Town of Plaistow ◆ Board of Selectmen





PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: February 1, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 3:00pm

SELECTMEN:

Selectman, John Sherman, Chairman Selectman, Tammy Bergeron, Vice Chair

Selectman, Steve Ranlett Selectman, Julian Kiszka Selectman, Peter Bracci Town Manager, Mark Pearson

M. Pearson states Selectman J. Kiszka brought to the Boards attention Monday evening a Citizen's Petition regarding a zoning change. This was the first time M. Pearson and the Board were aware of the petition. On Tuesday, M. Pearson held a meeting with the Mr. Zukas, Town Counsel, Attorney Kalman and Town Moderator Bob Harb. The citizen's petition was mistakenly omitted from the package of Budget and Warrant Articles including the proposed zoning amendments that the Board voted on at Monday's meeting. However, the Citizen's Petition was submitted on time with the correct number of required signatures. During Tuesday's meeting the law was researched and it was determined that according to NH RSA 675:4 III, as long as the article is brought forth no later than the fifth Tuesday prior to voting, the article will be accepted. Next Tuesday, February 6 is the deadline. Instead of waiting until the deadline the Board of Select is holding a special meeting today to add the citizen's petition to the 2018 Budget and Warrant articles. By holding today's meeting, we are following the law and being transparent.

- S. Ranlett asks why we are voting on the citizen's petition since the Board does not vote on any other zoning articles.
- M. Pearson explains we are not voting on the actual article we are just voting to add it to the current 2018 articles already in existence. It is more of a formality.
- J. Kiszka motions to add Warrant Article Z-18-17, "are you in favor of amending the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32F, LDR-Low Density Residential, C. Area and dimensions, (1) Minimum lot size by changing (1) Area: 110,000 square feet to (1) Area: 80,000 square feet per dwelling unit?"
- S. Ranlett states he will vote no because the motion sounds like the Board would be voting on the content of the article.
- J. Kiszka withdraws his motion to make a new one.

J. Kiszka motions to amend the 2018 Warrant by adding Citizen's Petition Z-18-17. Seconded by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 5-0-0 Motion passes.

J. Sherman adjourned the meeting at 3:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack, Recording Secretary