



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: September 12, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30PM

SELECTMEN:

Selectman, Steve Ranlett, Chairman
Selectman, Tammy Bergeron
Selectman, Peter Bracci

Selectman, John Sherman Vice Chairman
Selectman, Julian Kiszka
Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

AGENDA

MINUTES

J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of August 29, 2016. Second by T. Bergeron

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of September 6, 2016. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion Passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Hamilton, Balsam Way, announces a meeting for the Citizens for a Better Plaistow to be held this Wednesday September 15 at the Library in the Nelson room at 7:00 pm. All citizens are welcome to attend and express how they want the group to proceed.

J. Sherman inquires if the agendas and minutes of these meetings are located on the web.

B. Hamilton states they are not but he would like to do this in the future.

J. Sherman states it would be nice if citizens could read up on activities of the group.

Fire Chief McArdle would like to recognize the years of service of Firefighter Gary Carbonneau who passed suddenly and thanks all those that have supported their organization. He states Gary served the Town in many capacities, was a great individual who will be greatly missed.

S. Ranlett request a moment of silence in honor of Gary Carbonneau.

He states they are accepting donations to a memorial fund for Gary Carbonneau. They can be mailed to 27 Elm Street and will be put to good use.

PUBLIC HEARING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WALTON ROAD

Chief Jones, Chief McArdle and Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor review the area of Walton Road that will be closed off temporarily. The roadway will be closed off to reduce cut through traffic and speeding issues through that area. The road will be closed until December 31, 2016.

During the closure, studies and evaluations will be done to determine if the road should remain closed permanently.

Discussion ensues regarding the access to Route 125, plowing and maintaining the road as a horseshoe road rather than an access road to Route 125.

It is noted that with any change there is a need to educate the public both before and during the temporary closure.

S. Ranlett opens the Public Hearing at 6:45pm. He inquires if anyone is opposed to the temporary closure of this road.

Bob Hamilton, Balsam Way recommends putting up a “No Thru Traffic” sign.

It is noted there one there already.

Cort Dixon, Walton Road suggests barriers at the end of Walton Road rather than a closure at Walton Road and Shady Lane. Discussion ensues.

S. Ranlett recommends that Dan Garlington and both Chiefs work with the Dixon’s to establish a barrier system.

S. Ranlett closes the Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

J. Sherman is in favor of the closure. He states it was brought up to the Highway Safety Committee years ago. The recommendation at the time was to leave the road as is.

D. Garlington clarifies that the committee back then decided not to make changes because the changes to the intersection portion of Route 125 promised by NHDOT were not met.

T. Bergeron motions to temporarily close Walton Road until December 31, 2016. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

S. Fitzgerald states he believes this will be done within the next 10 days. Signs and barriers have already been ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING METHUEN CONSTRUCTION LAND SWAP

S. Ranlett mentions the second Public Hearing was held on September 6th, 2016 yet it was added to tonight’s agenda to make sure everyone had the opportunity to understand the details of the land swap. The Public Hearing is opened at 7:10pm.

S. Fitzgerald reviews the areas that will be swapped. Methuen Construction helped the Town by removing a pump and pump house and filling in a no longer used reservoir. Joe Barbone, President of Methuen Construction is present to review the enhancements that are occurring on the property. The swap is a win/win for everyone. Basically the Town is swapping 1700 sq.ft. for 17,000 sq.ft.

Kimberly Raymond, 7 Linwood Street states she is not opposed to the swap but is curious about the Public Hearing Process.

S. Ranlett states the second Public Hearing was Tuesday, September 6. We did not have to have another Public Hearing tonight but decided to so do so since the one held on September 6th was not televised.

S. Fitzgerald states citizens do have a right to petition to have the issue put on the 2017 Town Warrant anytime between the first Public Hearing and the vote by the Board of Selectmen. This would certainly complicate the transaction however it is part of RSA 41:14 A. The RSA that deals with conservation land is RSA 36 A.

J. Barbone mentions the reservoir that was filled in was a concrete, manmade reservoir and not any type of natural wetlands.

