



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

**Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes**

**Date:** June 21, 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  
Assistant Town Manager, Greg Colby - Remotely

Also present: Beth Hossack, Recording Secretary.

**Minutes**

*J. DeRoche motions to approve the June 14, 2021, minutes. Seconded by B. Coye.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion carries.*

**Approval of Updated Covid-19 Protocols**

D. Britton asks for a motion to accept the updated protocols.

*B. Coye motions to approve the updated workplace Covid-19 Protocols recommended by the Health Officer and Emergency Management Team, effective June 21, 2021. Seconded by J. DeRoche.*

*J. DeRoche reads the main points.*

*J. Blinn thinks masks should be optional.*

*G. Taillon would like to see them posted on the website and to have copies available for meetings.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion carries.*

**Public Comment**

G. Taillon states, it appears two selectmen communicated to the Eagle Tribune regarding M. Pearson leaving employment and stated they were surprised and do not know what prompted it. He believes these comments are false as the same two selectmen discussed an arrangement for M. Pearson to leave at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. He does not feel lying to the press is something an honorable selectman would do.

**Interim Town Manager**

*D. Britton motions to appoint Greg Colby as Interim Town Manager since Mark A. Pearson has retired. Greg Colby will have full authority to perform all Town Manager responsibilities*

*including signing any documents, contracts, grants, agreements etc. as necessary. This will remain in effect until the Board of Selectmen decide to hire a Town Manager. Seconded by J. Blinn.*

*Vote: 4-0-1 (abstain G. Taillon)*

*Motion carries.*

#### **Certificate of Vote of Authorization**

*Bill Coye motions to grant authority (certificate of vote of authorization) for Plaistow Interim Town Manager to sign grant agreements with the State of NH Department of Environmental services for the potable water project. Seconded by J. DeRoche.*

*Vote: 4-0-1 (abstain G. Taillon)*

*Motion carries.*

#### **Announcement**

D. Britton announces Town Manager, Mark A. Pearson will be stepping down from his post for retirement as of July 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

#### **Highway Safety Advisory Committee Recommendations**

*G. Taillon motions to accept the resignation of Lisa Withee, Citizen's Representative for the Highway Safety Committee. Lisa is unable to continue to serve on this committee. Seconded by J. DeRoche.*

*J. DeRoche thanks her for her time and service to the Town.*

*D. Britton agrees and thanks her too.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion carries.*

*G. Taillon motions to have the "No-Thru Trucking" and "Narrow Bridge" signs removed from Westville Road. The construction is complete, and the signs are no longer necessary. Seconded by B. Coye.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion carries.*

#### **Approval of Prior Executive (non-public) Session Minutes**

*J. DeRoche motions to approve and keep sealed the non-public session minutes of June 14, 2021. Seconded by J. Blinn.*

*Discussion: G. Taillon asks if the agreement was signed by a majority of Selectmen.*

*D. Britton replies, yes.*

*G. Taillon thinks the minutes should be unsealed. The agreement is public information.*

*B. Hossack recommends keeping them sealed for a minimum of one (1) week due to the seven-day clause in the agreement.*

*J. DeRoche states they should be sealed until the effective date of the agreement, July 1.*

*G. Taillon agrees to keep the minutes sealed.*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion carries.*

### **Other Business**

D. Britton states G. Colby will have a lot of work due to M. Pearson's retirement. He is hoping the Board can take some of the work load off him by acting as liaisons to departments.

B. Coye likes the idea.

G. Taillon states it is a nice offer, however it should be G. Colby's decision.

G. Colby replies, he would relish the help. The Board members could act as a sounding board for departments.

B. Coye asks which departments need a liaison.

G. Colby replies, Highway, Police, and Fire Departments.

G. Taillon volunteers to work with the Police Department.

B. Coye volunteers to work with the Fire Department.

J. DeRoche volunteers to work with the Highway Department.

D. Britton asks G. Colby if he would like to add anything else.

G. Coby replies, M. Pearson put together a book of current projects with contact information and he is already aware of most of them. We will move forward.

J. DeRoche states he attended the Historical Society Meeting and the water near the building is very high. They also saw a beaver.

G. Colby will ask Dan Garlington to look into it.

***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 as permitted by law. Seconded by J. DeRoche.***

***Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, J. Blinn = yes, G. Taillon = no, J. DeRoche = yes, Bill Coye = yes.***

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

***Motion carries.***

D. Britton closes the public meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Public session resumes at 7:05 p.m.

***G. Taillon 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 as permitted by law. Seconded by B. Coye.***

***Board Polled: D. Britton = yes, J. Blinn = yes, G. Taillon = no, J. DeRoche = yes, Bill Coye = yes.***

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

***Motion carries.***

D. Britton closes the public meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Public session resumes at 7:17 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 states he plans on cancelling next Monday's meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board agrees.  
D. Britton states he would like to add a meet on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board agrees.

D. Britton adjourns the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hossack,

Recording Secretary