



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

**PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:**

**DATE:** June 19, 2017

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:30 pm

**SELECTMEN:**

Selectman, John Sherman, Chairman  
Selectman, Steve Ranlett  
Selectman, Julian Kiszka

Selectman, Tammy Bergeron, Vice Chair  
Selectman, Peter Bracci  
Interim Town Manager, M. Pearson

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS PRESENTATION**

Mr. Pearson reads a report on the grants being discussed this evening.

In March of this year, after arriving in Plaistow at the end of February, I arranged a meeting with New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Perry E. Plummer, Chief of Field Services Dave Vaillancourt, Police Chief Jones, Fire Chief McArdle, Trident Project Managers Gino Baroni and Dave Mermelstein, Emergency Operations Director Lt. Baldwin, and Senator Morse at the Public Safety Complex which is under construction. The reason for this meeting was to explore if there were any grant funding available for the Plaistow Complex. Director Plummer and Chief Vaillancourt listened to our presentation and arranged for their Field Representative Alexander Marinaccio to visit Plaistow and assist with the Grant Applications.

- The first grant application was for an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for an EOC Generator Project. After the grant application, the grant was approved and returned to Plaistow on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the amount of \$106,252.00.
- The second grant application was for an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for the EOC Equipment Project. After the grant application, the grant was approved and returned to Plaistow on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the amount of \$42,427.00.

Included in the “Sample Meeting Minutes” before you tonight is specific language for each of the two (2) grants listed above. Included within this language “acknowledges that the total costs of each project is double the above listed amounts “in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match.” This is the same language in most grants which represents an “in-kind” donation of a match of funds within the current \$8.5m Public Safety Complex project. That is, the current Plaistow Public Safety Complex Project budget of \$8.5m is the funds used to be the match of funds or the “in-kind” donation for these grants.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the following people who have assisted with these two (2) grants;

- Governor Chris Sununu

- Senate President Chuck Morse
- Senate President Chief of Staff Shannon Girard
- Commissioner of Safety John J. Barthelmes
- Director of Homeland Security Perry Plummer
- Chief of Field Services Dave Vaillancourt
- Dept. of Safety EMPG Program Coordinator Elizabeth Lufkin
- Dept. of Safety Field Representative Alexander Marinaccio
- Plaistow Police Chief Kathleen Jones
- Plaistow Fire Chief John McArdle
- Trident Project Managers Gino Baroni & Dave Mermelstein
- The NH Attorney General's Office and Staff

I would also like to acknowledge the Governor and Executive Council for allowing Plaistow to appear on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Governor and Executive Council's agenda as a "late item."

T. Bergeron did not realize a 50% match was required for each grant.

S. Ranlett explained the money for the match will come out of the \$8.5m project total.

T. Bergeron thanks Steve for the clarification.

An email from Selectman John Sherman to Liz Lufkin at Homeland Security sent on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and read tonight to the Board, reads as follows.

I, John Sherman, Chairman of the Select Board of Plaistow, NH state Mark Pearson, Interim Town Manager for the Town of Plaistow has the authority to sign and execute contracts for the benefit of the Town. I was a witness when Mark Person signed the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement on June 9, 2017. This information will be stated and recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing scheduled on June 19, 2017.

J. Sherman opens the Public Hearing at 6:37pm

Chief McArdle would like to acknowledge the extraordinary effort made by M. Pearson, Homeland Security and the Governors Council for making these two grants become a reality.

J. Sherman closes the Public Hearing at 6:40pm

### **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT - GENERATOR**

*S. Ranlett motions to approve the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$106,252.00 to purchase and install a generator at the community's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$212,504.00 in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$106,252.00). Further, the Board authorizes the Town Manager to sign all documents related to the grant.*

*Motion Seconded by T. Bergeron*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes*

The Town of Plaistow Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$106,252.00 to purchase and install a generator at the community's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$212,504.00 in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$106,252.00). Further, the Board authorizes the Town Manager to sign all documents related to the grant.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER EQUIPMENT**

*J. Kiszka motions to approve the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$42,427.00 to purchase and install equipment to enhance the community's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$84,854.00 in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$42,427.00). Further, the Board authorizes the Town Manager to sign all documents related to the grant.*

*Motion Seconded by T. Bergeron*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes*

The Town of Plaistow Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$42,427.00 to purchase and install equipment to enhance the community's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$84,854.00 in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$42,427.00). Further, the Board authorizes the Town Manager to sign all documents related to the grant.

J Sherman adds he is impressed with the work that M. Pearson has done to get this grant. J Sherman would also like to acknowledge and thank Senator Morse.

J. Sherman calls for a recess for the draft writing of the minutes at 6:45pm.

J. Sherman reopens the meeting at 6:55pm

### **MINUTES**

*J Kiszka motions to approve the first part of the minutes of June 19, 2017. Seconded by T. Bergeron*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Motion passes*

*Motion by S. Ranlett to enter into non public session under RSA 91-A3:11 (a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (c) Reputation, (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal understanding that both parties have agrees. Seconded by T. Bergeron.*

*Board Polled: J. Sherman=yes, T. Bergeron=yes, S. Ranlett=yes, J. Kiszka=yes, P. Bracci=yes  
Motion passes*

J. Sherman adjourns the public session at 7:04pm

J. Sherman reopened the public meeting at 7:29pm.

***S. Ranlett motions to exit non public and seal the minutes as they were sealed in the non public session. Seconded by T. Bergeron.***

***Board Polled: J. Sherman=yes, T. Bergeron=yes, S. Ranlett=yes, J. Kiszka=yes, P. Bracci=yes  
Motion passes***

J. Sherman adjourns the public session at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,  
Recording Secretary