



*Town of Plaistow ♦ Water Committee*  
*145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865*

**POTABLE WATER MEETING**

**August 31, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:31 p.m.

Attendees: Francine Hart, *Chair Plaistow Board of Selectmen*  
Greg Taillon, *Vice Chair Plaistow Board of Selectmen*  
Julian Kiszka, *Selectman*  
John Blinn, *Selectman*  
Jay DeRoche, *Selectman*  
Beth Hossack, *Administrative Assistant*  
Gene Forbes, *P.E. Underwood Engineers - Remote Participant*  
Greg Colby, *Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager - Remote Participant*  
Dee Voss, *Planning Assistant - Remote Participant*

F. Hart states proposals received for the trash RFP will be opened before we start the water meeting. A total of four (4) proposals were received.

J. DeRoche opens a proposal from Casella. There are different options. The annual contract is \$357,000 for trash collection, \$170,000 for recycling and \$84/ton for solid waste.

G. Taillon opens a proposal from JRM Hauling & Recycling. The first year of a five (5) year contract will be \$540,000 annually (with an increase each year), the rate per ton for solid waste is \$95/ton and recycling is \$75/ton. These rates are reviewed annually.

J. Kiszka opens a proposal from Republic Services. The first year for curb side manual trash collection is \$430,360. By the fifth year the cost is \$503,460. The annual fee for recycling is \$189,000 for the first year and \$221,103 by the fifth year. The tonnage rate is \$84 in the first year and \$92.50 in year (2) two. In years 3 – 5 it will increase at the same percentage republic receives from the end site. Carts are available for purchase ranging from \$48 to \$52.

J. Blinn opens a proposal from Waste Management. The annual cost in the year 2022 is \$318,420 using 96-gallon carts. In the year 2026 the annual cost will be \$372,506. In 2022 the tonnage rate is \$75/ton and will be \$87.75 in 2026. Single stream recycling using 64-gallon carts will be \$271,440 in 2022 and will increase to \$317,546 in 2026.

F. Hart calls the Water Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

***G. Taillon motions to approve the minutes of July 20, 2020. Seconded by J. Deroche.***

***Vote: 5-0-0***

***Motion carries***

G. Forbes begins with an update. The P1 Contract - Water Mains has been awarded. The contractor is DeFelice Corporation. The contractor will be mobilizing on site soon and pipe laying should start the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, September 3 there is a project meeting. These meetings will continue bi-weekly throughout the duration of the project.

F. Hart asks if any more MtBE contaminated sites have been identified.

G. Forbes replies no. That part is on hold. It is being handled by the State of NH. He is not sure when they will resume testing. We know of at least 81 service connections for MtBE contaminated sites and the project estimate is up to 100 service connections.

G. Forbes states Contract P3 - Water Storage Tank is under construction. Lewis Builders is working with Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) on the tank. The project is moving along well. It should be done by the end of September. There have been no surprises.

G. Forbes states for Contract P2 – Pumping Station , they are working on the final design. An amendment has been submitted to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the project should be out to bid later this Fall.

Contract P4 – Service Connections is on hold. We do not need a Contract Operator until Spring. Then the Contract Operator will assist in finalizing the service connections.

G. Forbes states Underwood has been busy with routine project meetings.

F. Hart asks if we are on track for Contract P4 – Service Connections for 2021.

G. Taillon asks if we have determined the standards to allow contractors to connect residents and be in compliance with the Town.

G. Forbes states the final standards have not been determined yet. Each location will be visited to find the best location for connection. Specifications are being worked on as well as the type of material to be used for pipes. Metering has not been finalized however a lot of standard products will be used.

G. Taillon states he is not asking about MtBE contaminated sites, he is asking for other residents who want to connect. Who should they contact to connect?

G. Forbes states there is still work to be done before the information is public. Information on financing options should be available at the same time.

D. Voss states she is keeping a list of all people who may want to join. The information will be sent to all of them.

G. Forbes states the State of NH will pay for the service connections and the water line to the house/building for all MtBE contaminated properties. Others along the route who want to join will pay to bring the line from the water main to their property.

G. Taillon wants to know when we should start giving the information to residents.

G. Forbes states we need information prepared before Town Meeting.

F. Hart asks G. Colby if there is a deadline.

G. Colby states the first of the year is fine.

J. Kiszka asks if the pipe work will involve any full or partial road closings.

G. Forbes replies most likely there will be some impacts to traffic. The plan is to use New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) flagmen and police detail officers to assist.

J. DeRoche would like a schedule of construction work to be available to the public and posted on the website.

G. Forbes states there has only been one (1) meeting so far with the contractor for P1 Water Mains. The contractor still needs to submit a work schedule and various unknowns. A plan will be developed to share information.

D. Voss states she will be attending the project meeting on 9/3.

J. Kiszka asks which side of Sweet Hill Road will have the water main?

G. Forbes replies, if you are going up Sweet Hill most of the work will be on the left side. A few trees have already been removed and some utility poles were relocated. The contractor will be working closely with New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and Unifil for gas & electric. The right side of the road will be used in a few areas. They have chosen the best solution to minimize impacts.

J. Kiszka asks if the piping will be under grass or pavement.

G. Forbes replies off the pavement, off the shoulder of the road other than when it crosses the road.

### **USER FEES**

G. Forbes states at the last meeting rates were determined. Tonight, we should discuss other fees. Definitions are also important when discussing fees. Miscellaneous fees are used to run the water utility. Back at our January meeting a comprehensive list of draft charges were presented. Some of the fees are for items such as turning water on or off, special events and meters. He recommends the Board adopt the draft fees or suggest new fees.

F. Hart asks why the backflow test is so high (\$75.00) and does this test need to be done frequently.

G. Forbes explains this is test required by state law for large customers. It must be done frequently. A large apartment building falls into this category. A person must go to the location and perform a physical test. This is not required for residential houses. The fee is based on what it may cost a contract operator to complete. The draft fees are a starting point. When a contract operator is on board the miscellaneous fees can be adjusted.

J. Kiszka has an additional question to backflow readings. A large business such as Walmart will use water pressure from the potable water system to make their fire suppression work properly. If there are backflow issues this causes a higher risk for problems with fire suppression. Are they tested annually?

G. Forbes replies yes, and they are witnessed by the system operator.

F. Hart does not think we need fees for seasonal meters (as turning on and off) since we do not have seasonal housing in Plaistow.

The Board decides to leave the seasonal meter fees on the list. They may be needed in the future.

F. Hart states the system development charges are waived for MtBE users and the first 40,000 gallon after that. The 40,000 should be changed to 20,000 gallons.

G. Forbes states he will make the change.

***J. Kiszka motions to accept the fees as recommended with the correction of changing 40,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons. Seconded by J. Blinn.***

***Vote: 5-0-0***

***Motion carries***

A discussion is held regarding the next water meeting. The consensus is to hold the next meeting on Monday, November 30. In October G. Forbes will sent the Board a status report. The report will be posted on the Face Book page and the Town's website. J. DeRoche asks if other water material can be posted to the website. This will be done by D. Voss and B. Hossack.

F. Hart thanks D. Voss for her work on the Pollard Road Culvert Replacement Project. The project is complete, and it looks great.

J. Kiszka would like a simple flow chart of all Town prospects.  
J. DeRoche agrees.

F. Hart adjourned the public meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Hossack,  
Recording Secretary