



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: June 2, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:40 PM

SELECTMEN:

Chairman, Daniel Poliquin
Selectman, Michelle Curran
Selectman, Steve Ranlett arrived 7:17 pm

Vice Chairman, John Sherman,
Selectman, Joyce Ingerson
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014

2nd M. Curran

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DEDICATION OF THE POW/MIA REMEMBERANCE DISPLAY – COMMANDER DAVE MEANEY & ADJUTANT RICK BICKERSTAFF

Commander Meaney states that the Memorial Day Celebration was a great success. The Town and the American Legion share a common interest in honoring the American Veterans and continue to enjoy a great relationship working together on this joint effort. The appearances of Governor Hassan, US Senator Jeanne Shaheen, NH Senate President Morse and NH Representative Major along with our local officials really made it special.

There is a group of military personnel that most Americans know little of, they are POW's and MIA's. There are over 83,000 military personnel that are unaccounted for from the start of WWII to the present day. From the Vietnam war there are 1,643 are still missing including 6 from New Hampshire. The only POW from the current Afghanistan conflict has been released. On Saturday Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, of the US Army was released after being held prisoner since 2009. This table set up in front of you serves to remind us of our prisoners of war and those missing in action from all wars. The history of this table is believed to have originally started with the River Rats a ground water Navy and US Army Mobile River Marine Patrols in Vietnam to recognize their lost comrades. Many Americans are unaware of what is represented in the use of the symbols in this dedication. Every American should have a full understanding of the significance of the dedication. By the Town of Plaistow displaying this table, you are saying that they are remembered.

“We are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are

others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and interment. I would like to dedicate this ceremony to the 6 soldiers from New Hampshire that are still listed as missing from the Vietnam War:

- Clyde D. Alloway
- Quinten E. Mulleavey
- Frank N. Badolati
- Albert L. Page, Jr.
- Gerald R. Helmich
- Robert J. Sullivan.
- Additionally LCDR Jerry F. Hogan, from Alabama, a squadron mate of mine who was lost over North Vietnam on January 21, 1967 and has not come home.

“Before we begin our activities, we pause to recognize our POWs and MIAs.”

“We call your attention to this small table which occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They referred to as POW’s and MIAs.”

“We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

“The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.”

“The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country’s call to arms.

“The single red rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed on behalf of the United States of America.

“The red ribbon around the vase represents an unyielding determination, for a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us.”

“A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

“The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

“The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

“The chair is empty. They are NOT here.

“The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

“The American Flag reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.”

“Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

“Let us remember and never forget their sacrifice.

“May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.”

Rick Bickerstaff plays taps in conclusion.

D. Poliquin states that the dedication is particularly special. Plaistow honors all Veterans of all wars, this year being dedicated to the Vietnam Veteran.

DONATION FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT – SHAW'S FOOD STORE – CHRISTINA CRUZ

C. Cruz introduces Phil Scarponi from Shaw's who is here to present a donation.

P. Scarponi states that on behalf Shaw's and of the 110 associates at the store we are proud to present a check for Family Fun Night for \$800.00. Shaw's has been part of the Plaistow community for 20 years now. Will be selling Lobster Rolls at Old Home Day.

C. Cruz states that we are looking forward to a fun "Family Fun Night" on June 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at PARC.

Motion by J. Sherman to accept the donation from Shaw's for \$800.00 for Family Fun Night coordinated by the Recreation Department.

2nd M. Curran

Vote: 4-0-0

RFP REVIEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BUILDING COMM. – LT. BALDWIN & PAT SCHIAVONE

S. Fitzgerald reviews the Public Safety Complex Committee's findings the scoring of the firms that submitted RFP's. Scoring is displayed on a Summary sheet at the back of the packet. The consensus of the committee is HKT, Dore & Whittier, and Hutter.

Lt. Baldwin states that the Committee did find consensus to recommend the top three firms that are being presented to the board.

J. Sherman states that the recommendation of three is based on the close scoring of the firms, trying to pare that down to two would be difficult since they all scored so closely.

S. Fitzgerald states that public opinion needs to be considered also the personalities of the persons to whom we would be working with. We feel that all of these firms would be capable and compatible to work with the Town. If the Board is agreeable we would like to schedule these in depth interviews.

