



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: March 2, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

SELECTMEN:

Selectwoman, Francine Hart, Chairman
Selectman, Greg Taillon
Mark Pearson, Town Manager

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

A moment of silence is held for Selectman Kiszka's uncle who recently passed away.

Boy Scout Troop 18 and Cub Scout Pack 118 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

G. Taillon motions to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOY SCOUTS PRESENTATION

Sam Kincaid and Cameron Stack from Plaistow Boy Scout Troop 118 introduce themselves. They are Den Chiefs helping the Den. They begin a power point presentation. They propose building a shed on town owned property preferably at Plaistow Area Recreational Complex (P.A.R.C.) The shed will be used to hold items used by the pack especially a few larger items such as the blue and gold bridge and the pinewood derby track. The blue and gold bridge is used for the ceremonies when Cub Scouts move up to Boy Scouts. Tents and sleeping bags will also be stored in the shed. The reason the boys recommend P.A.R.C. as the location is because the area is quiet and far from houses so it will not be bothersome when using it. It is not on a main road and the area is behind a locked gate which will help prevent theft and the location is convenient for loading/unloading equipment. The dimensions of the proposed shed are 12 x 16 with a concrete base. The walls will be made of wood and the roof will be shingles. The Scouts plan to use one solar powered light bulb for lighting. They worked with Revision Energy and found it is the least expensive way for lighting. The detailed power point is filled with several diagrams and their plan is well thought out.

F. Hart states their presentation was outstanding.

G. Taillon states it was well thought out.

J. Kiszka asks if they use one solar powered light what will they do when it gets dark early in winter months.

The boys state they will use a small battery backup and the shed will be used mostly during the day.

J. Kiszka asks if they will use any type of walkway as the area is often wet and muddy. A gravel walkway might help.

The boys state they did not think of that and they like the idea. They will consider it.

F. Hart states if the Board gives the Scouts approval tonight, they need to attend a Planning Board meeting using the same presentation.

J. Kiszka states the battery backup may be too expensive and if the shed is located near the other building, they could run electricity if needed.

The boys did think of that. They will have to look at the cost of both options. The big items are not used in winter months.

F. Hart asks when they want to start the project.

The boys hope to start the project in the summer and have ready for use in the fall.

F. Hart asks if they are planning on any type of security measures.

Sam states the doors will be locked and the keys will be held by Mr. Stack and Mr. Lee.

***G. Taillon motions to approve the shed pending Planning Board approval. Seconded by J. Kiszka.
Vote: 3-0-0***

Motion carries

FIRE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL GRANT

Chief Knutsen states there are several different types of grants available to go after. This one happens to be a regional grant through FEMA for assistance to Firefighters. It will be used to replace old, outdated radio equipment. The Town of Sandown is the lead town applying for the grant. The other towns are Hampstead, Danville and Plaistow. In order to participate Plaistow must complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Hampstead and Danville have already done so. Items that will be purchase with the grant money are thirty-six portable radios, and nine mobile radios. Training, hardware, and equipment for servicing and programming the radios is also included. The estimated cost of equipment for all towns is \$350,000. The portion for Plaistow is \$101,390. A match of either 10% or 20% is required. Chief Knutsen was not able to get a solid number for the match. If the match is 20% Plaistow will need to pay \$20,278 (remember it could be half of this). The current amount in the capital reserve account for radios is \$15,809.21. If the warrant article of \$15,000 passes at Town Meeting, there will be more than enough money for the match. Grant money is an economical solution to purchase needed radios.

G. Taillon ask what is plan B if we do not get the grant.

Chief Knutsen replies, more money would be requested next year to purchase the radios. It would put us behind the 8-ball since the department really needs the radios in the next 12-18 months.

F. Hart states the radios are part of the Capital Improvement Plan. Unfortunately, the amount put into the fund is not adequate.

F. Hart asks when we will find out if we are the recipients of the grant. Chief Knutsen replies, the closing date is the end of the month. We will know before the end of the year.

J. Kiszka motions to direct the Town Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the regional grant application. Seconded by G. Taillon.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion carries

REMOTE/OFFSITE PARTICIPATION FOR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETINGS

F. Hart states we are being proactive to plan for the future if Board members need to travel for work and may not be able to attend meetings in person. She asks if our current phone system have the capability to allow someone to remotely be heard.

G. Taillon states yes, if we use the speaker phone feature the process should work.

J. Kiszka the person on the other end must be set up correctly also.

VOTING SCHEDULE

F. Hart states next Tuesday is voting day. The Selectmen will all participate based on the schedule used during the Presidential Primary.

J. Kiszka states there are always some Plaistow voters who come in and help.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

- M. Pearson states the grant award for the Pollard Road Culvert is confirmed. We just need approval from voters next week.
- Reminder – next Monday is the Trust Fund Meeting in Concord for water. He is hoping to have the Selectmen and residents attend.
- Attended several meetings.
- Street Light Replacement Project - Update
- Staff Meeting.
- Recreation Commission – Update on Engineering Design.
- Pollard Road Culvert Easements.
- Trinity Emergency Medical Service.
- House Numbering.
- Fire Alarm Program.
- Assistance for Fire Grants (AFG)
- JRM Meeting.
- New Selectman Meeting.
- Personnel.

ACTION ITEMS

Postponed

OTHER FOLDERS

The signature, FYI, assessing and warrant folders are being passed around.

OTHER BUSINESS

Reminder – Candidates Night is March 3, 2020 at the Library.

All Selectmen should meet at 8:00 a.m. on March 9, 2020 to carpool to Concord for the water meeting.

J. Kiszka states March elections contain a lot of information regarding the School District. It would be nice if Plaistow's School Board Members helped count votes.

F. Hart likes the idea.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

J. Kiszka – nothing to report.

G. Taillon – nothing to report.

F. Hart

- Completed the "Fireside Chat" – reviewing warrant articles. Tim Moore did the same for Zoning articles.
- Worked with Chief Knutsen on a pilot program.
- Still working on Public Right of Ways for Utilities regarding taxation. More information is needed before she brings this back to the Board.
- Calibrated voting machines with G. Taillon at Town Hall.

J. Kiszka states he attend a recent Old Home Day Meeting. They are trying to make the event more family oriented. The parade is open to anyone who wants to participate with a float or an antique car. The theme is Decades and they will try to bring back some old events. A beer tent is also being considered.

F. Hart states the charter for the Old Home Day Committee will be reviewed at our next meeting. She will email it to the Board.

APPROVE NON-PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Three sets of minutes are reviewed.

G. Taillon motions to approve the non-public minutes from February 24, 2020 session #1. They are not sealed. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 3-0-0

G. Taillon motions to approve the non-public minutes from February 24, 2020 session #2 and to keep them sealed. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 3-0-0

G. Taillon motions to approve the non-public minutes from February 24, 2020 session #3. They are not sealed. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 3-0-0

F. Hart adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Recording Secretary