



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: August 31, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

SELECTMEN:

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

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

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Sherman to approve the minutes of August 17, 2015. Second by T. Bergeron

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SWEARING IN NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Jones comes to the podium with Mark Fowler. Chief Jones is proud to introduce Mark Fowler to the Board of Selectman. Mark is a Plaistow Resident, a 2012 Timberlane Regional High School graduate and is currently enrolled at New Hampshire Technical Institute studying Criminal Justice. He is also an Eagle Scout, Sergeant in the Air Force National Guard and employed at Timberlane Regional High School as Facilities Manager for the Performing Arts Center. His goal is to become a police officer and has been hired as a part time dispatcher.

M. Pelletier administers the “Oath of Office” to Mark Fowler.

J. Sherman congratulates him.

Cheryl Cate joins Chief Jones at the podium. Cheryl has been hired as the new Crossing Guard. Cheryl lives in East Hampstead, NH, has an Associate’s Degree from Northern Essex Community College and worked as Crossing Guard for Plaistow 25 years ago at Pollard School. She left the position for a full time career and family but now has come back to us. Chief Jones is very happy to have her back. Her post will be the High School. It is a difficult job which is often underappreciated but very important to our community.

S. Ranlett welcomes her back and thanks her.

J. Sherman also thanks her.

M. Pelletier administers the “Oath of Office” to Cheryl Cate.

PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER

S. Ranlett calls Laurie Milette to the podium. Laurie has attended several Board of Selectman and Planning Board meetings. She would like to become an alternate member of the Planning Board.

Laurie is a Plaistow resident since 1997, recently retired from Verizon and has plenty of time to dedicate to Plaistow. She currently serves on the Budget Committee.

J. Sherman thanked her for volunteering. The Board by consensus accepts Laurie as the Alternate Planning Board Member.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

S. Ranlett calls C. Cruz and C.J. Bowen to the podium. C.J. Bowen states he has been a Boy Scout since 6th grade, he is now a senior at Timberlane and is working on becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting. For his Eagle Scout project C.J. would like to build two (2) Horse Shoe Courts at PARC. For many years he was a camper at the Summer Recreation Program and feels he can connect Boy Scouts to the Recreation Department by doing this project. He also feels he is giving back to his community. Diagrams of the proposed project are circulated.

S. Ranlett states this may be beneficial to Old Home Day for a Horse Shoe tournament. C.J. Bowen states some of the materials needed have been donated by a company from Weare, NH, he plans to do fundraising for the remainder of the money. His is holding a car wash to raise the additional money.

S. Ranlett thanks C.J. Bowen and asks him to return with pictures when the project is complete. It is the consensus of the Board to accept his Eagle Scout project.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Summer Recreation Program

National Commander of the American Legion

Senator Kelly Ayotte

NH DES Permit Amendment

Assessor’s Request

9/11 Commemoration

Highway Block Grant

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Flu Shots

Victim Witness Advocate

Timberlane SRO

Public Safety Complex RFQ Response

2016 Budget Development

CIP Committee

GREE Funding

Unitil-Energy Efficiency

Safe Routes to School

Property for Sale

Road Surface Management System
Dispatch Contract
Recreation Trails Program Grant
BOS Action Items

S. Ranlett requests S. Fitzgerald to follow up on the Best Management Practices for Anchor Used Auto Parts.

Discussion ensues regarding speed limits in town. The Highway Department is compiling information to complete a map of all the streets in Town with the speed limits. This may be added to the Town Report.

S. Fitzgerald notes he has requested Tony Garro of NH Department of Transportation to produce a map that will be contained in the Town Report as well.

Discussion ensues regarding the number and type of public safety calls being received. The calls should be quantified and presented to residents in support of the Safety Complex.

Discussion regarding the trails in the area near PARC. J. Sherman notes that if there is any grant money available it would be best spent on access to this area.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

There are no items to be reviewed tonight.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

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

SELECTMENS REPORTS

J. Sherman –

- Would like to set up a meeting (or do this as part of a regularly scheduled meeting) to review sealed minutes from the past year to decide if they need to remain sealed or not. Eventually all sealed minutes should be reviewed.
- Town Manager's Goals should be reviewed.
- Budget Committee meetings will start 9/15 with a review of the CIP, following meetings will look at individual departmental budgets.
- Requests that July Property Transfers be posted on the Town Website.

T. Bergeron –

- Stepping down from the Cable Committee. J. Ingerson has agreed to take her place. Tammy will be the alternate.
- Stepping down from the Recreation Committee. J. Kiszka has agreed to take her place. J. Sherman will be the alternate.
- Senior Sizzler Flyer was distributed by the Elderly Affairs Committee.

- Attended Family Mediation and Juvenile Services meeting. Funds will be cut next year. Tammy has been elected as chair for fundraising. An annual road race will be established, a golf tournament is being considered as well as a cookout/barbeque to be held in Atkinson.
- Garden Club met Tuesday night, progress is being made.
- The Library is hosting a blood drive tomorrow from 1 – 6 with the American Red Cross.

S. Ranlett –

- Attended Planning Board Meeting.
- Methuen Construction will be coming before the Planning Board on Wednesday.
- Historical Society Meetings are now in the day so he can no longer attend them.

J. Ingerson –

- She is glad to take on the Cable Committee for T. Bergeron.
- Attended Conservation Committee Meeting which included a discussion about dollar amounts for forest maintenance and trail repairs, they would like to see this increased.
- Water Shed Signs – what is the schedule for posting more signs?
- The Conservation Committee wants to be more involved in the process of town owned property.

J. Sherman suggests the implementation chapter of the master plan needs more attention. A discussion ensues.

S. Ranlett inquires if Bob Hamilton can send him the original questions that went to Corcoran Associates as S. Ranlett never saw them.

J. Sherman states there is another meeting on 9/1 regarding the Sandown withdrawal from the Timberlane School District. The Timberlane School District started in 1965 and cost information needs to be researched from that date forward. J. Sherman suggests the Board of Selectman draft a letter requesting the School Board to hire a neutral Actuary to research the actual costs involved. The idea is to protect the residents of Plaistow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack
Recording Secretary