



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: January 27, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:15 p.m.

SELECTMEN:

Selectwoman, Francine Hart, Chairman
Selectman, Greg Taillon
Greg Colby, Finance Director

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

NEW BUSINESS

F. Hart begins the meeting by stating the Selectmen each received a letter from the Rockingham County Courthouse stating the lease of the court building will not be renewed when it expires on June 30, 2020. This will cause a reduction of revenue. It will also cause increases to the Police Departments budget as Officers will have to travel to go to court. We do not know where the court will be located so it is very difficult to determine additional costs. There will be no more walking across the street. She would like to know the Boards thoughts about increasing the bottom line of the budget at Deliberative Session due to the closing of the Plaistow District Court.

J. Kiszka states we will need to know the revenue minus expenses.

G. Colby states the expenses are minor. The rent is \$4500 per month. In 2020 we will lose 7 months of rent.

F. Hart had a phone conversation with Chief Mullin regarding this issue. We were blindsided. We will have to look at the number of cases in 2018 and 2018 to try to anticipate overtime and travel expenses for Officers.

J. Blinn asks if we can modify the current building to bring it up to an acceptable level.

F. Hart states we do not have enough room for parking. It is not economically or geographically feasible.

G. Taillon states we need to know the amount of revenue that will be lost and have a good handle on the increase needed for the Police Department to make a budget determination. He states Mark Pearson has some information that will be helpful.

The Board agrees a motion should be made at deliberative session to increase the budget.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE CABLE EQUIPMENT

Dean Zanello, Cable Coordinator states he would like to purchase video transmitter and receiver equipment to be installed at the Plaistow Public Library and at Town Hall. The purpose is to replace the outdated analog link between the two facilities. This will allow live broadcasting from the Library. The goal is to have the equipment in operation before Candidates' Night on March 3.

The funds will come from the Plaistow Cable Franchise Fund.

G. Taillon motions to withdraw up to \$2000 from the Cable Department's Franchise Fund to allow the purchase and installation of video transmitters and receivers for Plaistow Public Library and Town Hall. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries

F. Hart adjourned this portion of the meeting at 6:29 p.m. and opened the Water meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Recording Secretary