



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: March 10, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Robert Gray

Selectman, Michelle Curran

Selectman, Daniel Poliquin arrived 6:47 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman

Selectman, Joyce Ingerson

Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the minutes of March 3rd, 2014

2nd M. Curran

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roy Jeffrey speaks stating that he has two books regarding the Town of Plaistow, the Veterans Memorial Bridge and the Plaistow Town Forest. These books belong to the Town and I would like permission to give them to the library.

R. Gray inquires if there is any objection to R. Jeffrey's request. Hearing none, the Board grants permission to R. Jeffrey to donate the books to the Library.

R. Jeffrey continues, stating that several years ago, he gave the town an organ that is on the stage. Would the town consider lending it to Performing Arts Center at the Timberlane Regional School.

S. Fitzgerald states that Selectman Poliquin is planning on playing the organ in the near future.

R. Jeffrey states he will wait for the performance by Selectmen Poliquin. He continues, stating that last Saturday afternoon he attended the party for Tom Cullen that was held at the Library celebrating his Irish citizenship. There was a bagpipe player and Irish step dancers. He would like to thank Jim Peck for planning the occasion.

S. Fitzgerald states that Jim Peck taped it and it will be shown on channel 17.

REVIEW OF NH TRAILS GRANT

S. Fitzgerald states that the 2014 NH Trails Grant application was submitted. Working with the Plaistow Conservation Commission and The Southeast Land Trust. This grant will continue the successful work we have done with the 2013 ARMS Grant that was in the amount of \$100,000.00.

That grant helps to identify the areas near the Frog Pond that is a very historical part of the town. It is a very ancient part of Plaistow that was once a settlement area. There are trails and pathways and contain wildlife and habitats, including a rookery that contain some endangered species. We would like to restore the area by removing old vehicles and debris that have been accumulating over time. The goal is to help support walking trails. The creation of a map and brochure to utilize the area in a safe way.

J. Sherman states that this is a great project. An overlay map would be very informative for residents to see the land and the trails and pathways that can be utilized.

Discussion occurs regarding mapping and topography and the uniqueness of the area.

S. Fitzgerald states that he anticipates coming back before the board with an answer regarding the grant.

WELFARE GUIDELINES – REVIEW OF CHANGES

S. Fitzgerald states that the Affidavit for Welfare Assistance for Housing has been updated to conform to the boards language changes.

Consensus of the board is to accept the changes.

2014 TOWN MEETING REVIEW

R. Gray states there is a message from the Town Moderator, Bob Harb, to attend the Town Meeting to count write in votes. Please Come Out And Vote. Note to the Public, the Selectmen will be at the Pollard School in the evening.

S. Fitzgerald states there is a lot of information up on the Town Website, there are some very important Warrants on the Ballot this year.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

S. Fitzgerald states:

- The Town Report is available to the Public, the Historical Society section is especially great.
- Planning Board received a letter from Hillcrest Estates regarding the waiving of Impact Fees. The Board of Selectmen discussed this as well. I am pleased to report that the impact fees for Recreation for Public Safety. The Planning Board is considering a proposal regarding the Education Impact fees. The Planning Board also had the opportunity to review the site plan for the Tactical Training Center. That was approved. Selectmen Gray has requested that the Town look into the encroachment that has been observed on the landfill. The property owner will be notified. We will take steps to investigate and determine what has happened and if a strategy for restoration is appropriate we can do that as well.
- Highway Safety Committee last Friday. We discussed posting signs stating no through trucking. The committee discussed the Safe Routes to School Grant, we will be purchasing Bike Helmets and organizing a Bike Rodeo for the school children. We also discussed posting signs, indicating to “Slow Down”, another suggestion, “Drive AS If Your Children Lived Here.”
- Carlton Path Update, we will set a deadline of June 1, 2014 for the Mosher’s restoration.

