



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:39 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Charles Blinn - excused

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin – arrived 8:03 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Robert Gray

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one present wishing to speak

PATCH PRESENTATION – LT. WILLIAM BALDWIN AND REPRESENTATIVE NORM MAJOR

W. Baldwin thanked all for letting them be present this evening. He discussed Emergency Management Operations, both history and current day, and Department Heads and State support. The support of individuals is enormous. The help of these individuals support the operation to accomplish the mission they have been tasked to do. They are enjoying the progress they have been making. It is a team effort. The Department has been awarded \$29,237 in Emergency Management Grants which has designed a communication package to outfit the mobile EOC Unit. They are looking to use the vehicle as a regional resource not only in New Hampshire but across the border into Massachusetts.

N. Major noted the Emergency Management Department is very vital to the Town of Plaistow. It was previously ran by Bill Scully and currently handled by Lt. Baldwin who has been able to get grants to help the Department.

W. Baldwin noted as a token of the Departments' appreciation he wanted to present to each Selectmen a patch plaque which had each Selectmen's name on it. The new identity of the Emergency Management Department is the patch and their motto is "Success Through Preparedness". The plaque is a token of the Department's appreciation for the Board's continued support. He presented the Emergency Management Department Staff each with a plaque also.

S. Savage thanked Lt Baldwin and the Board of Selectmen. He noted it was not the Department it was the people who work in the Communication Center that make it happen and on behalf of them he would accept his award.

S. Fitzgerald discussed kennel and NH Department of Safety and noted it was a proud moment to recognize the success that they have been able to achieve.

M. Curran thanked the Staff for everything they have done during the storms and for all their effort they put in that no one may notice.

APPOINTMENT – KATE VAVRA, BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CATHERINE WILLIS/JEN KIARSIS

M. Curran noted Jen Kiarsis was leaving the Library Board of Trustees after a five year term.

K. Vavra introduced herself: she has been a resident of Plaistow for 37 years and has been on the Library Board of Trustees for five years. She originally decided not to run and to serve as an Alternate on the Board however she decided to stay on.

J. Sherman welcomed Kate Vavra.

Motion by R. Gray to appoint Kate Vavra to a one-year term on the Library Trustees Board effective March 12, 2013 to be sworn in with all the other elected officials.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 3-0-0.

Motion carries.

C. Willis noted she was revoking her resignation and would be staying on the Board (she still has two years left on her appointment term).

RULES AND REGULATIONS – FIRE CHIEF JOHN MCARDLE

J. McArdle noted the Selectmen reviewed/received the Fire Department's Rules and Regulations two weeks ago and modifications have been made since the Board's discussion with the Chief.

J. Sherman inquired if the only changes were the ones discussed at the BOS meeting on the 11th.

J. McArdle noted yes. He and Dan Poliquin spoke about the details of the changes and all have been worked out.

J. Sherman noted he was okay with signing the document this evening.

Motion by R. Gray to approve the Rules and Regulation for the Plaistow Fire Department as presented to the Board of Selectmen on February 25th 2013.

2nd by J. Sherman.

J. Sherman noted the Board went over and reviewed this document thoroughly two weeks ago. Tonight was just to approve the document

Vote: 3-0-0.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING – LAND EXCHANGE

M. Curran opened up the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

S. Fitzgerald discussed PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Land Exchange; Overview-Land swap; addressing the need for additional property adjacent to the Cemetery; Overview-Right of First Refusal; Negotiations of the a legally written document; legal agreement; RSA 41:14-A (acquisition or sale of Land Buildings); Seek review and recommendation of Conservation and Planning Board; Hold First Public Hearing (tonight); 10-14 days after first Public Hearing hold a second public Hearing; if 50

voters oppose transaction and present a petition to the BOS prior to the vote, the matter must go to Town Meeting; after second Public Hearing and if there is no petition the BOS can vote on the matter; Overview of Town-Owned Property and Private Property to be Exchanged; Lot Line Adjustment; Proposed Road Layout with access to all parcels; Town's process for Pursuing the Land Swap; Legal Agreement Signed by BOS and Mr. Palmer; Planning Board and Conservation met to discuss agreement; and Planning Board and Conservation agreed to agreement.

