



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** December 5, 2018

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 4:25pm

**SELECTMEN:**

Selectman, Julian Kiszka, Chairman  
Selectman, John Sherman  
Selectwoman, Francine Hart

Selectman, Peter Bracci, Vice Chairman  
Selectman, Steve Ranlett  
Mark Pearson, Town Manager

**USE OF PLAISTOW'S FIRING RANGE**

M. Pearson states some outside organizations do have agreements with Plaistow to use the firing range. The city of Haverhill is one of them. If the Board did approve the Police Academy from Northern Essex Community College to use the facility it would be an expanded use not a new use.

*S. Ranlett motions to deny Northern Essex Community College to use the firing range due to community outcry and safety reasons. Seconded by J. Kiszka.*

*Discussion: M. Pearson states some usage of the range has already been scheduled. There may be new complaints coming in.*

*S. Ranlett states he felt pressured to make a decision on Monday night.*

*J. Kiszka states there was not enough time.*

*S. Ranlett states, why not go with the Chief's decision?*

*M. Pearson states he felt it was better to bring it to the Board and let them decide. Some other communities using the range are Atkinson, Danville, Everett, Hampstead, Nahant, the US Postal Service (Federal Inspectors), and Haverhill.*

*F. Hart asks why towns as far away as Nahant come to Plaistow to use the firing range.*

*S. Ranlett states he knows that Everett uses it and in return some of our Officers train with Everett's Swat Team.*

*M. Pearson states it is not uncommon for other communities to use an established facility.*

*J. Kiszka asks if a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is an actual contract.*

*F. Hart adds, do MOU's lapse.*

*M. Pearson states there is language in the MOU's (except for the Postal Service) that either party can terminate the agreement with a thirty (30) day notice.*

*P. Bracci asks if there is a fee to use the facility.*

*J. Sherman asks why the Chief of Police has not been involved in these discussions.*

*There is consensus to have the Chief come to a future meeting to provide more information.*

*P. Bracci asks what the difference is from other communities using recreation fields or using the firing range.*

*J. Sherman states the use of recreation fields is reciprocal.*

***J. Kiszka calls for a vote on the floor.***

***Vote: 5-0-0***

***Motion passes.***

M. Pearson states questions should be forwarded to B. Hossack. She will collect them and give them to the Chief.

J. Kiszka adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,  
Recording Secretary