



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: May 9, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Jay DeRoche
Select Vice Chairman, Bill Coye
Selectman, John A. Blinn, Sr. - Excused
Selectman, Darrell Britton
Selectman, Jonathan Gifford

Also present: Greg Colby, Town Manager, several Pollard School children, Cheryl Sprague, Project Manager, and Kate Melanson, Community Relations from the Environmental Protection Agency, Stephanie Monette, P.E. from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Mike Skinner, Project Coordinator from the Beede Site Group and Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes

D. Britton motions to approve the April 25, 2022, minutes. Seconded by B. Coye.

Discussion: J. DeRoche states two members were not present on April 25, 2022 and recommends tabling the motion for another meeting. There is consensus to table the motion.

Arbor Day Poem & Poster Contest Winners

Jill Senter, Chair of the Conservation Commission states the fifth-grade students from Pollard School celebrated Arbor Day with a nature walk to the Elm Street Cemetery with a New Hampshire State Forester. They learned about different trees and the value they have on the environment. A poem and poster contest were held with “trees” as the theme. Tonight, certificates for the winners are presented. The poem contest winners are:

Third place – Cooper Dorisca
Second place – Brooke Benjamin
First place – Amber Silva

The poster contest winners are recognized, and each winner shows his/her poster. The winners are:

First grade – London Murphy
Second grade – Lilly Jensen
Third grade – Charlotte Fraser
Fourth grade – Camden Petry
Fifth grade – Julie Sheffield

Congratulations to all winners!

Recognition of Greg Taillon

J. DeRoche calls Greg Taillon to the front. J. DeRoche states Greg has been very involved in the Plaistow Community. He has assisted with Scouts, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, served on the Budget Committee and served as a diligent selectman. G. Taillon assisted Cemetery Sexton, Mark Gilford with plans for the new section of the cemetery. J. DeRoche presents him with a gift. G. Taillon thanks the selectmen.

Beede Presentation with the Environmental Protection Agency

Several people are present for tonight's discussion. From the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is Cheryl Sprague, Project Manager and Kate Melanson, Community Relations. From New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is Stephanie Monette, Project Manager. From the Beede Site Group is Mike Skinner, Project coordinator.

A brief outline of a superfund cleanup process is given. The site was listed as a superfund site in the late 1990's. The cleanup process is a very long process. There are four (4) major components of the cleanup. They include, restoration of ground water, restoration of deeper soils & landfill debris removal, excavation of sediment and excavation of shallow soils.

The groundwater treatment has been ongoing since 2013. Steam injection was used for thermal remediation of deeper soils. The current work is the removal of sediment of the lower landfill and Kelly Brook. Most of this work will be done during the summer months and should be completed by the end of the year. Nine to fifteen trucks per day will remove soil and debris. Another twenty trucks per day will be bringing backfill to the site.

Groundwater on site and in the surrounding neighborhood (off site) is monitored by the State. Monitoring also includes assessment of contaminant migration into bedrock fractures and any emerging contaminants and/or changes in allowable levels of known contaminants. Cleanup remedies are modified based on findings.

Every five (5) years a review is done. The last one completed was in 2017. A current review has started and will continue this year. It consists of reviewing documents, data, site inspections and community interviews. Upon completion of the review the remedy is updated, as necessary.

Frank, a Plaistow resident from 16 Shady Lane is in the audience and is very concerned about the trucks queuing and idling in the road. They will pass his yard every day.

Mike Skinner states there will not be enough trucks to queue or idle. They will be spread out throughout the day.

The Board thanks all the presenters for coming tonight.

Transport Vehicle

Chief Knutsen states in conjunction with the order of the fire truck he would like to order a transport vehicle which has been discussed. The current transport vehicle is aging. It is hard to fix because parts are hard to get. Last year it was out of service for about two (2) months. Chief Knutsen spent a lot of time assessing a vehicle that meets the Town's needs. He does not believe Plaistow needs a heavy-duty vehicle. A Type III model ambulance will meet our needs. It is more cost effective and runs on gas not diesel. It will save about \$50,000 in tax dollars. There is money in the fire

department capital reserve account to pay for the vehicle. The new vehicle will still have a heavy-duty chassis and the capabilities are the same. The difference is the cab. It looks more like a van than a truck. The vehicle will be ordered from Allegiance for a cost of \$298,180. The Chief is looking for approval to move forward with the order.