Lt. Baldwin states he was unable to attend the meeting when the firms when the 30 minute interviews took place. He looks forward to seeing the in depth interviews with the Selectmen.

Discussion occurs regarding the individual firms and the expectations associated with the final decision.

D. Poliquin states that the Board will meet with these firms as early as next Monday night.

REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUMMER SCHEDULE – SEAN FITZGERALD

D. Poliquin states that the Board will meet on the following summer schedule:

- June 9th the Board of Selectmen will meeting at 5 pm allowing for an hour a piece for each of the three firms.
- June 16th NO BOS meeting
- June 23rd BOS meeting
- June 30th NO BOS meeting
- July 7th NO BOS meeting
- July 14th BOS meeting
- July 21st NO BOS meeting
- July 28th BOS meeting
- August 4th NO BOS meeting
- August 11th BOS meeting
- August 18th NO BOS meeting
- August 25th BOS meeting
- Sept. 1st NO BOS meeting.

Consensus of the Board approves the Summer Schedule

PUBLIC HEARING – “NO THRU TRUCKING” UPDATE – LT. BALDWIN & DAN GARLINGTON

D. Poliquin opens the public hearing at 7:25 pm. This is for Pollard Road and Forrest St.

S. Fitzgerald states that the Highway Safety Committee has reviewed the traffic issues on these roads with regard to truck traffic and its associated hazards.

D. Garlington states the committee is looking at different ways to control traffic in the town. These two streets have been selected for a trial period of “*No Thru Trucking*”.

D. Garlington states that Forrest Street is a very long and windy road that is very narrow. These roads are not built to handle truck traffic. The proposed weight of 12,000 GBW will be the limit. Landscapers are traveling these roads and would be allowed to work on these roads just not to travel through.

Discussion occurs regarding vehicle types and restrictions.

Lt. Baldwin states the most complaints coming from residents that are using the roadway as pedestrians. The roadway is narrow in some locations on these roads the vehicles are forced into the oncoming lane when pedestrians are present.

D. Garlington states the reason behind the Highway Safety Committee is the resident complaints.

Discussion occurs regarding the pedestrian traffic and truck usage. Clarification of Commercial vehicle usage and personal vehicle usage in which the current wording would apply to both. Also discussed is the potential interference in the Safe Routes to School Program by redirecting the traffic onto to Main Street.

Discussion occurs regarding the posted wording should specify commercial vehicles and the posting of penalties.

Motion by S. Ranlett to have a “No Thru Trucking” specified to vehicles listing a weight limit restriction of 26,001.

2nd by J. Sherman

Discussion: D. Poliquin add to it that it would be commercial vehicles and the weight designation would not apply to all vehicles.

2nd by J. Sherman with D. Poliquin’s addition.

D. Garlington inquires for clarification the regarding the wording “Commercial” and “26,001” weight designation.

S. Ranlett states to add the words Until Sept. 1st to the motion

2nd J. Sherman

D. Poliquin closes the public hearing at 7:52 pm

D. Garlington inquires for a start date to make the signs.

M. Curran states effective immediately

Vote: 4-1-0 (D. Poliquin)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN GOAL REVIEW – SEAN FITZGERALD

J. Sherman requests to postpone the review of goals for the Town Manager.

Consensus of the Board

TOWN MANAGER REPORT – SEAN FITZGERALD

S. Fitzgerald:

- Attended the Memorial Services for Officer Stephen Arkell of Brentwood, NH on May 21st.
- Memorial Day we were please to have Governor Maggie Hassan, US Senator Jeanne Shaheen, NH Senate President Chuck Morse and NH Representative Major attend. Police Chief Stephen Savage was the Grand Marshall.
- Met with the Finance Department to discuss a transfer of funds from the Building Maintenance Reserve to the General Fund.
On December 16, 2013 the Board of Selectmen voted to transfer \$11,519.16 from the Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund to the Town's General Fund.

D. Poliquin excused himself from the Board for 7:58 pm.

Motion by S. Ranlett to Move to transfer \$11,519.16 from the Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund to the Town's General Fund.