J. Sherman inquired if this potential additional access to the Cemetery would expand the Cemetery in the winter months.

S. Fitzgerald noted this would allow residents to extend their visit during inclement weather months.

R. Gray thought it was important to recognize Alden Palmer for allowing the Town to entertain the land exchange. The exchange would allow the Town an expansion of the cemetery. He discussed the aging infrastructure in Town and his part in the renovation of Town Hall. He was looking forward to working on another aged facility in Town (Safety Complex). He thanked Alden for allowing the land exchange to go forward and thought it was a good thing for the Town.

Dave Cantone of 15 Palmer Avenue – discussed his proximity to the land exchange. He noted he always watched the Board of Selectmen meetings on TV. He thanked the Board for their integrity and time they put in. He inquired as to how far off in the future would be building a Public Safety Complex.

M. Curran noted it depended on a lot of factors however the land exchange would allow them to be able to have the land available when and if the process went forward. Studies would need to be done; the Board would need to ask for the support of the community and it would need to be put on a Warrant. The needs are there however they need to weigh the needs of the community and the money.

S. Fitzgerald discussed critical path; asking to move forward with an engineer study; project being several years out; and there still is a lot of work that needs to be done.

D. Cantone was opposed to a Public Safety Center. He thanked both Chiefs and their Staff for all their hard work.

M. Curran discussed retrofitting the current Safety Complex.

R. Gray discussed issues with infrastructure and the understanding of money being tight. He noted that when they get to the finance question it will be decided by the Town's people not the Board however from a management standpoint it was their job to inform the Town's people that there is a problem with the structure.

S. Savage noted that the acquisition of the property from day one was nothing more than an insurance policy for the Town.

M. Curran closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A-3 II (d) NEGOTIATIONS – TOWN FORREST – JILL SENTER

S. Fitzgerald discussed page 5 of this Town Manager Report (Conservation Commission/Blanding Turtle). He noted Tim Moore was present to discuss. He noted Jill Senter was not able to be present

this evening however she will be at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss Conservation seeking an appraisal of a property that abuts the Town Forest and expending \$1,200 for the appraisal.

T. Moore discussed notification from NH DES to do monitoring of the Blanding Turtle (threaten species) in the Town Forrest. They plan to trap the turtles and release them to get an inventory of the turtles.

M. Curran inquired if the traps would endanger other animals and how often the traps would be checked.

T. Moore discussed Fish and Game being involved and their humane ways.

S. Fitzgerald did not anticipate much threat to other animals. He thought it would help their wildlife.

T. Moore thought the trap would be more of a 'lobster type trap'.

J. Sherman inquired if they were going to talk about the other subject – funds.

M. Curran would like to hold off until Dan Poliquin arrives.

S. Fitzgerald noted Jill will be available for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

T. Moore noted the particular property in question (house) has access to Atkinson and their swimming pool in in Plaistow. The person is willing to give three or four acres of their property to Plaistow to conserve however in order to do that we need to subdivide and in order to do that we need to know the value of the land.

M. Curran noted those were part of Dan Poliquin's questions and she suggested to defer until next week's Board of Selectmen meeting.

J. Sherman favored this. He thought it was a good thing to expand the Town Forrest. He was willing to defer until the next BOS meeting if that was the choice of the Board.

T. Moore suggested waiting until next week.

TOWN MANGAER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald:

- Beede - Trucking to begin this week. Nonhazardous material will be trucked out (approximately 565 truckloads and 28 working days).
- Waterline around Beede site (bringing public water to 22 units) is nearly complete.
- Received 100KW generator from Fort Devens.
- New Fire Truck received on Friday afternoon.
- Cable Budget show has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 1st.
- Toddler Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 29th at 11am
- Community Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 30th at 11am
- PTA Pancake Breakfast is at Pollard School on March 30th at 8:30 am
- Old Home Day Committee meets Tuesday, February 26th.
- Old Fire Station (The Museum) has not had hot water for twenty years. He has asked the Building Inspector to look into this.

