



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

Plaistow Board of Selectmen Minutes

Date: March 4, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01 P.M.

Roll Call:

Select Chairman, Bill Coye – Present
Select Vice Chairman, Jay DeRoche – Present
Selectman, Darrell Britton – Present
Selectman, Jonathan Gifford – Present
Selectwoman, Tammy Bergeron – Present

Also present: Police Chief Santoro & several police officers and Administrative Specialist, Beth Hossack.

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing to Consider a Donation for Old Home Day

Chair Coye opens the public hearing at 6:02 P.M.

Chair Coye states we have received a donation from the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Group to use for the 2024 Old Home Day/275th Birthday of the Town of Plaistow Celebration. The donation is \$7500. He asks if anyone has any questions.

Selectman DeRoche thanks the Beede Group.

Chair Coye agrees and states the \$7500 is a great contribution and will go a long way.

Selectman Gifford motions to accept the \$7500 donation from the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site Group which is to be used on the 2024 Old Home Day Event/275th Birthday Celebration of the Town of Plaistow. Seconded by Selectman Britton.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

Chair Coye closes the public hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Swearing in of a New Police Officer

Chief Santoro introduces officer Eric McDonald. He is a New Hampshire Certified Police Officer and has worked in Atkinson for the past seven (7) years. He is a LEAD Instructor (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) and is certified in accident reconstruction. Officer McDonald is also an avid runner. He will be on the streets in approximately thirty (30) days.

Town Clerk, Martha Fowler swears Officer McDonald in.

The Board welcomes him.

Town Moderator Bob Harb Election Discussion

Town Moderator Bob Harb begins by reminding everyone that Candidates Night is tomorrow night at the Library. The first part will be held from 6:00-6:30 P.M. It is a meet and greet session.

Questions for candidates begins at 6:30 P.M.

Town Elections are one (1) week from tomorrow, March 12. Voting will take place at the Fish and Game Club from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. There will be a line up on the right, going down the side of the building and coming back up. This is to prevent a large backup in the doorway area. There will be three check-in lines in alphabetical order. The ballots are 5 pages with questions on both sides.

There will be three machines to count ballots however it may take longer to vote.

Town Moderator Bob Harb looks forward to seeing everyone at the polls next week.

Chair Coye asks what time selectmen will be at the polls. Since he is running for a position he will not be able to participate at the polls.

Selectman DeRoche states he will be there all day.

Selectwoman Bergeron will be there after work until close.

Selectman Britton will be there all day.

Selectman Gifford will be there all day.

Town Moderator Bob Harb states if any residents wants to give a few hours of their time to help count ballots please contact Town Clerk, Martha Fowler. All ballots are counted by hand as well as the voting machines. There is also oversight from the Attorney General's Office. These efforts are to ensure legitimacy in our voting system.

Consideration of a Signed Waiver of Liability for a Driveway on Tax Map 18, Lot 8

Chair Coye states there is information in the folders regarding the potential driveway waiver.

On October 26, 2023, the Plaistow Zoning Board of Adjustment approved a variance from Article V, Table 220-32F.C(1)(b), to permit a single-family home to be constructed at 2 Carlton Path, Tax Map 18, Lot 8, with the following conditions:

- No more than a single family dwelling, or a single-family dwelling with an Accessory Dwelling Unit, (ADU) may be constructed on the lot and shall meet all the minimum setback requirements in accordance with Article V, Table 220-32I, or be able to obtain variances for setbacks.
- The property owner and/or applicant shall obtain a Waiver of Municipal Liability from the Plaistow Board of Selectmen prior to making application for a building permit from the Department of Building Safety.

Chair Coye states the signed waiver of municipal liability has been approved by Town Counsel.

Selectman Britton motions to accept the signed Waiver of Limited Municipal Liability, from John Landry to allow a driveway curb cut on the parcel at 14 Lynwood St. also known as 2 Carlton

Path, Plaistow Tax Map 18, Lot 8, and to authorize the issuance of a building permit, provided all required information for such a permit is submitted. A variance to allow construction of a single-family dwelling on a lot without frontage on a Class 5 road, was granted for this parcel by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on October 26, 2023. Seconded by Selectwoman Bergeron

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

A person from the audience asks to speak.

Chair Coye allows it.

James Mosher 3 Carlton Path, Tax Map 19, parcel 5 does not agree with the Board's decision. He states the potential driveway would cross his property and he does not agree with it.

The Board feels the decision they made is the correct decision.

Discuss Quote for a Tank Evaluation

Chair Coye state we currently have three (3) cell phone carries with equipment on the water tower. They rent this space bringing revenue to the Town. Soon a fourth carrier will join them. The Tower itself has not been inspected since 2012 or 2016. Town Manager G. Colby asked a certified engineer from Timberline Communication, Inc.(TCI) to provide a quote for a maintenance inspection. The quote will be stamped. The provided quote is \$21,471.33. Town Manager Greg Colby recommends getting the inspection done.

Selectman Gifford motions to accept the quote from Timberline Communications Inc. (TCI) in the amount of \$21,479.33 to inspect and report on the condition of the water tower. The funds will come from the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The balance in this fund is approximately \$363,000. Seconded by Selectman Britton.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Consent agenda

Item Description

1. Accounts Payable Manifest week of March 7th, 2024.
2. BOS Draft minutes of February 26th, 2024.
3. One (1)Veteran' Tax Credit Applications

We have a few additional items consisting of Three (3) Supplemental Water Consumption Fees/Taxes.

Selectman DeRoche motions to approve the consent agenda with the additional items mentioned above. Seconded by Selectwoman Bergeron.

Vote: 0-0-0

Motion carries.

Town Managers Report/Potable Water Update

Deferred

Selectmen's Reports

Selectman Gifford

- Will be part of the ballot machine testing tomorrow at 9:00 A.M. in Town Hall.
- Will attend Candidates Night tomorrow evening.

Selectwoman Bergeron

- Will attend the Conservation Commission meeting on Thursday. They will be discussing Arbor Day.

Selectman Britton – nothing to report.

Selectman DeRoche

- Was out of Town last week. Prior to leaving he met with Lori, a Rockingham Planning Commission Representative and Salem Caregivers. The plan is to bring a transportation service to Plaistow. There may be grant money available to get the program up and running.

Chair Coye – nothing to report.

- He thanks Darrell for all his work on the Board over the last three (3) years. He has learned a lot from him and enjoyed serving with him.

Selectman Britton thanks Chair Coye and all the Board members. There have been some rough times and some good times. He also thanks the citizens of Plaistow. He misses John Blinn and thanks him too.

Selectwoman Bergeron states this is the best board she has worked on.

Events

- Candidates Night is tomorrow at the Library.
- Town Elections – Tuesday, March 12 at the Fish & Game Club 18 May Ray Ave.
- The Recreations Department is starting “Coffee Talk” on March 6. It will be held on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 A.M. in the Recreation Office.
- On March 15 there is a skating event at Remix in Manchester from noon to 2:00 P.M. (No school day – Staff Development Day)
- The Toddler Easter Egg hunt will be held on 3/29
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 3/30
- Plans are being made for April School Vacation Week. One trip will be to the New England Aquarium, another to Launch Trampoline Park in Methuen. The Friends of Recreation will host an event on April 26 at the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

As there is no further business before the Board, Chair Coye adjourned the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Administrative Specialist