J. DeRoche asks how much will be left in the capital reserve fund after the purchase.

G. Colby states the current balance is close to \$354,000 and \$140,000 will be added to the account from this year's Town Meeting. The Board voted to use \$100,000 towards the fire truck. After the ambulance is paid for there will be approximately \$95,000 left in the account.

D. Britton motions to approve the purchase of the Allegiance Fire & Rescue 2022/23 Ford E450 Chassis with a Road Rescue Type III Ultramedic Model Ambulance at a price of \$298,180.00 Seconded by J. Gifford.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries.

Chief Knutsen states the old ladder truck which is being donated to the Sevier County Volunteer Fire Department in Tennessee will be picked up on Sunday. All selectmen are welcome to come to the fire station to meet the fire chief and mechanic from Tennessee and wish them well.

Bond Bank Resolution

G. Colby states this item needs to be added to tonight's agenda. Late last Thursday after the agenda was posted, G. Colby received information from bond counsel regarding the two (2) bond warrant articles passed at Town Meeting. The deadline for the paperwork and Board's approval is May 23, 2022 therefore it will be voted on tonight.

D. Britton motions to approve the certificate of vote regarding authorization of bonds and approval of the loan agreement for the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank and as part of the discussion J. DeRoche will read the exact verbiage. Seconded by B. Coye.

RESOLVED: That under and pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, N.H.R.S.A., as amended, the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank Law, Chapter 35-A, N.H.R.S.A., as amended, and other laws in addition thereto, and to votes of the Issuer duly adopted on March 8, 2022 under Articles P-22-02 and P-22-03 of the Warrant for such annual meeting of the Issuer there be and hereby is authorized the issuance of (i) a \$450,000 bond (Federally Taxable) of the Issuer (the "Taxable Bond") which is being issued by the Issuer for the purpose of the establishing an interim fund to provide loans to property owners to cover the capital costs related to the connection to the Town's potable water system and (ii) a \$1,120,000 bond of the Issuer (the Tax Exempt Bond" and together with the Taxable Bond, the "Bonds") which is being issued by the Issuer for the purpose of financing the replacement of the Fire Department's Tower 3 Fire Truck.

The Bonds shall be dated as of their date of issuance, shall be in such numbers and denominations as the purchaser shall request, shall mature in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit A to each Loan Agreement hereinafter described (the "Loan Agreement"), shall bear a net interest cost rate (as defined in the Loan Agreement) of four percent (4.00%) per annum for the Taxable Bond and five percent (5.00%) per annum for the Tax Exempt Bond, or such lesser amounts as may be determined by a majority of the Board. The Bonds shall be

substantially in the forms set forth as Exhibit B to the Loan Agreement and otherwise shall be issued in such manner and form as the signatories shall approve by their execution thereof.

RESOLVED: That the Bonds shall be sold to the Bond Bank at the par value thereof plus any applicable premium.

RESOLVED: That in order to evidence the sale of the Bonds, the Treasurer of Issuer and a member of the Board are authorized and directed to execute, attest and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, a Loan Agreement in substantially the forms submitted to this meeting for the Taxable Bond and the Tax Exempt Bond, each of which Loan Agreement is hereby approved, with such changes therein not inconsistent with this vote and approved by the officers executing the same on behalf of the Issuer. The approval of such changes by said officers shall be conclusively evidenced by execution of each Loan Agreement by such officers.

RESOLVED: That all things heretofore done, and all action heretofore taken by the Issuer and its officers and agents in its authorization of the projects to be financed by the Bonds are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and the signers of the Bonds are each hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including delivering the Bonds against payment therefor.