R. Gray noted he would like to know how much this would cost.

- Cemetery officially closed but is accessible. It is difficult to travel down the Old Section however the newer section is easily accessible.
- Goals are attached to the Town Manager Report and have been updated.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2013 as written.

2nd by: R. Gray.

Vote: 3-0-0.

Motion carries.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business discussed.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

M. Curran noted the Manifest and Signature folders were going around.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Sherman:

- Budget Committee not meeting. They will meet sometime in April for their Reorganization.
- Town Report is at the Printer and needs to be available on March 4th.
- Attended Recreation Commission because Dan Poliquin was not able to attend. They discussed:
 - Cancelled Events because of low participation
 - Every event will now have a drop dead date
 - No go dates will be published so people can plan accordingly
 - Opening Day at PARC is on May 4th
 - They hoped that someone was working on doing something for Carli and they would like to participate in Carli's party planning
 - They had a successful basketball program - 100 kids signed up
 - Christina mentioned that things are getting busier for her as the Interim Rec Director; she expressed concerns for being able to get everything done in the allotted 24 hours; she and Sean have discussed
 - Billing for field usage - there is a policy (lacrosse and football)
- Passing of Dave Nye – very involved with Recreation.
- Attended visiting hours and funeral for Dave Nye. Wonderful guy who did a lot of great things for the Town. His family will miss him. He has four children - youngest being a junior in high school. He will certainly be missed.

D. Poliquin arrived at 8:03 p.m.

R. Gray:

- Was asked about the possibility of dedicating a field in David Nye's name and what the procedure would be. He directed them to the Rec Commission before coming before the Board of Selectmen. (Bob and John discussed and noted they would work together).
- Planning Board meeting was cancelled.
- Attended Beede conference call. Has not attended previous ones due to his work schedule.

- Historical Society has been posting excerpts from someone's diary from the 1800s (Isaac Merrill).

J. Sherman noted the Historical Society was looking for a Selectmen Representative for their committee and he suggested that when the Board does their assignments that they should consider the Historical Society.

D. Poliquin:

- Attended CEDS Steering Committee Meeting. They went over updates and recommendation on projects. They wanted to either take them off the list or move them from short term to long term status. Plaistow has one on the short term and one on the intermediate list. The one on the application for this year for lighting on the access road has been put on hold for the moment. They are looking for more information and the lighting alone does not meet the requirements. It is too small of an infrastructure requirement. They are doing a survey on the Local Government Sector on broad ban regarding an in house study.
- Highway Safety meeting is this Friday.

M. Curran:

- Family Mediation was cancelled last week. It has been rescheduled to this week however it has been cancelled also. Donated time at Rockingham Park (the track). She completed 6 hours of volunteer hours at the track at Texas Hold 'Em. The money raised gets donated to the organization's program. She met some very interesting and friendly people but it was a late night.
- This week is school vacation.
- St. Patrick Day Crafts are at the Library.
- Mad About Science is at the Library on Tuesday.
- The Butterfly Guy is at the Library on Wednesday.
- Folk Singer Rick Goldin is at the Library on Thursday.
- Friday is Free Skate at Skateland in Haverhill and all need to preregister.
- Gave condolences to Bob Farrar's Family.
- Gave condolences to the Sherman Family.
- Gave condolences to the Nye and Lovett Family.
- Gave condolences to the Surette Family.

NON PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3 II (a) PERSONNEL AND (d) NEGOTIATIONS

*Motion by R. Gray to go into Non Public under RSA 9-A:3 II (a) Personnel and (d) Negotiations.
2nd by J Sherman.*

Board polled: M. Curran=yes; J. Sherman=yes; R. Gray=yes; D. Poliquin=yes

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero