



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: March 14, 2022

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

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Darrell Britton

Select Vice Chairman, John A. Blinn, Sr.

Selectman, Jay DeRoche

Selectman, Bill Coye

Also present: Greg Colby, Town Manager and Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant.

Oath of Office for Two Police Sergeants

D. Britton turns the meeting over to Police Chief Kane.

Chief Kane thanks the Board for hosting the swearing in event. He states the promotion to Sergeant is a very special time for a Police Officer, their family and the police department. It is not an easy process to become a Sergeant. It takes dedication and drive to be worthy of Sergeant. Chief Kane states Master Patrol Officer Robert D'Auria has been with the Plaistow Police Department for ten (10) years. Detective Kyle Coakley has been with the Plaistow Police Department for six (6) years. Chief Kane is sure both of the new Sergeants will lead the department and perform all their duties well.

Martha Fowler, Town Clerk swears in Robert D'Auria and Kyle Coakley. Each sergeant is pinned and applauded. The Board congratulations both of them.

Martha Fowler, Town Clerk swears in Selectman John A. Blinn, Sr. for his second term as a Selectman. She swears in newly elected Jonathan Gifford as a first term selectman. Next, she swears in Julian Kiszka as a member of the Budget Committee.

Minutes

J. DeRoche motions to approve the February 28, 2022, minutes. Seconded by B. Coye. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-1 (J. Gifford abstaining).

Revote Certificate of Vote of Authorization

J. DeRoche states by supporting the certificate of vote of authorization it will allow Greg Colby, Town Manager to sign for grants related to the potable water project.

J. DeRoche motions to grant authority (certificate of vote of authorization) for Plaistow Town Manager, Gregory A. Colby to sign grant agreements with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the potable water project. Seconded by J. Blinn. There was no discussion on the motions. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.

Sanborn Head Water Contamination Discussion

Heidi Caprood and Jennifer Sanborn, both Environmental Engineers for Sanborn Head have joined the meeting remotely. Sanborn Head will assist the Town in addressing concerns of contaminated drinking water found by the State of New Hampshire Environmental Services (NHDES). NHDES has detected per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater and well water in and near the Fire Department. NHDES wants Plaistow to provide them with a plan for mitigation by March 31, 2021. It seems the State has assumed that the contaminated water has been caused by firefighter foam which used to be stored on site. Another possible cause for contamination in the State's opinion is the runoff of water from washing fire vehicles. The State realizes there may be other reasons contributing to contamination. It is anticipated that they will require Plaistow to complete a site investigation at the fire department. Sanborn Head has prepared a conceptual, technical, approach alternatives summary for Plaistow. They recommend a phased plan starting in the Fall of 2022 and phase 2 would take place in the Spring of 2023.

D. Britton asks how bad the contamination levels are. We know there have been changes in the numbers as far as what was once considered safe it now considered too high. He also states we want a definitive source of the contamination. It may be firefighter foam however there might be more than one cause.

J. Sanborn agrees.

J. DeRoche asks if Sanborn Head has dealt with similar levels of contamination in other areas and what can be done to mitigate it.

J. Sanborn states mitigation may involve treatment to wells, a public water system or bottled water. Sometimes soil excavation is necessary. It is difficult to get rid of soil contamination. They do have experience with other communities in a similar situation.

H. Caprood asks the Board if they like the idea of a phased plan over the course of two (2) years.

D. Britton replies, the Board should discuss it with the Town Manager and the Town Manager will get back to Sanborn Head.

D. Britton thanks H. Caprood and J. Sanborn for the information.

Selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair

D. Britton thanks this Board for being there for him and helping him out. He also thanks Town Manager Greg Colby and Beth Hossack and the people of Plaistow.

J. Blinn makes a motion to nominate J. DeRoche as Chair of the Board. Seconded by J. Gifford. There is no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-1 (J. DeRoche abstaining).

D. Britton makes a motion to nominate B. Coye as Vice Chair of the Board. Seconded by J. Blinn. There is no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-1 (B. Coye abstaining).

J. DeRoche takes over the meeting. He states he hopes to do right by all and help move the Town forward.

Public Comment

None

Town Managers Report

- G. Colby states the Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, 3/16 and they need a Board member to participate and vote. G. Taillon was the previous Board liaison and B. Coye was the alternate. There is consensus for B. Coye to attend the meeting as the voting Board representative. D. Britton will be the alternate for this meeting. Next week all the committee representatives will be selected.
- The past few weeks have been very busy with elections & auditors. All of the warrant articles passed including the bond for the fire truck. The paperwork for all the appropriations has been finalized with DRA (Department of Revenue Administration). The auditors completed their work in two days. No significant findings or issues were found.
- Had a meeting with Chief Knutsen regarding the fire truck and the bond. A discussion will be held at the next Board meeting.
- The new trash contract has been in effect for almost 90 days. A meeting will be held to make sure all components of the contract are working. He will bring any results back to the Board.

Other Business

D. Britton suggests putting together an information show monthly or bimonthly to show on cable TV. The idea is well received by all.

Selectmen's Reports

B. Coye

- Attended the Recreation Commission meeting. They are ramping up for the summer recreation program and hiring staff.
- The weekly coffee talk for seniors is going well.
- The Toddler Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 15.
- The Easter Egg Hunt for non-toddlers will be at the Town Green on April 16.
- Plaistow Pride Day will be on April 23.
- The Town wide yard sale is scheduled for May 14.
- May 1 is the opening day for the Summer Recreation Program sign ups.
- Run of the Savages will take place on April 9. To register see the Pollard School website for a link.
- Old Home Day is scheduled for June 18. The theme is Friendly Neighbors.

J. DeRoche

- The TRAC committee has disbanded. They are no longer a Board advisory committee. However, they will continue to work on their own and try to encourage more proper recycling.

J. DeRoche would like the Board to think about what should be accomplished this year. Soon goals for the Town Manager should be developed.

As there is no further business before the Board, J. DeRoche adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant