



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: Monday, March 4, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Charles Blinn

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin - arrived 6:36 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Robert Gray

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2013 as written.

2nd by: R. Gray.

Vote: 3-0-1.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

R. Jeffrey discussed:

- 60th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War. He suggested Citations be given to the Korean Veterans similar to the ones received by the WWII Veterans and to have them distributed during Memorial Day.

J. Sherman thought it was a good idea.

R. Gray favored the idea.

S. Fitzgerald noted he had discussed this with Commander Meaney. He discussed the coordination of lists and working together to get this completed.

- Recreation activity: Saturday afternoon he and a group of others went by bus to the Palace in Manchester, ate at Margaritas and saw a show called Divas.
- Today 25 seniors had lunch at the Long Horn Restaurant. They had a lot of fun.
- Honor Flight to Washington DC - July 16th he is going to participant. He will be flown to Washington to see the WWII Monument.

TOWN FOREST – JILL SENTER/TIM MOORE

M. Curran inquired how often the turtles would be checked.

J. Senter noted the traps would be set on Monday, checked on Wednesday and pulled on Friday. The trap is similar to a minnow trap – partially in the water and on land. The traps are to count the turtles not to capture the turtles. They will be at one site for one week.

Motion by R. Gray to authorize NH DES access to Plaistow Town Forest properties for the purpose of monitoring Blanding Turtles.

2nd by J. Sherman.

Vote 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

J. Senter discussed appraisal for ARM Grant. She noted the appraisal was a portion of the ARM grant.

D. Poliquin discussed his concerns: expending money, needing feedback from other committees, approval of expenditures, and the need for more information such as where the property is and what is the purchase price and time limitation. He noted he was in favor of increasing the Town Forrester.

S. Fitzgerald discussed Aquatic Mitigation Grant.

D. Poliquin Suggested going forward to have all the appropriate information available before making a decision.

S. Fitzgerald noted the appraisal was for a piece of the property not the entire property.

J. Sherman was in favor of the project. He knew a little bit more about the project because of Plaistow First Committee. The money was for an appraisal not a survey. He noted he heard \$1,200 for the appraisal however the sample motion wording indicates \$3,000.

S. Fitzgerald noted he asked for \$3,000 because he was not sure what the quote would be however they have gone out for quotes and the \$1,200 should be a good number.

S. Sherman was still in favor of it and would be glad to make the motion. He agreed with Dan that the initial information was a bit sketchy. He was concerned for the sample motion because it included the party's name.

Motion by J. Sherman to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$1,200 for the purpose of conducting an appraisal as part of the Aquatic Mitigation Grant received by the Town.

2nd by D. Poliquin.

M. Curran noted she was very much in favor.

S. Sherman noted he was in favor; he just wanted to clear up some information.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

J. Senter discussed three parcels needing to be appraised and a fourth parcel would have to go before the Governors Counsel.

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

M. Curran announced the dedication of Plaistow's Annual Town Report was being dedicated to Charles "Buzzy" Blinn.

Board discussed Buzzy's dedication and their proudness for having Buzzy part of their lives, community and their Board. Buzzy has had 21 consecutive years of service. His family was present to honor this dedication. Pictures were taken and words were exchanged.

C. Blinn thanked everyone who was being present, his family, his friends and for keeping the dedication a secret from him.

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE – TIM MOORE

S. Fitzgerald discussed working with NHDOT to coordinate a feasibility study on the MBTA project. The legislature will meet this week to discuss a toll credit match.

J. Sherman inquired if the meeting was to talk about funding.

T. Moore discussed 80% federal money and 20% local source; should the case go forward the MBTA would provide the local match for the project; DOT has committed toll credits; the State spends a lot of money on the turnpike system; and matching money.

GOALS

S. Fitzgerald reviewed BOS Goals:

- Goal #1: Continue to coordinate the resolution for any outstanding issues on the Town Hall generator and make a recommendation regarding the possible replacement of the Safety Complex generator.

Board discussed generator and details.

- Goal #2: Investigate/research plans for water testing for Old County Road Wells. Implement agreements with property owners for water usage of the Old County Road wells (Non Public).
- Goal #3: Work with the Public Safety Complex Committee to accomplish their charge from the Board of Selectmen.
- Goal #4: Explore opportunities for reducing the costs related to waste collection and disposal including options for improving the levels of recycling within the Town.
- Goal #5: Present a proposal for a solution to the salt storage problem at the Highway Garage location that satisfies the environmental issues while providing a cost effective solution for salt storage.

R. Gray would like to expand the Goal by adding the words "Highway Garage".

M. Curran would like to make it a separate Goal instead of combining them.

J. Sherman agreed with Michelle – make it a separate Goal.

- Goal #6: Develop a maintenance plan for the cell tower that ensures its long-term usage while protecting the Town's annual revenue.

J. Sherman suggested that this Goal is completed. The original goal was to complete a plan and the plan has been completed.

- Goal #7: Develop a Technology Plan that maximizes the use of current technology including but not limited to the cable studio, existing computer networks, GIS and Town web site, and use of Facebook, use of social media and that includes strategies for future technology improvements.

S. Fitzgerald discussed equipping Selectmen with a Town cell phone that reads email to better serve them.

J. Sherman suggested the Board have individual emails and not use their own personal emails.

M. Curran discussed Atkinson

S. Fitzgerald inquired if the Selectmen would like to have a Town email.

R. Gray discussed picking up the Town's web email address on his personal cell phone and/or computer it could still be taken away from him because he was still pulling the information on his device.

