



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: November 30, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31PM

SELECTMEN:

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

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

AGENDA

MINUTES

J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of 11-16-15. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 4-0-1 J. Ingerson

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of 11-23-15. Second by J. Ingerson.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Chief Jones approaches the Board and requests to have April Aucoin come up. Chief Jones presents April with a certificate of appreciation for her 10 years of service to the Town of Plaistow.

VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATE NEW EMPLOYEE BRIANA BURNS

Chief Jones introduces Briana Burns to the Board. She notes that Briana graduated from UNH with a degree in Political Science and has worked at the Rockingham County Attorney's Office as a legal assistant. She comes to us with great enthusiasm and Chief Jones looks forward to working with Briana and further developing the position.

Briana is excited to be here and she is looking forward to implementing a community outreach program here in Plaistow.

SWEARING IN- CAPTAIN VALQUEIRO EIRO

Chief Jones reviews Val's history with Plaistow. He began in dispatch before becoming a full time Police Officer. He has been a DARE officer, Master Patrol Officer and he became a Sergeant in 2008. He has done a great job as a Field Training Officer as well as a Defensive Tactic Use of Force Trainer. He has been a steady and consistent leader who is well respected. Chief Jones is looking forward to watching and helping Valqueiro grow as a Captain.

Attorney Jill Cooke administers the Oath of Office.

Chief Jones notes this is a new position for the department and she is very excited to work with Captain Eiro. She is positive he will continue diligently working on the Police Department's goals and initiatives. She thanks the Board of Selectmen for their support of this new position.

Captain Eiro states he is a product of those officer's who trained him as well as Chief Jones and his family. As Captain, he wants to continue to train and develop other Officer's and give back to his community.

S. Ranlett thanks both Chief Jones and Captain Eiro.

TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Greg Jones, Town Planner and Tim Moore, Chairman of the Planning Department present the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan. Using a power point presentation, details of the transportation chapter of the master plan are reviewed. The Transportation's goal is to provide and maintain a transportation system that allows efficient movement of people for employment, shopping, schooling, recreation, and to maximize safety. The focus is to identify and resolve issues of concern such as pedestrian safety, mitigating congestion and intersection improvements. Four main documents drive the Towns efforts to improve transportation. They are: 1) Master Plan, 2) Plan NH Design Charett, 3) Traffic Calming, and 4) Hazard Mitigation. In summary, the goal is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for transportation to be used for safety improvements, intersection redesign, and hazard mitigation for roadways in our community. Main Street calming and the protection of public and private properties are also important issues.

REVIEW OF 2016 PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES

J. Sherman motions to approve article P-16-19, Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund Creation and Deposit. Second by T. Bergeron.

Discussion regarding the intent section of the article ensues. It is decided the intent will be modified to address the issue of safety.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

S. Ranlett suggests only approving P-16-19 and withdrawing P-16-29 and P-16-30. Discussion ensues.

S. Ranlett motions to withdraw Article P-16-29 and P-16-30. Second by J. Sherman.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Ingerson inquires about the request for Red Cross Funding. She notes there was a presentation in October but no follow up has been done.

S. Ranlett states he is not in favor of supporting this due to the fact the Red Cross CEO's salary is so high.

S. Fitzgerald will draft a warrant article for supporting the American Red Cross.

Communication Radio Dispatching System Capital Reserve Fund Deposit.

Discussion ensues regarding the Communication Radio Dispatching System Capital Reserve Fund Deposit.

J. Sherman motions to withdraw article P-16-08. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 4-1-0 J. Ingerson

Motion passes.

Fire Suppression Pump and Pump House Capital Reserve Fund

Discussion regarding the Fire Suppression Pump and Pump House Capital Reserve Fund ensues. Discussed suspending the deposit to this capital reserve account for this year. There is consensus that this warrant is important and the balance in the capital reserve account is substantial. It is stated that a portion of the GREE funds could be used toward the Fire Suppression System. It is noted that perhaps a different solution for water needs will be found in the future. It is discussed that the deposit to this account be suspended this year and reviewed next year.

J. Sherman motions to withdraw P-16-10. Second by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 3-2-0 J. Ingerson, T. Bergeron

Motion passes.

Some discussion ensues regarding the wording of warrant articles and the intents. Two Warrant articles in particular, Cable Department Capital Reserve and Recreation Plan Capital Reserve.

Cable Department Capital Reserve Fund Creation and Deposit

It is discussed that Article P-16-14 should include a chart showing the money to fund this account comes from franchise fees collected, not from taxes.

Recreation Plan Capital Reserve Fund Deposit

It is recommended to list a few of the projects on the recreation strategic that would be funded in 2016. It is the Board's consensus to list the 2016 projects in the intent of this warrant article to help voters understand what the funds would be used for.

BUDGET REVIEW

Deferred

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Sale of Town Properties- Property on Route 108 was discussed. S. Fitzgerald notes Ron Laplume has revised his initial offer and has included support for enhancements for a trail system. There is consensus of the Board for the Town Manager to reach out to all Department Heads and Committee Chairs with the details of this proposal to get their feedback. He will report back to the Board with the information.

The second proposal received was for the Town Property on Dundee Drive. S. Fitzgerald will be meeting with the proposer on Wednesday and he will report back to Board next week.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

Deferred

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

S. Ranlett states the manifest is going around.

SELECTMENS REPORTS

J. Ingerson

- Mentions the Giving Tree located in the Town Hall lobby.

J. Sherman

- Will be attending the Budget Committee meeting tomorrow night.
- Notes the non financial reports for the Town Report are due December 18th.
- Mentions Paul Matthew recently passed away. He was a long time resident and condolences are sent out to his family.

T. Bergeron

- Will attend the wreath making at the Pollard School on December 2nd.
- The Tree lighting is Sunday December 6th at the Town Green at 6pm.

S. Ranlett

- Planning Board – Gunstock requesting a few site revisions, they also are requesting to waive impact fees. It is noted this will be discussed by the Board in non-public session at a future date.
- Would like to attend Historical Society meetings but cannot due to the time of the meeting.
- Wishes a Happy Birthday to Kate Sherman.

J. Kiszka

- Thanks Tammy for the Elder Affairs Flyer.
- Attended Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- Attended the Recreation meeting to discuss plans for 2016.
- Attended the Annual Unitil Emergency Response meeting in Portsmouth.
- Attended CEDS.
- Received a pamphlet from REDC that lists services available to residents- will be posted in the lobby.
- Attended the Renewables Meeting.
- Attended the NHMA Annual Conference.
- Attended the Festival of Trees.
- Attended the Pancake Breakfast held by the Lions Club.
- Working on Warrant Article with Greg Jones for a solar abatement.
- Met John Scruton, a former Plaistow Selectmen, who gives his best to the current Board.

S. Ranlett hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel
Recording Secretary