2nd by J. Sherman

Vote:1-2-1 (M. Curran, J. Ingerson opposed, S. Ranlett abstains)

Motion fails:

D. Poliquin returned to the meeting at 8:06 pm.

J. Sherman reviews the warrant article from the Town Meeting that was voted on.

Discussion occurs regarding the motion.

Defer until next week

- Highway Block Grant Money Carryover from 2013-2014.
Upon review of the Finance Dept. an additional \$40,897.04 should have been included in the total.
Motion by J. Sherman to move to adjust the Unexpended Highway Block Grant Amounts to be as follows
2012 \$94,581.64 and 2013 \$129,578.46.
2nd S. Ranlett
Discussion occurs regarding concerns that the 2012 grant amounts are unused for the purpose they are designed for roadwork. The road surface rating results showed we should be investing in our paving and roads.
Vote: 4-1-0 (M. Curran)
Motion carries:
- S. Fitzgerald states that the Finance Department recommends decreasing the surplus in the account for Police Outside Detail Fund.

Motion by J. Sherman to transfer \$186,881.25 of reimbursable expenses that the Town has made from the Outside Detail fund to the Town's General Fund.

2nd M. Curran

Vote:5-0-0

Motion carries:

- S. Fitzgerald requests the transfer of Funds from Recreation Impact Fee Account for the Town Seal located at PARC pavilion.

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Motion by J. Sherman to move to transfer \$1,140.00 from the Recreation Impact Fee Account to the Town's General Fund

2nd M. Curran

Vote:5-0-0

Motion carries:

- The First Annual, Women's Leadership Forum, was held last Monday, May 12th from 10 am – 12 pm. The ceremony was held in the Great Hall honoring Plaistow women who have offered exemplary leadership and inspiration to their colleagues and the people of Plaistow. The recipients were: Helen Hart, Bernadine Fitzgerald, Marilyn Senter, Joyce Wright.
- NH DOT Route 125 and Service road improvements were discussed at a meeting in Concord on Tuesday, May 13 at 8:00 am. There was an extensive discussion regarding the LIDO contamination and the Town's GREE fund award.

Discussion occurs regarding usages of the adjacent properties.

J. Sherman would like to see a map of the project, the proposed road widening from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. Also inquires regarding traffic light synchronization regarding the project with regard to Rte. 125.

S. Fitzgerald states that the light synchronization was part of the discussion and will be part of this project. From the state line to Kingston.

M. Curran states that was discussed during a previous meeting regarding the lights having not been synchronized for a long time and is a known issue. The traffic issues would be improved for the trucking companies if the lights were in synch, and would most likely be used more often by large trucks.

- Household Hazardous Waste Day that took place on Saturday, May 10th from 9 am until 12 pm. served 270 area residents took attended, 75 from Plaistow. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be hosted by the Town of Danville on October 25th.

Discussion occurs regarding additional Hazardous Household Waste Days for residents.

- Town Wide Yard Sale was a success last Saturday, May 10th. 42 residents and the Library were on the map and \$820.00 was raised.
- MVPC's Regional Economic Summit was held on Tuesday, May 20th. The focus of the event is to help communities in the region promote economic development.

- The Town Report Committee met on Monday, May 5th at 5:30 pm. The theme for 2014 is Plaistow is and will incorporate 265 wonderful facts/events about Plaistow celebrating its 265 anniversary.
- Pump and Pump House pre-bid meeting last week with Chief McArdle and firms interested in submitting an RFP. June 6th is the deadline.
- Building Department update regarding the Dollar Tree, Interventional Spine Medicine, the Safety Complex apron work.
- Safety Complex DLA Generator has been taken out of service to be refurbished. It will be online in approximately 3 weeks.
- NH Department of Resources and Economic Development's Cindy Harrington has been working with Plaistow and with the owner of the 3rd largest Solar manufacturer in the USA to discuss location and opportunities of locating in Plaistow.
- Police Department Dispatch conditional offer made to Keira Burke to fill the full time open position and a conditional offer has been made to Jon Erna for the part-time position.
- Safe Routes to School Bicycle Rodeo took place on Saturday, May 17 from 9-11 am.
- Town Meeting Voter Discrepancy has been investigated by the Secretary of State's office at the Library on Thursday, May 15th at 9 am. The final ballots were counted at 939. The recount did not change the outcome of the vote in any way.
- NH DES GREE Funds
- NH DES Grant, Source Water Protection was approved on Thursday, May 8th by the NH Governor and Council.
- Planning Board meeting held on Wednesday, May 7th approved a final Community Survey, it will be available online in the future. The next Planning Board meeting is Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30
- The Rockingham Economic Development Corp. held a CEDS meeting here on Wednesday, May 14th.
- Highway Safety Committee held a meeting on Friday, May 9th. It was recommended to remove the "No Thru Trucking" signs were on Wentworth and Haynes Boulevard. We can discuss this in a future meeting.
- Working with CAI for our Sewall mapping system. Assessing Data Online will be part of a live demonstration that will be available to the Board to show additional mapping features to our Town's online mapping system. I will be recommending that the Town present more information online over the next few weeks.

- Timberlane Regional High School Graduation invitation to the Board of Selectmen to attend.
- Summer Nights Senior Dance on Friday, June 6th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

M. Curran states it is named a Senior Social not just dancing so all persons, dancers or not can attend to get together.

- Atkinson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30 pm., for a proposed 150 foot Cell tower and equipment.
- Tax Collectors hours are extended beginning Monday, June 2nd through Tuesday, July 1st. Monday 8:30 am – 7 pm. Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 3 pm. Tax bills are due on July 1, 2014.
- Summer Recreation Summer Concert Series Line-Up
- Street Sweeping begins June 2nd
- Dog License Deadline
- Well water survey through NH DES and NH DHHS on our town website.
- Dough Raiser at Uno's for the Plaistow Fire Association
- Attended the Timberlane Regional High School Observatory Ribbon Cutting

OTHER BUSINESS

M. Curran inquires about the requested statistic information regarding the on the traffic signs on Main Street.

S. Fitzgerald states he can present the information at the next board meeting.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

D. Poliquin notes that the signature folder and AP Manifest are going around.

SELECTMENS REPORTS

S. Ranlett:

- Attended the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday night
- Attended the Historical Society meeting.
- Memorial Day was great.
- Tried to attend the Old Home Day Committee meeting, it was cancelled without notice to me.

J. Sherman:

- Memorial Day was super, very positive.
 - The speaker system at the cemetery was inadequate.
 - Timberlane Band availability issue.
- Attended the Rail Study Update
 - On behalf of the Board I responded to a question from a resident who indicated that the study as being a done deal.
- CIP Committee spreadsheet being updated by Tim Moore. Schedule to be determined.

J. Ingerson:

- Attended Conservation Comm. meeting on May 15th, included a site walk on the Noyes property. The Mosher property has a deadline that could impede the grant.
- Attended a Conservation Comm. with the Southeast Land Trust for a mapping meeting.
- Attended the Women of Leadership Award Program it was a great forum.
- Cable should meet on the 18th of June.
- Meeting cancellation is a problem with notification.

D. Poliquin:

- M. Curran received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion on Memorial Day.
- Attended the Highway Safety Committee meeting.
- Attended the Rockingham Economic Development meeting.
- Attended the Recreation Committee meeting topics were an ordinance that Christine Cruz provided regarding leashed animals. Discussion occurs regarding the ordinance.

M. Curran:

- Old Home Day Committee meeting schedule questioned. Fireworks questioned with the availability of the Community Band. Stating that the fireworks are part of Old Home Day. Discussion occurs regarding the fireworks and meeting schedule. Consensus of the Board to have the Fireworks for Old Home Day if possible.
- Family Mediation meetings have been cancelled for the last few weeks
- Elder Affairs meeting this Tuesday.
- Unable to spend Memorial Day here, Thanks all veterans.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION BY: S. Ranlett under RSA 9-A:311 (a)

Personnel, (c) Reputation,

2nd by J. Sherman

Board Polled: D. Poliquin = yes, J. Sherman = yes, M. Curran = yes, J. Ingerson = yes, S. Ranlett = yes.

Public meeting adjourned 9:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Lee Noel