D. Poliquin noted the information would be stored on the server not the phone.

M. Curran suggested Sean look at the logistics and the cost associated with providing Selectmen with devices. Atkinson sights as a benefit that when the Board changes, the device is handed down to the next person.

J. Sherman thought it could be part of a bigger plan but he was interested in having a Town email.

S. Fitzgerald noted he was looking at changing the domain for the Town. The Town currently has a .com and he would like a .gov.

- Goal #8: Work with Town Staff and the Assessing Agent to deliver a plan for improving public access to the property tax cards, including cost of implementations.
- Goal #9: Work to help facilitate a Plaistow/MBTA station.

Goal #10: Fill Open Positions.

J. Sherman suggested the Goal is closed.

M. Curran agreed.

- Goal #11: Successfully negotiate labor contracts with Bargaining Units in Town. (Non Public)
- Goal #12: Coordinate meeting on Main Street Traffic Calming with Highway Safety Committee and Board of Selectmen regarding Main Street by June 13, 2011.

J. Sherman agreed with assessment that the Goal is completed.

R. Gray agreed.

TOWN MANGAER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald:

- Received phone call from NHDES regarding 2013 Warrant for Water.
- Has spoken to Alden Palmer. He has thanked the Board for the Public Hearing.
- ZBA has approved a sign variance for iParty.
- Legislative breakfast on Wednesday (Water's Worth It!) Information on drinking water, wastewater treatment, and storm water management in NH.
- Number of Recreational programs are moving forward: Parker Maple House on March 20th, Made in NH Expo on April 5th, and Foxwoods on April 25th.
- Moving forward with Recreation Director interviews.
- Old Home Day Committee met and discussed holding their event the 3rd Saturday versus the 4th Saturday.
- MS4 permit – new draft permit will have additional requirements.
- Beede Group has filed an abatement application.
- Equalization Ratio.
- Elder Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet March 5th.
- Planning Board is scheduled to meet March 6th
- Friday night Martha Sumner, John Sherman and he walked through the Budget on the Cable Show.
- Highway Safety Committee meeting met this past Friday.
- Area Selectmen meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 7pm in Kingston.

OTHER BUSINESS

D. Poliquin discussed one of the generators from the surplus he had heard was slated to go to the Firing Range.

S. Fitzgerald noted they had not decided yet however they have designated one of the Hummers to the Police Department and the other Hummer to the Fire Department.

D. Poliquin thought the surplus equipment should be able to be designated by Sean.

S. Fitzgerald noted he has discussed with the Police Chief that he has to review the equipment with him first and if it is over \$5,000 then it would go to the Board first.

D. Poliquin noted during the Highway Safety Committee meeting they discussed the Walgreen project and noted that part of the state requirements for the driveway permit there was that at the intersection of Main Street, Haseltine and South Main it was to become a three way stop. They are requiring a stop sign be put there.

S. Fitzgerald thought he put this information in one of his prior Town Manager Reports.

R. Gray noted that this was part of the original Planning Board process.

Joyce Ingerson, Alternate on the Planning Board inquired if a traffic study was done.

R. Gray noted yes, a traffic study was done and the three way stop was taken into consideration.

Board discussed plaza area.

M. Curran noted Barack Obama declared a major disaster for the State of NH due to Hurricane Sandy.

M. Curran inquired if the Town had renewed the Historical Society Lease. The Historical Society pays \$1 rent to the Town.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Sherman:

- Town Report Committee – report completed – Town Report Dedication presentation given.
- Budget Committee will have reorganization in April.
- Plaistow First has not met for a while.
- Three of them got together Friday evening (Martha Sumner, Sean Fitzgerald and himself) to tape the Budget Show on Cable TV.
- Attended the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Luncheon. He had a good time. It was a nice event. It was good to see numerous positive things happening.

R. Gray:

- Planning Board meeting this coming Wednesday night.
- Will be absent at the next Board of Selectmen meeting – he is on vacation.

C. Blinn:

- On vacation last week.
- ConCom this Thursday.
- Elder Affairs Committee meets on Tuesday. He has a meeting elsewhere but will attend.

D. Poliquin:

- Attended Highway Safety Committee meeting. They are checking on a radar message trailer which can be used for emergencies or Town events. There are grants available for a portion of that. A recommendation will be coming from the Highway Safety Committee to the Board of Selectmen at a later date. They have checked into three different units. They also discussed LED street lights; Old South Main Street section that the Town had swapped with the State for Haseltine; discussed Slipper Lane on Elm Street; possible four way stop at East Pine and West Pine. The State has said no.
- Spent time with new fire truck over the weekend. A very nice piece of apparatus. They did a great job laying out the tool cabinets and everything else.

M. Curran:

- Family Mediation was cancelled last week. They will meet two weeks from now in March.
- Rec Department did a wonderful job during school vacation. It is wonderful to have activities for kids during school vacation.
- This is not a recycling week.
- Town Reports are available.
- Elder Affairs meets Tuesday at 3 pm.
- Planning Board meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- Conservation Commission meets at 7:00 pm on Thursday.

J. Sherman noted that Buzzy mentioned it in passing: They started together about 23 years ago on the Budget Committee. After 9 or 10 years Buzzy ran for Selectmen. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with him. He always felt Buzzy was working for the Town of Plaistow. His legacy is that he has made Plaistow a better place to live.

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; C. Blinn=yes; R. Gray=yes; D. Poliquin=yes

Public Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero