



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** June 6, 2016

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:31 PM

**SELECTMEN:**

Selectman, Steve Ranlett, Chairman  
Selectman, Tammy Bergeron  
Selectman Peter Bracci

Selectman, John Sherman Vice Chairman  
Selectman, Julian Kiszka  
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PLAISTOW GIRL SCOUT TROOP # 11190 ENERGY AUDIT REPORT**

Girl Scouts Ava Kruschwitz and Leah Moranville begin with the results of the energy audit they completed last month. They found the Town Hall is more energy efficient than most buildings of the same age. Paul Lucia assisted them with the audit and they appreciate his help. Josie Beaulieu discusses the Walking Tour Brochure and the program they filmed on Cable TV with Mrs. Sherman's assistance. Abby Miller discusses the Bronze Award and the project they worked on to complete it. Their project is called "The Little Free Library". Its unveiling will be Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 located in the Pollard School. The goal is to increase reading by take a book, leave a book. Jacqueline Fuller tells the board about their experience with the Pease Greeters at Pease Air Force Base donating Girl Scout cookies to troops overseas. In return they received a nice thank you note from First Sergeant Billy Simms and an American flag that hung over a base in Bahrain Kuwait which the Girl Scouts want to donate to the Town of Plaistow.

S. Fitzgerald recommends raising the flag received on Old Home Day for the day.

S. Sherman mentions how proud she is of the Girl Scouts and she tells the girls the legacy of Carol Flyzik and how she was a Gold Award Winner.

**MINUTES**

*J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of May 2, 2016. Second by T. Bergeron.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes.*

*J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016. Second by J. Kiszka.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes.*

*J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016. Second by T. Bergeron.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes.*

**CHIEF JONES, LT BALDWIN, SGT PORTER-K-9 PROGRAM FUNDRAISING, NH  
HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT**

K. Jones begins with the history of the K-9 program in Plaistow. She states how the dogs are trained and used by the department. The Chief also details the costs, breeders, equipment needed and required when working with a K-9. Fundraising is discussed next. Any request to raise funds over \$5,000 must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Fundraising ideas so far include a letter campaign, social media, newspaper, and/or events. Perhaps a booth can be part of Old Home Day. The goal is to continue fundraising until \$15,000 is reached.

T. Bergeron offers to donate a football autographed by Rob Gronkowski with authenticity papers enclosed in a case. This could be used as an auction item for Old Home Day.

Chief Jones thanks T. Bergeron.

*J. Sherman motions to direct the Town Manager to work with Chief Jones on a fundraising campaign for the Plaistow Police Department K-9 unit. Second by J. Kiszka.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes.*

The Highway Safety Committee applied for a grant for 2 radar panels. They do this annually. The grant amount is \$4995. The panels are solar and can be permanently attached to a pole or moved around to different streets. The Town is responsible to match the grant with \$4995 so the total appropriation will be \$9995.

*P. Bracci motions to accept the Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$4995. Second by J. Kiszka.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes.*

**NORMANDEAU ASSOCIATES- STEVE LEE, HARRY STEWART- GREE UPDATE  
WITH TOM PAGE FROM UNDERWOOD ENGINEERS**

Tonight's presentation will be an update on the status of the Gasoline Remediation Either Elimination Project. S. Lee begins by thanking the Board of Selectmen for having them here tonight and thanks Gary Lynn and Tal Hubbard for being present. S. Lee notes that Plaistow has limited water resources and the aquifer is low volume. He reviews the Development of the Fire Suppression System and Expansion of the System. The objective is to determine the feasibility of developing a public drinking water supply using the existing fire suppression system. The conclusion is the current Fire Suppression System is reasonably water-tight for

use as a potable water supply. The potential viable water supply options are groundwater development, interconnection with the City of Haverhill or a Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Supply.

