



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: July 28, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Jay DeRoche – Excused (joined via phone @ 8:34 a.m.)

Select Vice Chairman, Bill Coye - Present

Selectman, John A. Blinn, Sr. – Excused

Selectman, Darrell Britton - Present

Selectman, Jonathan Gifford - Present

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

Public Comment

None

Decision Energy Aggregation with Rockingham Planning Commission

B. Coye states we need to decide if we want to join with Rockingham Planning Commission or not for energy aggregation. He asks for feedback.

D. Britton states he is not in favor.

B. Coye asks if G. Colby, Town Manager has an opinion.

Select Chair J. DeRoche joins the meeting via phone at 8:34 a.m.

G. Colby replies, it's a hedge bet on what will happen. He can see both sides and does not have an opinion. He states C. Vinton, Library Director told him that the rates for a new contract have increased significantly since the Library joined the program three (3) years ago.

D. Britton states petroleum is starting to come down in price.

J. DeRoche is concerned winter prices will increase.

D. Britton states either way is a gamble. He would like to know why not every major municipality is doing it. That tells him something.

J. Gifford is concerned prices may double in winter.

G. Colby states we have several bills per month for all of the different buildings. Some rates are fixed at "x" while others are fixed at "y," and some are variable. The two most costly buildings are the Safety Complex and the Highway Garage. We are seeing saving (credits) with the solar panels on the Highway Garage.

D. Britton believes big energy companies will stop shipping natural gas to Europe. We will have a better supply in the US and therefore better prices.

J. DeRoche states he wanted to make sure this was discussed and vetted by all selectmen.

D. Britton motions to not join Rockingham Planning Commission for electric aggregation with Constellation. Seconded by J. Gifford.

Vote: B. Coye = yes, D. Britton = yes, J. Gifford = yes, J. DeRoche = yes.

Motion carries 4-0-0.

PFAS Grant Agreement Authorization

G. Colby, Town Manager states he has heard from the State that Plaistow will receive a grant of up to 1.5 million for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation. A public hearing is scheduled for August 8th to discuss and potentially accept the grant. Tonight's goal is to grant G. Colby permission to sign documents regarding the grant.

D. Britton motions to enter into an ARPA and PFAS RLF grant agreement with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services to fund a water system improvement project for PFAS/PFOA remediation. He further motions to allow Town Manager, Gregory A. Colby to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the grant agreement. Seconded by J. DeRoche.

Vote: B. Coye = yes, D. Britton = yes, J. Gifford = yes, J. DeRoche = yes

Motion carries 4-0-0.

G. Colby, Town Manager states he has a draft of a betterment plan for the potable water system. He would like everyone to read the draft. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

G. Colby Town Manager states he has a scheduled phone call later today with Version for negotiations for placing equipment on the old water tower.

G. Colby Town Manager states the State has initiated a rebate program for private well owners. Individuals may be eligible for a rebate of \$5,000 for a water treatment system or \$10,000 for joining a potable water system. The Town will encourage the second option for homes along the water line.

As there is no further business before the Board, B. Coye adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Administrative Assistant