



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: August 29, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also present: Greg Colby, Town Manager, Gene Forbes, Underwood Engineers remote attendee, Dee Voss, Special Projects Coordinator, and Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant.

Public Comment

None

Potable Water Connection Fees Discussion

G. Colby states applications are being worked on, hookups are being installed. We are preparing for the water to be turned on. Tonight's meeting revolves around the Plaistow Service Development Charge (PSDC). This is a one-time charge to help pay for the cost of the pipes in the ground which are being utilized for the potable water system. The idea is to seek a way to incentivize customers to join by waiving the Plaistow Service Development Charge on a temporary basis. The success of the system is based on flow. The more users we have sooner rather than later the better the system will be.

G. Colby prepared a chart with a few different types of properties to show examples of the Plaistow Service Develop Charge. A residential property with a ¾ inch meter has a Plaistow SDC of \$1053. An average commercial property with a 1-inch meter has a Plaistow SDC of \$6000. A multi housing unit (apartments) with a 2-inch meter has a Plaistow SDC of \$17,625. A different type of commercial property such as a healthcare facility with a 2-inch meter has a Plaistow SDC of \$6,318.00.

G. Colby explains there is no metered usage to determine the Plaistow SDC fees yet since the system is new. The usage is estimated by the size of the approved septic plan of the property.

G. Forbes states, the calculation for septic usage and water usage are different yet we are estimating the monthly usage of water to get to the SDC charge with the help of the approved septic plan on file.

If the use of the property changes the water usage will also change. As time goes on, we will also have more information on water usage based on meters. Therefore, the Plaistow SDC charges can be adjusted in the future if needed.

J. DeRoche tries to clarify the discussion by stating the Town can help with the connections costs by waiving the Plaistow SDC fee for a specific time period.

G. Colby recommends waiving the fee for a short amount of time to get people to hook up. The Board has the authority to extend the length of time if they feel it is necessary or develop a different smaller discount following the deadline for waiver.

G. Forbes suggests there should also be a time limit to get the connection work done to qualify for the Plaistow SDC being waived. For example, if the application deadline is January 1, 2023 to get the fee waived the connection should be completed by June 1, 2023.

D. Britton motions to allow an open enrollment period for connecting to the water system where the Plaistow SDC charge will be waived/capped at \$5000 as long as the applicant has paid other applicable charges and permits. Installation must be complete by June 1, 2023 to take advantage of this incentive. Seconded by B. Coye.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries.

As there is no further business before the Board, J. DeRoche adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Administrative Assistant