



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: February 7, 2022

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

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Darrell Britton

Select Vice Chairman, John A. Blinn, Sr.

Selectman, Greg Taillon

Selectman, Jay DeRoche

Selectman, Bill Coye

Also present: Greg Colby, Town Manager & Gene Forbes, Underwood Engineering as remote participants. Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant in person.

Minutes

G. Taillon motions to approve the January 24, 2022, minutes. Seconded by B. Coye. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.

Public Comment

None

Water Project Update

G. Forbes, Underwood Engineers provides an update. The water tank is complete and operational. The water main extension portion of the project is also complete. The water main extends to Atkinson to connect to the regional water system. Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWSCO) is under contract to be the contract operator for the Plaistow water system. The pump station is coming along well. It should be operational by the end of March. The next part of the project is the service connections. It will be sent out for bids next month. The water should be available in June.

G. Taillon asks how long a process it is for the flushing out and disinfecting of the system.

G. Forbes, states it will take two (2) to three (3) weeks. There are fourteen (14) to fifteen (15) miles of water mains to be cleaned.

J. DeRoche asks if we will provide a pool/list of contractors to give to residents who want to connect.

G. Forbes replies, we can do that. There will be one (1) general contractor for the current eighty-plus (80+) connections. The general contractor may have their own plumbers or plumbers will be hired to do inside work.

J. Blinn asks if we know what the water pressure will be.

G. Forbes replies, it depends on where you are located. The height of property matters. In some cases, there will be a need for a reducing valve as pressure may be too high. There is a model for water pressure.

D. Britton asks about a change in fees.

G. Forbes states there is no change to user fees or permit fees. However now that we have a water operator, we will use their expert information for suggested rates.

G. Colby states the Manchester System Development Charges (MSDC) can change every January 1st.

G. Forbes recommends the Board accept the draft Water Connection Permit and start getting customers. Construction costs of hook-ups will be the responsibility of the homeowner except for the MtBE sites. The Town pays for the water mains to the curb where a shut off valve will be located. If warrant article P-22-02 passes, it will allow homeowners to borrow money to pay for the connection rather than paying the full cost to hookup up front.

D. Britton states a ground contractor should be used to connect from the curb to the house. A plumber will do the work inside the house. All work will be inspected by the Town. Therefore, there are two (2) sets of workers.

G. Forbes states, it depends on who wins the bid. Some ground (general) contractors have their own staff of plumbers. It is possible one company will do both.

J. DeRoche asks if we have a map of what streets have water mains.

G. Forbes replies, yes, we have a map.

J. DeRoche motions to approve the updated Water Service fee Schedule dated February 7, 2022. Seconded by G. Taillon. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.

There is consensus amongst the Board to accept the draft Water Connection Application form dated February 2022.

Transfer Public Safety Impact Fees to General Fund

G. Colby states the same process was done last year. There are some public safety impact fees that will expire in 2022. He recommends the Board use the money towards the Public Safety Complex Bond.

G. Taillon motions to apply the impact fees due to expire in 2022 in the amount of \$21,719.66 to be used to pay down the principal of the Public Safety Complex Bond. Seconded by B. Coyle. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.

Review and Approve the Investment Policy

G. Colby states one of the duties of the selectmen is to review and readopt the investment policy yearly. He has reviewed the policy and does not recommend any changes. It is very straight forward.

J. DeRoche motions to readopt the investment Policy reviewed at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 7, 2022. Seconded by G. Taillon. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.

J. DeRoche states there was a lot of discussion at Deliberative Session regarding warrant article P-22-16: SoRock Donation. He recommends adding a sentence to the explanation as follows: “if this warrant passes, the amount raised will be added to the Human Services Budget going forward.”

G. Taillon states the sentence would be better if the last two words “going forward” were removed. There is consensus amongst the board to add the sentence to the explanation without the last two words. There fore the last sentence will read, “if this warrant article passes, the amount raised will be added to the Human Services Budget.”

Town Managers Report

- Has been busy preparing for Deliberative Session and attending meetings for potable water.
- G. Colby thanks J. DeBonis and D. Garlington and their staff for all the work they have done with storm clean up and preparation for Deliberative Session.

D. Britton hopes people come out to vote on March 8th. There were only twenty-six (26) people at Deliberative Session other than members of Boards, Committees and employees. He urges people to please read the Town Report and come out to vote.

J. DeRoche states Deliberative Session went well. There were no increases or decreases to the budget. If anyone has questions, please call a selectman and ask.

G. Taillon states the Budget Committee was very helpful in answering questions.

B. Coye states everyone who attended was respectful.

As there is no further business before the Board, D. Britton adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack
Administrative Assistant