



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: October 30, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

SELECTMEN:

Selectwoman, Francine Hart, Chairman
Selectman, Steve Ranlett
Selectman, Greg Taillon

Selectman, Julian Kiszka, Vice Chairman
Selectman, John A. Blinn, Sr.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sergeant Dorothy McGurren
Attorney Kevin Coyle
Attorney John Ratigan

F. Hart states this meeting has convened to hear testimony relating to the alleged violation of NH RSA 398:7 and Town Code 157-10 by Plaistow Trading & Pawn located at 27 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, NH. As Chair, she will act as the Presiding Officer. The defendant has chosen not to appear. Following testimony, the Board will deliberate and make a decision which will be documented in writing, given to all parties and filed with the Town Clerk.

F. Hart states if any Board Members have a conflict or personal or business relationship with the defendant, they should recuse themselves.

S. Ranlett states he will recuse himself from voting as his family has worked with the defendant's attorney in the past. He will partake in listening to testimony and discussion.

F. Hart calls Sergeant McGurren of the Plaistow Police Department to present evidence. Both Sgt. McGurren and Attorney Coyle come to the podium.

Sgt. McGurren states this has been a long time coming. She began working on this in 2006. She gives Board members a package of documentation supporting her investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren if a violation of Town Code 157-7, regarding the preparation and maintenance transactions of all records affecting acquisitions has been done.

Sgt. McGurren replies, no.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren is this on a routine basis.

Sgt. McGurren replies, it is on a routine basis.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren if she has provided materials for the Board to review.

Sgt. McGurren replies, yes.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren if she reviewed the defendant's history of keeping photographic identification of sellers according to Town Code 157-7B.

Sgt. McGurren replies; yes, however he is keeping photographic identification on blank pawn slips. No other information is included on the slips. There are over 100 of them.

Attorney Coyle asks her if that is in compliance with the ordinance?

Sgt. McGurren replies, it is not.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren if she has supplied samples to the Board.

Sgt. McGurren replies, yes.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren Plaistow if Plaistow Trading and Pawn been compliant by keeping photographic identification of items such as jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones and precious metals?

Sgt. McGurren replies, it has not.

Attorney Coyle asks Sgt. McGurren if she has supplied samples to the Board.

Sgt. McGurren replies, yes. She copied the gold receipts for the melted down gold, and it does not match the amount of gold reported to the Police Department as having been bought by the business.

Attorney Coyle asks if Town Code 157-7B regarding the electronic recording of all public entrances to the building and all transactions being conducted and kept on file is the routine practice of Plaistow Trading & Pawn?

Sgt. McGurren replies, no. She has never received video recording when she has asked for it.

Attorney Coyle asks if Town Code 157-7C, regarding a copy of all transaction records be delivered to the Plaistow Police Department within 24 hours of the end of the day in which the transaction occurred been complied with.

Sgt. McGurren replies, no it hasn't.

Attorney Coyle asks if Sgt. McGurren has provided evidence for the Board.

Sgt. McGurren replies, yes.

Attorney Coyle asks if Town Code 157-8, stating no article shall be sold, encumbered, disposed of or altered in appearance within 21 days of purchase except with the written permission of the Chief of Police and in no case within 24 hours after purchase has been complied with.

Sgt. McGurren replies, no.

Attorney Coyle asks if she can give an example.

Sgt. McGurren replies, going back to 2006 she read reports that Mr. Kimball sold items before a victim was able to identify it and the Police Department to try to recover it. In 2015 Officer Robichaud did a grand jury subpoena on gift cards and found a significant discrepancy. Sometimes gift cards were sold the same day they were posted online.

Attorney Coyle asks if Sgt. McGurren has had a change to read the Secondhand Dealers & Pawnbrokers Chapter (which is chapter 157) of the Town Code and if so, are you familiar with it.

Sgt. McGurren replies, yes, she has read it and is familiar with it.

Attorney Coyle asks if she feels the chapter has been followed by Plaistow Trading & Pawn.

Sgt. McGurren replies, absolutely not.

Attorney Coyle asks if she feels at this point their license should be revoked.
Sgt. McGurren replies, absolutely yes.

Attorney Coyle asks Chairwoman Hart to take into evidence the packet submitted by Sgt. Dorothy McGurren. He has no further questions.

F. Hart asks if there are any questions from the Board.

S. Ranlett states he has worked very closely with Sgt. McGurren in the past and she is very thorough. He states, good job Sgt. McGurren.

J. Blinn asks what so long?

Sgt. McGurren replies, there was not a lot of support to do this in the past.

F. Hart closes the testimony and question portion of the meeting.

F. Hart opens the public hearing at 5:43pm

No one from the public is present to speak.

F. Hart closed the public hearing at 5:44pm.

F. Hart calls for Board discussion.

S. Ranlett motions to revoke the license of Plaistow Trading and Pawn, who's president is Jason Kimball. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 4-0-1 (abstain S. Ranlett)

Motion carries.

J. Kiszka states he does not understand why this was not brought up before.

Sgt. McGurren states she was told the Board of Selectmen would not be interested in it. She also states that was a long time ago.

F. Hart adjourned the meeting at 5:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Recording Secretary