Dresser – 1985-1986	2 Years of Service
John Ventura – 1985, 1987	2 Years of Service
Charles Scala – 1986-1987	2 Years of Service
Charles R. Graham – 1981, 1985-1987	4 Years of Service
Clifford Miller, Jr. – 1985-1987	3 Years of Service
Clifford A. Dolfe, Jr. – 1988	1 Year of Service
John Pichowicz – 1981-1988	8 Years of Service
Richard Foster – 1987-1989	3 Years of Service
Bonnie Kissel – 1987-1989	3 Years of Service
Sandra Daniels – 1989-1990	2 Years of Service
Darrell W. Britton, Jr. – 1986, 1991	2 Years of Service
Richard Lemieux – 1989-1991	3 Years of Service
Susan Collins – 1986-1991	6 Years of Service
Lee McDonald – 1990-1992	3 Years of Service
Norman Dumont – 1993	1 Year of Service
Janice Ramsey – 1990-1993	4 Years of Service

## PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED

Paul Sickel – 1991-1994	4 Years of Service
Bernard Hill – 1993-1995	3 Years of Service
Peter Richards – 1988-1990, 1993-1995	6 Years of Service
Michael Emmons – 1989-1995	7 Years of Service
James Silva – 1995-1996	2 Years of Service
Hal Lewis – 1996-1997	2 Years of Service
Paul Lavallee – 1997	1 Year of Service
P. Michael Dorman – 1998	1 Year of Service
John Lamb – 1996-1998	3 Years of Service
George E. Melvin – 1992, 1997-1999	4 Years of Service
Ronald Charette – 1991-1999	9 Years of Service
Michael Penta – 1998-1999	2 Years of Service
Thomas Underwood – 1996-1999	4 Years of Service
Carlene E. Sarty – 2001	1 Year of Service
Brad Halliday – 2000-2001	2 Years of Service
David Hoyt – 2000-2002	3 Years of Service
Kymberlee Lawton – 2001-2003	3 Years of Service
Daniel J. Poliquin – 2004	1 Year of Service
Ernest Sheltry – 2002-2005	4 Years of Service
Dennis Marcotte – 2005-2006	2 Years of Service
Michelle L. Curran – 2003-2007	5 Years of Service
Robert J. Zukas – 2005-2007	3 Years of Service
Merilyn Senter – 2002-2004, 2007-2008	5 Years of Service

## **PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED**

Neal Morin – 2007-2008	2 Years of Service
Barry Weymouth – 2005-2008	4 Years of Service
Robert J. “Bob” Gray – 1993-2000, 2008-Present	12 Years of Service
Steven Ranlett – 1998, 2000-Present	13 Years of Service
Charlie Lanza – 2009-Present	3 Years of Service
Lawrence M. Gil – 1979-1982, 1992-1996, 2009-2010	11 Years of Service
Peter M. Bealo – 2008-2010	3 Years of Service
Timothy E. Moore – 1987-Present	25 Years of Service
Joyce Ingerson – Present	1 Year of Service

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Malcolm M. Ewing – 1962	1 Year of Service
Marcel A. Plante – 1962	1 Year of Service
Gerald Peterson – 1963	1 Year of Service
Thomas H. Cullen – 1963	1 Year of Service
Anthony G. Cogswell – 1962-1963	2 Years of Service
John R. Wood – 1964	1 Year of Service
Phyllis Dolph – 1962-1964	3 Years of Service
Frances W. Bramley – 1963-1964	2 Years of Service
Joseph J. Giampa – 1964, 1966-1967	3 Years of Service
Laurence P. Ackerson – 1962-1966	5 Years of Service
Stanwood W. Johnson – 1964-1966	3 Years of Service
C. Hugh Silloway – 1962, 1967	2 Years of Service