- NH DOT MBTA Meeting held this past week. Enclose in your folders is a copy of the activities that took place. Cliff Sinnott can be invited to come in before the Board to discuss the site options available.
 - J. Sherman requests to defer for a week.
- Pro Bark Letter – Copies are enclosed of all of the documentation that has been provided to Mr. Scott Sullivan, a resident with concerns regarding ProBark. It is a permitted use and has been a long standing one.
- Public Safety Complex Committee Update – RFQ's sent out and on Town's Website.
- Stormwater Task Force Meeting – May 1, 2014 deadline to file the Town's MS-4
 - Discussion occurs regarding Selectmen representation and a regional approach in order to share costs rather than towns of various sizes shouldering the financial burdens alone.
- This is a Federal requirement.
 - R. Gray States we should all be writing to our Congressmen and State Representatives.
 - J. Sherman requests to draft a letter to restate the Towns position regarding the costs of the mandated actions.
 - S. Fitzgerald restates that regionally communities sharing costs can potentially save money for meeting the MS-4 standards.
- Highway Safety Grants – 3 Grants: \$13,041.60; Enforcement, DWI, Red Light Running Patrols. These are annual grants we typically get every year.
- Plaistow Volunteer Cert (Citizens Emergency Response Team) Team informational night will be held on Wednesday, March 26th 6-8 pm.
- Tom Cullen received his *Irish Citizenship*; I would like to present a proclamation in recognition of his accomplishment.
- Testa to be discussed in Non-Public session.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Sherman states the meeting for Larry Gil, last Monday afternoon, Bob Hobbs stated that he has many photos of persons that he didn't know who they were. J. Sherman was able to identify the persons in the photos. Jim Peck found a water study from 1933 that indicated Plaistow should take their water from Haverhill. Apparently every 40 years the town looks at this issue. He hands out copies to the board of the 1933 study.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

R. Gray notes the signature folder and AP Manifest are going around.

SELECTMENS REPORTS

M. Curran:

- Attended an Elder Affairs meeting, at the Plaistow Library. Cab Vinton gave us some insight on future activities being planned for Elders. Some ideas focus on topics of particular interest such as internet training, book clubs, a cribbage day, knitting groups, kindle and nook usage training. Pamphlets geared to what is going on in the library and other area libraries are available. They encourage people to bring in their personal collections and put them on display. Meeting space is available for groups. Large print book areas for persons who want the lasted releases but want them in large print are available. Museum passes, home bound delivery where they drop off and pick up books for you. There are volunteer opportunities

available. There is always an opportunity to learn something new. There are online databases, online classes, language learning opportunities, research your genealogy .They are looking for partners to help get this information out regarding all they have to offer. The next meeting is April 1st and we will be talking about transportation.

R. Gray:

- Attended the Planning Board meeting last Wednesday, they discussed regarding Hillcrest Estates they have agreed to pay the impact fees for Recreation and Public Safety Impact Fees and 25% for School Impact fees. I did ask that Mr. Fougere to review the information and he is recommending it. We also review the information for the Firing Range and it was approved as well. The Code Enforcement Officer will be looking into the encroachment issue. Both he and Chief Savage have agreed to speak to the abutter. They also reviewed some Master Plan work for the community input that we are looking for with the Master Plan update.
- Election Day tomorrow, “Get out and Vote”.
- Finally, this is my last meeting on the Board of Selectmen. Thank you to the people of the town of Plaistow, serving the people is an honor. Thank you to the employees of the Town for your support, All of the Town Managers, Sean Fitzgerald and past town managers, and especially my parents they deserve as much credit as I do, especially for all of their support.

J. Sherman:

- Recommend not driving south bound on East Road in Atkinson. The road is in very poor condition.
- S. Fitzgerald and himself did record a presentation for the Budget Warrant Articles and it has been posted to Channel 17 and Vimeo.

J. Ingerson:

- Nothing to report; please get out and vote polls are open at 7 am and closes at 8 pm.

D. Poliquin:

- Attended the Highway Safety Committee meeting last Friday, we discussed route truck traffic signs on side roads, we voted to put forth to the Board of Selectmen on a trial basis to put up no through trucking signs. Chief Savage and D. Garlington will come before the board in the next couple of weeks to discuss the information. We also discussed SRTS, Principal Gaydos from Pollard School attended, we discussed the bike rodeo. Signage was also discussed, the signs were chosen from a sub-committee. There may be a contest in the elementary school to design a SRTS logo for the sign.
- Rockingham Economic Development has a meeting this Wednesday at noon, in their new facility.
- Recreation Commission meeting on Wednesday evening. Inquires if anyone present would like D. Poliquin to address at a meeting.
- R. Gray state that he may want to mention at the Highway Safety Committee meeting that I noticed on East Pine Street down by the 125 section, the pot holes are tremendous and need attention. Every year it is very poor and recommends the Highway Department reclaim and rebuild the road.

***Motion by: J. Sherman to enter into non-public session RSA 9-A:311(a) Personnel, (c) Reputation
(d) Negotiations***

2nd: M. Curran

***Board Polled: R. Gray = yes, J. Sherman = yes, D. Poliquin = yes, J. Ingerson = yes, M. Curran =
yes.***

Public meeting adjourned 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Lee Noel