S. Ranlett closes the Public Hearing at 7:24pm.

The Board continues to discuss the process of the RSA's and how it is possible this land swap could be placed on the 2017 Town Warrant.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM PALLARIA ELECTRIC

S. Fitzgerald states he is required to announce the acceptance of a donation of electric work in the amount of \$3750. by Pallaria Electric to install the Scoreboard at PARC. He mentions David Pallaria is a fantastic person who has done a lot to help Plaistow.

REVIEW OF RON LAPLUME PROPOSAL FOR TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

S. Fitzgerald states this began several years ago with work done by the Plaistow First Committee. The Town owns three parcels of land along Newton Road bordering the towns of Newton, Plaistow and Merrimack, and Haverhill Massachusetts. Last year the Town sent out an RFP to sell these parcels. Ron LaPlume made a proposal to purchase two of the parcels.

S. Fitzgerald presents a power point detailing the proposal. It includes easements for a trail system. Discussion ensues.

J. Sherman requests the presentation be updated with regard to the tax card showing the property assessments and any planning costs to make the trails functional to the Town.

J. Kiszka agrees, he wants an updated assessed value of the properties and wants to know the potential value of recreational trails.

S. Ranlett inquires what he will use the land will have for. R. LaPlume states he enjoys the woods, he is a conservationist, enjoys fishing and hunting and mostly he just wants to protect his land by purchasing these parcels and keeping them in a natural state.

S. Fitzgerald states the next step will be to bring an updated presentation to the Board and have a discussion to decide what the best interest of the Town is.

The Board thanks Ron LaPlume for coming in tonight.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT- Done

Assessing Department updates

J. Sherman states the Plaistow First Committee had questioned the assessed value is sometimes out of whack. Discussed with Assessor and they stated no one comes in to discuss assessed value on Town owned property. They were asked to review Town owned property and has brought the properties into a more accurate number.

Review of Budget Schedule

Flu Shots

CIP

Drought

Possible Trail System for Old County Road Backland

GREE Study update

Safety Complex Update- tomorrow construction begins

Gary Carbonneau Funeral

Rockingham County Engineering & Maintenance

Renewal ERZ Recertification- the Board request presentation

Comcast Franchise fee received for the Cable Department capital equipment

American Legion Department of NH POW/MIA 24 hour vigil

9/11 Memorial

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

Reviewed

OTHER BUSINESS

None

SELECTMAN REPORTS - Done

J. Sherman –

- Thanks P. Bracci for attending the Con Com on his behalf.
- CIP Meeting- may only require 1 more meeting which will be this Thursday
- Voluntary water restriction
- Question for Trash Committee- How do businesses have their trash picked up? Excess volume of trash issues?
- Attended 9/11 ceremony

S. Ranlett -

- Attended Wake for Gary Carbonneau
- Attended 9/11 ceremony
- Planning Board meeting next week

J. Kiszka –

- Visited the Vic Geary Center- called BINGO for them- looking for volunteers for meal on Wheels
- Attended Funeral of Gary Carbonneau

- Attended PACE meeting
- Attended 9/11 Ceremony

P. Bracci –

- Attended 9/11 Ceremony
- Attended Conservation Committee- Watershed signs
- Water testing by DES
- Rain barrels have been given out in the past by Con Com, currently the need is greater than the amount of barrels available
- Attended Planning Board
- Trash Meeting - now called TRAC for Trash & Recycling Advisory Committee- Next Meeting is Thursday Sept 15th 6:30 in the History Room at the Library

T. Bergeron –

- Attended Wake of Gary Carbonneau
- Family Mediation has begun fundraising
- Attended 9/11 ceremony- though would like to honor the 4 Americans lost in Benghazi

J. Sherman requests the minutes of the Planning Board Meetings be emailed to the Board of Selectmen once they are ready.

SIGNATURE FOLDER

S. Ranlett states the manifest is going around.

S. Ranlett adjourns the meeting at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel,
Recording Secretary