## **BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

J. Russell Colcord – 1962-1963, 1967	3 Years of Service
Charles W. Edson – 1962-1967	6 Years of Service
Leon Bowie – 1967-1968	2 Years of Service
Alexander A. MacDonald – 1962-1968	7 Years of Service
Wilbur L. Ketchum – 1967-1969	3 Years of Service
Elbert Young – 1969	1 Year of Service
Samuel McHenry – 1964-1970	7 Years of Service
Armand Bergeron – 1968-1970	3 Years of Service
George A. Wrigley – 1970-1971	2 Years of Service
Edward H. Mayer – 1971	1 Year of Service
Clayton E. Currier – 1964-1971	8 Years of Service
Norman L. Major – 1967-1969, 1972	4 Years of Service
K. Michael Tavitian – 1972	1 Year of Service
Thomas B. Merrick – 1970-1972	3 Years of Service
Eleanor Wheeler – 1972-1973	2 Years of Service
William H. Sanborn – 1967-1973	7 Years of Service
Albert Morin – 1969-1973	5 Years of Service
Phillip G. McKeen – 1971-1973	3 Years of Service
Wilson L. Parker – 1962-1963, 1974	3 Years of Service
Alexander J. Cody – 1967-1974	8 Years of Service
Barry A. Sargent – 1970-1975	6 Years of Service
Bonnie Kissel – 1973-1975	3 Years of Service
Pauline H. Keezer – 1965-1976	12 Years of Service

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

Norbert Gauron – 1969-1976	8 Years of Service
George Nott – 1968-1976	9 Years of Service
John A. Palmer – 1975-1977	3 Years of Service
Milton H. Todd – 1978	1 Year of Service
Michael McPherson – 1976-1978	3 Years of Service
Daniel Kissel – 1978	1 Year of Service
Kenneth Heim – 1978	1 Year of Service
Garold Morse – 1975-1978	4 Years of Service
Joyce Wright – 1973-1979	7 Years of Service
Peter Nitchman – 1979	1 Year of Service
Rosemarie L. Bayek – 1976-1979	4 Years of Service
William Scully – 1974-1979	6 Years of Service
Paul A. Timson – 1980	1 Year of Service
John J. Merrill – 1974-1980	7 Years of Service
Robert Farrar – 1979-1980	2 Years of Service
Robert Cheek – 1977-1980	4 Years of Service
Herbert Stacy – 1981	1 Year of Service
Bradley S. Smith – 1979-1981	3 Years of Service
Terry K. Morse – 1980-1981	2 Years of Service
Richard Hawkins – 1973-1981	9 Years of Service
Paul M. Dorman – 1980-1981	2 Years of Service
Philip Kessel – 1980-1982	3 Years of Service
James Johnson – 1982-1983	2 Years of Service

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

Margaret Gil – 1982-1983	2 Years of Service
D. Joan Keezer – 1979-1980, 1983	3 Years of Service
James Valletta – 1973, 1983	2 Years of Service
Theodore Sanborn Jr. – 1984	1 Year of Service
John Fitzgerald – 1983-1984	2 Years of Service
John Ventura – 1980-1984	5 Years of Service
Vincent R. Rizzo – 1985	1 Year of Service
Robert Galotti – 1982-1985	4 Years of Service
James Peck – 1982-1985	4 Years of Service
Eleanor Peabody – 1979, 1981-1985	6 Years of Service
Samuel Conti – 1981-1985	5 Years of Service
James Vitale – 1986	1 Year of Service
Gordon Sykes Jr. – 1986	1 Year of Service
David Bridges – 1981-1986	6 Years of Service
Brian Abraham – 1987	1 Year of Service
Susan Alper – 1987	1 Year of Service
Kevin Major – 1985-1987	3 Years of Service
Dale Officer – 1985-1987	3 Years of Service
Richard Medvecky – 1988	1 Year of Service
George Bourque – 1985-1988	4 Years of Service
Douglas B. Laing – 1977-1979, 1981, 1983-1984, 1986-1989	10 Years of Service
Roland DuBois – 1987-1989	3 Years of Service
Robert Knipe – 1989	1 Year of Service