RESOLVED: That the useful life of the projects being financed are in excess of ten (10) and twenty (20) years.

I further certify that said meeting was open to the public; the aforesaid vote was not taken by secret ballot nor in executive session; that notice of the time and place of said meeting was posted in at least two (2) appropriate public places within the territorial limits of the Issuer, or published in a newspaper of general circulation in said area, at least twenty-four (24) hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, before said meeting; that no deliberations or actions with respect to the vote were taken in executive session; and that the minutes of said meeting have been promptly recorded and have been or will be made open to inspection within one hundred forty-four (144) hours of said meeting, all in accordance with Chapter 91-A, N.H.R.S.A., as amended.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries.

Memorial Day Planning

J. DeRoche states on Monday, May 30th the Town will host a Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. D. Britton offered to say a short speech and J. DeRoche will be the Master of Ceremonies. We hope to have a good turnout.

Potable Water Update

G. Colby states the P4 contract was awarded to Northeast Earth Mechanics, Inc. A preconstruction meeting will be held on Thursday. Approximately 75-80 connections will be needed. Several commercial hookups for properties on Route 125 are also needed. The pump house on East Road is almost complete. The flushing and disinfecting of the system should start the first week of June.

Town Managers Report

- An offer has been made to a potential Health Officer.
- The legal responses for the year end 12/31/21 audit should be complete by the end of the week.
- Has been working with the Bond Bank and Bond Counsel.
- This year's paving will take place in June.
- About 318 vehicles came through the household hazardous waste event. He thanks Methuen Construction for allowing us to use their driveway for the event. It was successful with approximately 110 Plaistow vehicles attending.
- Working on getting titles for two (2) police cruisers to go to the State Auction.
- Year-to-date expense reports were emailed earlier today, and hard copies are in your folders.
- Working on a lease for the Historical Society.
- Working on a betterment plan for those using the water bond for connections.

D. Britton asks with prices increasing and inflation will the Town be able to do everything.

G. Colby replies, we have to monitor the budget closely.

Selectmen's Reports

J. Gifford

- Attended the Recreation Commission Meeting. An Eagle Scout Candidate is working on a trail at Mt. Misery.
- The Easter Egg hunts were very successful.
- They have hired sixteen (16) counselors for Summer Recreation.
- He is impressed with how much Recreation accomplishes.
- Attended the Historical Society Meeting. Jim Peck used to run the Historical Society. Now that he has moved, Bob Hobbs needs some help. The Historical Society needs to become more self-sufficient.
- Miss Teen New Hampshire lives in Plaistow.

D. Britton

- Attended the Budget Committee Meeting. They have 3 vacancies they are trying to fill.
- Gives a shoutout to Norm Major and hopes he will be well soon.
- Gives a shoutout to Eric Maher and hopes he is feeling better.
- Gives a shoutout to Sumner Kalman and hopes he is feeling better as he has been out for quite a while.

B. Coye

- Attended the Planning Board Meeting. The Town plans to use the services of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) more now that we no longer have a Town Planner.
- Attended Opening Day for Baseball & Softball. The programs are growing.
- Attended the Old Home Day Committee Meeting. Things are going well however they still need volunteers.

J. DeRoche

- Attended Opening Day for Baseball & Softball. It was a great event and nice to see all the kids with their families.
- Wishes Norm Major well.

J. DeRoche states if you are interested in becoming a member of the Budget Committee, please sent a letter of interest to BudComChair@plaistow.com.

Also, J. DeRoche states please remember to pick up after your dog. Please do not leave dog waste around Town especially on athletic fields where kids play.

J. Gifford states last week's Kids Fishing Derby went well. This Saturday (5/14) there will be another fishing derby for children with special needs.

Events

- Beede Open House – Saturday, May 14
- Town Wide Yard Sale – Saturday May 14
- Recreation Dept. Cher Show (limited tickets) – June 5 (contact Rec. Director Jenn Gusler)

Other Business

None

As there is no further business before the Board, J. DeRoche adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Administrative Assistant