



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: July 20, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

SELECTMEN:

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

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

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the minutes of July 06, 2015, with 1 change to page , insert 7; insert “changes to” in sentence above the motion to seal the minutes. Second by J. Kiszka

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

RECOGNITION OF PAUL RENE-OLD HOME DAY

S. Ranlett invites Paul Rene up to the microphone. He notes that he is moving from Plaistow to Maryland to be with his wife Ruth and daughter. He is presented with a community service award for his dedication and support from 1981 - 2014. Plaistow's loss of a great citizen will be Baltimore's gain.

Norm Major thanks him for being a good friend, a dedicated citizen for over 40 years, and a Lion's Club Members for over 30 years. Norman wishes him good travel and good luck.

Jamie Bezanson and Jay Deroche both state Paul embodies everything about being a great citizen. He has been a major project leader with the Lion's Club. It's sad to see him leave and his past efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Sean Fitzgerald mentions Paul has been a leading citizen and a great representative of the Town of Plaistow. He has set the standard of an exemplary citizen.

Steve Ranlett thanks all the members of the Lion's Club for attending.

OLD HOME DAY ART CONTEST WINNERS

Jim Peck presents a PowerPoint presentation displaying the Art Exhibit/Contest winners. He's hopeful this will become an annual part of Old Home Day. The event was sponsored by the Historical Society. There were 115 pieces of art entered in the contest. Jim thanks all the judges and people who helped make this event great. He reviews each winner and recognizes the winners that are in attendance tonight.

- PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:
 - Art – Drawing of Arthur G. Pollard
 - Artist – Heath Vierow
- PROFESSIONALS:
 - First Place
 - Art – Chief Savage
 - Artist Nicole Declerq Murray
 - Second Place
 - Art – The Moon Gate
 - Artist – Chris Fram
- ADULT AMATURES:
 - First Place
 - Art – Town Hall
 - Artist – Charlene Dow
 - Second Place
 - Art – Sweet Hill Molasses' Spill
 - Artist – Don Senter
 - Third Place
 - Art – Miniature Painted Buildings
 - Artist – Phyliss Carifio
 - Honorable Mention
 - Art – 1927 Seagrave Pumper
 - Artist Pauli Johnson
- LOANED ART:
 - First Place
 - Art – 148 Main Street
 - Artist – R. C. Lundy
 - Loaned by – Cheryl Hay
 - Second Place
 - Art – Holmes House
 - Artist – Bob Gablosky
 - Loaned by – Paul Holmes, Jr.
 - Third Place
 - Art – Town Hall
 - Artist – Bob Gablosky
 - Loaned by – Town Hall
 - Honorable Mention
 - Art – Goudreault's Farm

- Artist – Lucine Goudreault
 - Loaned by – Lucine Goudreault
- HIGH SCHOOL:
 - First Place
 - Art – Town Hall in Graphite
 - Artist Lyndsay Hawkins
 - Second Place
 - Art – Larry’s Clam Bar
 - Artist – Emma Moley
- MIDDLE SCHOOL:
 - First Place
 - Art – Past the Larches
 - Artist – Riley Donovan
 - Second Place
 - Art – OS Morse Plaistow Brick
 - Artist – Skylar Winter
 - Third Place
 - Art – Town Hall
 - Artist – Grace Caldwell
 - Honorable Mention
 - Art – Chief Savage
 - Artist – Billy Savage
- GRADE SCHOOL:
 - First Place
 - Art – Woman-Badger House
 - Artist – Kendall Morrill
 - Second Place
 - Art – Pollard School
 - Artist – Jack Keogh
 - Third Place
 - Art – Old Holy Angles Church
 - Artist Sam Szczapa

Jim Peck thanks all winners and all participants.

OLD HOME DAY CHAIRPERSON:

Discussion begins for the process of selecting a new Chairperson. Hayley Bush has been the chairperson for the past 2 years and has done a fantastic job with Wendy Bush as a Vice Chair. A chairperson must be reliable and have enough time to dedicate to Old Home Day. It takes a lot of volunteers and it’s a group effort to make it happen.

Steve Ranlett makes a motion to appoint Ty Vitale as the Chairperson and Rory Lajoie as the Vice Chair.

