



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: January 04, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

SELECTMEN:

Selectman, Steve Ranlett, Chairman
Selectman, Joyce Ingerson
Selectman, Julian Kiszka

Selectman, John Sherman Vice Chairman
Selectman, Tammy Bergeron
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA

MINUTES

J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of 12-28-15 with a correction of the typo on page 3 changing the “t” to “to”. Second by J. Ingerson.

Vote: 4-0-1 (T. Bergeron)

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMANDER DAVE MEANEY, AMERICAN LEGION POST 34

Commander Meaney is here tonight to start a dialogue between The Town of Plaistow and Post 34 in support of the approaching 100 year anniversary of the American Legion. The 100 year Anniversary will be in 2019. This will signify a century of service based on: 1) Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, 2) National Security, 3) Americanism, and 4) Children and Youth. The Carl G. Davis Post 34 was named after a Plaistow resident who gave the supreme sacrifice in WWII. He was 22 years old when he died in France. Commander Meaney mentions that membership in the Legion is not required for participation. He would like to start a joint committee with Legion Members, Board of Selectmen Members and Citizens of Plaistow to better serve our Veterans. One of his goals is to provide transportation for veterans and elders in need. He also wants all Veterans and active duty military members and families to know that Post 34 is a resource for assistance.

J. Sherman states he supports Post 34 and he knows he speaks for the Elder Affairs Committee as well.

S. Ranlett states he is impressed with the amount of support the American Legion provides. He notes that any veteran can solicit help from the American Legion, there is a long list of services available.

J. Sherman recommends a page in the Annual Town Report be reserved for the American Legion Post 34 and Commander Meaney agrees to submit a report for inclusion.

S. Fitzgerald requests support from the BOS to work with Commander Meaney, and in turn to work with the community in partnerships for this project.

The consensus of the Board is for the Town Manager to work with Commander Meaney to start the process of preparing for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.

The Board thanks Commander Meaney for his presentation.

2016 BUDGET REVIEW

S. Fitzgerald states the Budget Committee met last Tuesday and approved all of the changes recommended by the Board of Selectmen. He feels we have a fiscally conservative budget that allows us to address contractual obligations yet keep a handle on municipal finances. At this time, he is not recommending any other changes to the budget. He hopes the weather will not require any changes to the highway budget. If there are any changes to be made they will be done at the Deliberative Session.

J. Sherman motions we recommend warrant article P-16-03 as presented with an Operating Budget of \$8,346,355 and a default budget of \$8,349,768. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

REVIEW OF 2016 PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES

S. Fitzgerald states he changed some of the language in Article P-16-0, Public Safety Bond Issue based on a recommendation by D. Heffernan of the budget committee. The updated language is written as "In 2015, the Board of Selectman (BOS) engaged the services of an Owners Project Manager (OPM) to help reduce the scope and cost of the proposed project from \$11 Million to \$8.5 Million. The BOS also hired a General Contractor to help provide additional cost certainty and mitigate risk for the proposed project."

J. Sherman motions we recommend the revised article P-16-02, Public Safety Complex Expansion Bond Issue, as presented to us on January 4, 2016. Second by J. Ingerson.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions we recommend article P-16-07, Unmarked Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund Creation And Deposit in the amount of \$12,000. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 3-2-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions we recommend article P-16-08, Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund Deposit in the amount of \$11,900. Second by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman mentions that not all warrant articles have been recommended by the BOS. The number of warrant articles has been reduced down from 32 to 16.

J. Sherman motions we recommend article P-16-14 Highway Department Front End Loader Replacement for \$120,000. Second by S. Ranlett. The money comes from a withdrawal of the capital reserve account and a withdrawal from the New Road Impact Fee Fund. No money will be raised through taxation in 2016.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

Warrant Article P-16-15- Town Clerks salary is discussed. J. Sherman clarifies that HB258 was passed which increased the fees for vehicle registrations with the idea being, the increase would be used to increase the Town Clerk salary so long as the Town chose to do so.

Discussion ensues regarding the intent.

S. Ranlett suggests changing the wording in the intent from “this fund brought in” to “these fees account for”.

J. Sherman agrees, and notes that last year there was a Cost of Living raise for the Town Clerk, which is included in the operating budget however, a performance raise is not included in the operating budget. If this increase is passed it will bring the salary closer to similar size municipalities.

J. Sherman motions we recommend article P-16-15, Raise for the Town Clerk in the amount of \$4,456. Second by J. Ingerson.

Vote: 4-1-0 (J. Kiszka)

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions we recommend article P-16-16, Establishment of a Solar Energy Systems Exemption. Second by J. Ingerson.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

It is mentioned that the Boston Globe recently printed an article stating that Google provides a tool that can help people save on energy costs. It uses 3D photography and topography to identify areas to be corrected.

J. Kiszka mentions that Congress recently voted to extend the Energy Credits that were suppose to expire in 2016.

J. Sherman motions we recommend article P-16-17, Citizen’s Petition. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 0-5-0

Motion is denied.

Discussion ensues. If this warrant article passes, there will most likely be a legal challenge that will be costly to taxpayers. It is noted that the Board cannot make any changes to this warrant article or the intent, only the residents can.

J. Sherman motions to replace the parenthetical expression now at the end of P-16-17 to say the “BOS unanimously voted to not recommend this warrant article.” Second by J.

Ingerson.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Legal Review of all warrant Articles

Assessing Exemptions

Active Shooter Training

Potable Water Feasibility Study

Budget Committee Meeting

Presidential Primary

Public Hearing on Safety Complex Bond

Timberlane School Board Meeting

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

List is Reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMENS REPORTS

J. Sherman

- Mentions the budget committee wonders if cell phones should be required for all BOS members. Discussion ensues regarding ability to contact and privacy.
- There is proposed legislation House Bill 13-03 to modify RSA 195 regarding a Town’s ability to withdraw from a school system; the Sandown withdrawal from Timberlane is not necessarily over.
- Need to plan for attending the poles during the election.

J. Ingerson

- Nothing to report, though inquires if the Town arranges rides to the polls. S. Fitzgerald states the Town does not but individual candidate’s campaign teams would most likely provide rides.

S. Ranlett

- Will Attend the Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday.
- Sends out prayers to Norm Major and Rick Blair.
- Reminds Veterans and their families to reach out to the American Legion for assistance.

J. Kiszka

- Mentions the Public Safety Coloring contest

T. Bergeron

- Will attend the Public Safety Committee Meeting on Friday. Mentions there are several dates scheduled for Open Houses at the Public Safety Complex. They are also listed on the Public Safety Face book page.
- Already working on 2016 Old Home Day Preparation, the date is set for June 18, 2016.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel
Recording Secretary