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

Mary Stauffer – 1987-1989	3 Years of Service
Irving S. Gilman – 1962-1989	28 Years of Service
Davena Szmyt – 1985, 1988-1990	4 Years of Service
Kenneth Thurston – 1987-1990	4 Years of Service
Nancy Jackman – 1985-1991	7 Years of Service
Thomas Miller – 1988-1991	4 Years of Service
David Harnett – 1991-1992	2 Years of Service
Allan Wheeler – 1991-1992	2 Years of Service
Peter Bealo – 1990-1992	3 Years of Service
Kathleen DeNicola – 1989-1992	4 Years of Service
Doris Savage – 1993	1 Year of Service
Wayne Oliver – 1984-1991, 1993	9 Years of Service
James Ellis – 1990-1993	4 Years of Service
Mary Collins – 1995	1 Year of Service
Regina Hellesen – 1994-1995	2 Years of Service
Darrell Britton – 1987, 1995-1996	3 Years of Service
Delorse Ackerman-Keiser – 1984, 1986, 1996-1997	4 Years of Service
Leroy S. Dube – 1964-1966, 1968, 1976-1977, 1980-1997	24 Years of Service
Edwin Wright – 1983-1986, 1998	5 Years of Service
Nicolas Fiset – 1999	1 Year of Service
Marie Rabideau – 1999	1 Year of Service
Kymberlee Lawton – 1999	1 Year of Service
Thomas J. Vinci – 1991-1994, 1996-1999	8 Years of Service

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

Helen Hart – 1993-1999	7 Years of Service
Charles L. Blinn Jr. – 1989-1991, 1993-1994, 1996-2000	10 Years of Service
B. Jill Senter – 1995-2000	6 Years of Service
Michael Emmons – 1989, 1992-1997, 2002-2003	9 Years of Service
Norman Marquis – 1998-2003	6 Years of Service
Susan Drew – 2001-2003	3 Years of Service
Brenda Major – 1989-1990, 1992-2003	14 Years of Service
Edward Pitts – 2003-2004	2 Years of Service
Diane Rothwell – 2005	1 Year of Service
George Melvin – 1991, 2004-2005	3 Years of Service
Marilyn Davis – 1997-2005	9 Years of Service
Ron Yeager – 1993-1999, 2006	8 Years of Service
Henry Szmyt – 1988-1997, 2000-2006	17 Years of Service
Ernest Sheltry – 2001-2006	6 Years of Service
George Peabody – 1990-2002, 2006	14 Years of Service
Donna M. Luciano – 2004-2007	4 Years of Service
Brian Levasseur – 2007	1 Year of Service
T. Richard Latham – 2000-2004, 2006-2007	7 Years of Service
Robert J. “Bob” Gray – 2004-2007	4 Years of Service
Bernadine A. Fitzgerald – 1992-2008	17 Years of Service
Janis S. Penta – 2000-2008	9 Years of Service
Ronald Hayes – 2003-2009	7 Years of Service
John A. Sherman – 1988-Present	24 Years of Service

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

Leona Stevens – 2010	1 Year of Service
Neal Morin – 2009-2010	2 Years of Service
Catherine R. Willis – 2008-2010	3 Years of Service
Gayle Hamel – 2009-Present	3 Years of Service
Benjamin Sadewicz – 2009-Present	3 Years of Service
Joyce Ingerson – 2008-Present	4 Years of Service
Patricia Holt – 2009-Present	3 Years of Service
Michele Conte – 2007-Present	5 Years of Service
Norman Bouchard – 2007-Present	5 Years of Service
Daniel Hooper – 2005-Present	7 Years of Service
Martha Sumner – 1998-2001, 2008-Present	8 Years of Service
Kristen Lewis Savage – 2000-Present	12 Years of Service