Tammy Bergeron seconds the motion.

Vote 5-0-0. The motion passes.

J. Sherman asks Ty if he is up to the challenge. Ty states that he is and looks forward to working with Rory and the committee.

Ty will meet with Sean soon to discuss a 2016 budget.

Tammy states there needs to be an “after action” meeting within two weeks to discuss the “do’s and don’ts” based on this year. All feedback is welcome.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Assessing Update

S. Fitzgerald recommends performing the update this year rather than waiting until 2016 to avoid a sharp increase in valuation and minimize the increase to the taxpayers.

J. Sherman notes he is not comfortable adjusting the commercial valuations.

J. Sherman motions to direct the Town Manager to direct the Assessor to target 95% valuation on all properties except Commercial. T. Bergeron 2nds

Discussion ensues regarding how commercial properties are valued and the areas in which commercial properties sold in Town. S. Fitzgerald will invite Wil Corcoran to a future Board meeting.

Vote 5-0-0

GREE Funding

David Nye Memorial Scoreboard/Community Garden

Public Safety Complex Project

Plaistow Public Library

Assessing Credits/Abatements

Impact Fees

Source Water Protection

Highway Safety Committee

Building Department Updates

Methuen Construction

UNITIL Energy efficiency

Safe Routes to School

Dispatch Contract

Recreation Trails Program Grant

Recreation Events

Property for Sale

Dog Licenses

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

The items are reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMENS REPORTS

J. Ingerson

- The Conservation meetings will resume in August.

T. Bergeron

- Nothing to report.

J. Sherman

- Attended the Highway Safety Meeting, Chief Jones passed out statistics on traffic and speed limit signs. Discussed speed limits, street signs will be installed on streets where the standard is not 30 mph. Kevin from RPC and Dave Russell from NHDOT also attended the meeting. It was noted that weight limits on roads is not established by the state except in the case of some bridges where weight is critical. The committee agreed on a goal to reduce truck traffic on Main Street. They will discuss ways to encourage trucks to use route 125 and discourage trucking on Main Street at the next meeting.
- Met with Sean, Dan and Tony Garro of NH DOT regarding the RSMS system. The data base of roads and road segments will be very useful with paving & repaving. RSMS will meet again in September.
- Attended the ground breaking ceremony for Methuen Construction. Governor Hassan also attended. Future jobs created by Methuen Construction will be more technical and professional which will help broaden Plaistow's base. This is very exciting.
- Went with Jay Deroche, head of the Plaistow Lions Club and Christina Cruz to view Community Gardens in Atkinson (more formal with a lot of rules and regulations) and Sandown (less formal). Jay would like to start a Community Garden in Plaistow. Support from the community seems very positive.
- Attended last week's summer concert, hosted by "The Smoothies". He introduced the band and feels this should always be done to make the band feel welcome.

J. Kiszka

- Attended Methuen Construction ground breaking ceremony. They specialize in municipal water and sewer installations as well as construction which might be helpful to Plaistow in the near future. The company is a great addition to Plaistow.
- Attended an America Legion Town Hall meeting, Frank Guinta was the guest speaker. He felt good questions and answers were asked and given. Some issues discussed were education, healthcare, and possible changes for Veterans to access health care closer to home.

S. Ranlett

- Attended the ground breaking for Methuen Construction. It was a great event.
- Planning Board meeting had a site amendment adjustment taken care of.

A brief discussion ensued about drug addiction in the state and Merrimack Valley in particular.

Sean Fitzgerald acknowledges and recognizes Gayle's 60+ mile bike ride to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

MOTION BY J. SHERMAN TO ENTER INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION BY: under RSA 9-A: 311

(a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (c) Reputation, (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal

2nd J. Kiszka

Board Polled: S. Ranlett = yes, J. Sherman = yes, T. Bergeron = yes, J. Ingerson=yes, J. Kiszka=yes.

Public Session adjourned at 8:30 pm

Public Session reopened at 9:20 pm

S. Ranlett announces the hiring of S. Fitzgerald, Interim Town Manger to the position of Town Manager effective immediately.

Public Session adjourned at 9: 21 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel
Recording Secretary