



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

**Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes**

**Date:** June 1, 2021

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Select Chair, Darrell Britton  
Selectman, Greg Taillon  
Selectman, Bill Coye

Select Vice Chair, John A. Blinn, Sr.  
Selectman, Jay DeRoche  
Mark A. Pearson, Town Manager – Remotely

Also present: Dee Voss, Special Projects Coordinator, Isabel Gautreau Chair TRAC, Bob Kinkaid Vice Chair TRAC and Beth Hossack, Recording Secretary.

D. Britton reads Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-004 allowing municipal boards to hold remote meetings during the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis.

**Minutes**

***G. Taillon motions to approve the May 24, 2021, minutes. Seconded by J. DeRoche.***

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

***Motion carries.***

D. Britton opens the meeting for discussion on trash and recycling.

J. DeRoche states we have seven (7) questions provided by the Town Manager which need answers. Some members of the TRAC committee are here to join us. He asks Town Manager, M. Pearson if he has any comments.

M. Pearson replies the goal is to answer all the questions so the RFP can be completed. We need to stick to the timeline; trash carts need to be ordered so they will arrive on time.

G. Taillon states at the last meeting the Board decided to order some 96-gallon carts and some 64-gallon carts. Since the covers are not interchangeable it makes things more difficult. He did some research and found the 96- and 64-gallon carts are the same height, and the weight is very close. The 96-gallon carts are wider and have larger wheels making them easy to maneuver. He recommends using all 96-gallon carts. If all carts are the same size the covers are interchangeable.

D. Britton likes the idea and agrees.

B. Coye also likes the idea. If 64-gallon carts were used for trash more households would want two (2) carts.

B. Kinkaid states the TRAC committee reached out to two (2) towns who recently changed their trash vendor. One of the towns is Stratham. Effective January 1, 2021, they started using Casella. Stratham is using 95-gallon carts for single family homes and 64-gallon carts for apartments and condos. They use a black base and lid for trash carts and a blue base and lid for recycling items.

The current price from Cascade Cart Solutions for three thousand one hundred fifty (3150) 96-gallon carts is \$192,906.00. We had a prior proposal from another company last year however the offer was only good for 30 days.

B. Coye states maybe we should forgo carts this year and go with a manual pickup. We would need 6300 carts at a cost of about \$400,000.

G. Taillon states a contract for automated pickup is less expensive than manual pickup so leasing carts might be a good option.

Discussion continues regarding leasing and interest costs. Leasing is more expensive in the long run. We do not know the difference between a contract for manual vs. automated pickup.

J. DeRoche states the RFP should ask for pricing on leasing carts with automated pickup and manual pickup.

I. Gautreau states Atkinson is another town the TRAC committee contacted. They renewed their contract in 2018. At that time, the cost for manual pick up was \$344,000 and the automated pickup was \$291,000.

I. Gautreau states the TRAC committee recommended automated pickup as they thought the cart purchase was a done deal. An option they liked was pay-as-you-throw.

G. Taillon states the city of Concord switched to a pay-as-you-throw system and reduced their waste by 43%.

Discussion continues. Some of the points brought up include plastic bags for pay-as-you-throw are not biodegradable. Is it really helping? It may help if overall tonnage of waste is significantly reduced. We also do not know if what we are currently putting in recycling bins is actually getting recycled.

J. DeRoche states the next question is how the Board plans to pay for the purchase and/or lease of carts. He asks Town Manager M. Pearson if there is any wiggle room in the budget.

M. Pearson replies if we lease for five (5) years at approximately \$7500 - \$8000 a month the delivery date will affect the cost. If the carts are delivered in October, we may only have to pay two (2) months in the 2021 budget. We can include the remaining lease payments in future budgets. We still do not know contract numbers yet. We also need to order carts in time to receive them in the fall.

D. Voss states the current cart proposal is good for thirty (30) days. If the order is not placed within thirty (30) days, there is no guarantee on a delivery date.

There is consensus to order the carts. The body of all carts will be blue. The lids will be blue for trash and green for recycle.

B. Coye states we may be able to defer lease payments for a few months. Some companies are willing to do this just to get the order.

The next question for the Board is if they want the contractor to retain all proceeds generated by the collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables or if the Town expects some type of rebate. There is consensus to let the contractor keep the proceeds.

Town Manager M. Pearson asks D. Voss if all the necessary questions have been answered. D. Voss reiterates the answers to make sure everyone agrees. The Town will order 6300 96-gallon carts of the same color body. The lids will be blue and green.

B. Kinkaid recommends black carts for the body to reduce confusion. He reminds the Board a staging area will be needed to have the carts delivered and padded out.

D. Britton closes this portion of the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

D. Britton mentions the invitation for Eagle Scout Tyler John-Alan Paquin. He will attend the event on Saturday. He asks if anyone else would like to attend.

B. Coye will try to attend. It will depend on his work schedule.

***D. Britton motions to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (A) Public Employee; (B) Hiring; (C) Reputation; (D) Property Transactions; (E) Pending or Threatened Litigation; (I) Emergency Functions; (J) Confidential Information in Adjudicative Proceedings; (L) Consideration of Legal Advice. Seconded by J. Blinn.***

***Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, J. Blinn = yes, G. Taillon = yes, J. DeRoche = yes, B. Coye = yes, Motion carries.***

D. Britton states we will not be coming back to a public session.

D. Britton closes the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

D. Britton resumes the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

***J. DeRoche motions to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by G. Taillon.***

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

***Motion carries.***

D. Britton adjourns the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hossack

Recording Secretary