T. Page from Underwood Engineers reviews the Hydraulic Grade Line Evaluation including the design approach, static pressures, evaluation points and fire flows. The recommendation is that a potable system is possible, though more work and evaluations will be needed. A groundwater development in Plaistow is uncertain without further exploration at a high cost. It is recommended to put this avenue on hold and consider connecting with the City of Haverhill as they have plenty of water. An estimated cost to initiate a connection with Haverhill without storage is \$1 million. It would increase to \$3.5 – \$4.7 million if storage is required. In conclusion Haverhill can supply enough water to meet our needs, it is technically feasible, negotiated user fees need to be determined and a hydraulic analysis of Haverhill's system must be completed. A Southern NH Regional Water Supply Interconnection would also work. Several routes starting in Derry are possible. Other potential regional economic, public health and environmental benefits could be realized. The conclusion for this option is it is technically feasible with adequate state funding and if negotiated user fees are affordable for Plaistow households.

Normandeau's first choice for Plaistow's water issues are Connecting with Haverhill, next would be a Southern NH Regional Option the last option would be to develop a groundwater system. Exxon lost their law suit and over \$307 million will be sent to the state of New Hampshire as a result of the law suit. The Town of Plaistow would qualify for funding through GREE. It is a good time to select an option and move forward. Discussion of options ensues.

***J. Kiszka motions to direct the Town Manager to engage in discussion with the City of Haverhill regarding a water feasibility system following the recommendation of Normandeau and Underwood Engineering and coordinated with NHDES to support their recommendations. Second by J. Sherman.***

***J. Sherman notes he is in favor of continued studies to solve the water issue in Plaistow especially for the people who don't have clean water, we need to help these people. He suggests we keep in mind future growth along route 125 and user fees.***

***S. Ranlett notes the current focus should be on residents that have had their wells contaminated by the Lido site.***

***Vote: 5-0-0***

***Motion passes.***

S. Ranlett thanks Normandeau and Underwood Engineering for the presentation.

### **CASELLA PRESENTATION- SOLID WASTE PROPSAL**

Archie St Hillaire, Director of Municipal Services, Dave Allen, General Manager in Salem, NH and Erin Banfield, Territory Manager are present. A. St. Hillaire begins with an introduction of Casella's history and philosophy. They service over 350 municipalities and have state of the art reporting systems. They have the capability to determine what time barrels and bins have been put out to minimize customer complaints. Casella has noticed that Plaistow's waste is high. They recommend increasing recycling, educating residents on

recycling beginning with programs in the schools. Casella offers 1 stream recycling. Only 5% of their recycling turns into residual waste. Casella prides themselves on customer service. They have 60 local representatives and if a representative cannot answer a question they escalate it to the local dispatcher who is available daily from 6am – 6pm. Discussion focuses on reducing trash and increasing recycling, a pay as you go system, a change in the pickup of bulk items.

J. Sherman inquires how Casella can distinguish themselves from the others.

Casella has all recycling together in 1 large bin, they own a state of the art recycling center in Boston, MA and do their own shipping to stay efficient. They offer great customer service, they are familiar with the area local, and do a great job on reporting. They feel they are a “Goldie Locks” Company and would love to get our business.

S. Ranlett thanks them for their presentation.

P. Bracci states a public hearing is needed on Taxes.

S. Fitzgerald responds on June 27<sup>th</sup> both Will Corcoran of Corcoran Associates and Steve Hamilton of NHDRA will be here to give a presentation on the process of assessment.

### **TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

S. Fitzgerald mentions Dena Carbone a recipient of the Boston Post Cane and a long time resident of Plaistow who was 103 years old recently passed. A moment of silence is taken in her honor.

Looking for the next oldest resident in Town.

S. Fitzgerald recommends paying the Public Safety invoices with Public Safety Impact fees.

***J. Sherman motions to approve the payment of the 4 invoices listed in the Town Manager’s Report of 6-6-16 in the amount of \$17,508. Second by S. Ranlett.***

***Discussion ensues.***

***Vote: 3-2-0 (J. Kiszka, P. Bracci)***

***Motion passes.***

### **ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

Reviewed

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **SELECTMAN REPORTS**

J. Sherman & P. Bracci do not report tonight due to the time.

T. Bergeron

- Memorial Day Ceremony

S. Ranlett

- Old Home Day is on track

J. Kiszka

- Beede Open House
- Attended a NH Military Access Summit on Mental Health for Veterans with P. Bracci
- Planning Board
- Memorial Day Ceremony

**SIGNATURE FOLDER**

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

S. Ranlett adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel,  
Recording Secretary