



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

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: January 9, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

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

T. Bergeron motions to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016. Second by J. Sherman

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

Motion passes.

P. Bracci requests that we confirm that there was a vote for the Town Manager to enter into a 3 year contract with Corcoran & Associates.

On 12/19/16 J. Sherman made a motion to direct the Town Manager to work with Corcoran & Associates on a multiyear assessing contract per the bid received from the Town by Corcoran. Second by S. Ranlett. The vote was 2-2-1 (T. Bergeron, P. Bracci no, J. Kiszka abstain)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

J. Sherman motions to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3:11 (a) Personnel, (b) Hiring, (c) Reputation, (d) Negotiation, (e) Legal understanding that both parties have agreed. Second by S. Ranlett.

Board Polled: S. Ranlett = yes, J. Sherman = yes, T. Bergeron = yes, J. Kiszka = yes, P. Bracci = no.

P. Bracci inquires as to what/whose reputation are we going into non public for.

J. Sherman reads RSA 91-A:311(c). Under RSA 91-A:3, III. *Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such*

circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

It applies to all except the Board of Selectmen and it includes contractors.

Entered into Non-public session at 6:39pm

Back in public session at 7:52pm.

J. Sherman motions to accept the basic conditions of the bid for assessing services by Corcoran and Associates and directs the Town Manager to work out the details with the contract with the representative from Corcoran to include a specific timeline of deliverables. Second by T. Bergeron. One change to mileage reimbursement to agree with government index.

Vote: Board Polled: S. Ranlett = yes, J. Sherman = yes, T. Bergeron = yes, J. Kiszka = no, P. Bracci = no.

Motion passes.

REVIEW OF 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

S. Fitzgerald begins by recommending a \$20,000 reduction in the Personnel line item for NH Retirement. This reduction will reduce the personnel Budget to \$1,896,230

J. Sherman motions to reduce the personnel budget by \$20,000 as recommended. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

Some members of the Budget Committee would like to reduce the cultural budget by \$3000. Both J. Sherman and S. Ranlett do not support this. After discussion the consensus of the Board is to leave the Cultural Budget as is.

Some members of the Budget Committee would like to reduce the Health Budget by \$5000 for adulticiding mosquitoes. The reason this line item is in the budget is to support the adulticiding of male mosquitoes due to viruses such as Triple EEE and Zika. This is a public safety issue. The consensus of the Board is to leave the \$5000 in the budget.

P. Bracci inquires about the stipend for the Cemetery Sexton. He believes the stipend is a fixed amount and wants to know why it was overspent and why we are increasing this for 2017. S. Fitzgerald explains the difficulties of the job. The Board would like more specific information on this next week.

REVIEW OF 2017 PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES

J. Sherman states the Budget Committee would like to add “from taxation” to each warrant article. He does not support doing so because not all money is raised through taxation. Approximately 3 million comes from sources other than taxes.

J. Sherman motions to approve Article P-17-02 as written. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to approve Article P-17-03 as written. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Kiszka motions to approve Article P-17-04 as written. Second by T. Bergeron.

J. Sherman would like a small change in the intent, he wants to insert “continue to” in the first sentence. J. Kiszka agrees to add that to his motion and T. Bergeron agrees also.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Kiszka motions to approve Article P-17-05 changing the figure in line two to \$484,613.

Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

P. Bracci motions to strike the last 6 sentences of the intent of article P-17-05. Second by J. Kiszka.

J. Sherman believes the more information the better.

Vote: 1-4-0

Motion fails.

J. Sherman motions to recommend removing the words “to continue” in the intent of article P-17-06 since this is a new article. Then recommend the rest of the article as written. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to recommend Article P-17-07 and insert the warrant article number in the last sentence where it states this warrant is null and void if article P-17-06 fails. Second by T. Bergeron.

J. Sherman states the Budget Committee has recommended removing the intent beginning with this vehicle is used to respond to ... all the way to the end.

He states he is not in agreement with the recommendation.

P. Bracci motions based on the recommendations of the Budget Committee to strike the last 6 lines of the intent of Article P-17-07. Second by S. Ranlett.

J. Sherman disagrees stating we need to educate voters.

Vote: 3-2-0 (T. Bergeron, J. Sherman)

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to approve Article P-17-08 and change the intent to say these funds will be invested in an interest bearing account instead of reserve funds are invested in an interest bearing account. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman states the Budget Committee recommends striking part of the intent starting with the third line “this change and ending with the word impact”. He is not in favor of it and it is not part of his motion.

P. Bracci motions to strike the 4 middle lines of the intent. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 1-4-0 (T. Bergeron, J. Sherman, S. Ranlett, J. Kiszka)

Motion fails.

J. Kiszka motions to take out 1 sentence, “this change would be a third generation change since the creation of a 24 hour dispatching center in the early 1990’s” Second by P. Bracci.

Vote: 3-2-0 (T. Bergeron, John Sherman)

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to remove article P-17-09. Second by P. Bracci.

J. Sherman withdraws his motion to remove the article and motions to approve P-17-09 as is. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 3-2-0 (P. Bracci, T. Bergeron)

Motion passes.

J. Kiszka motions to recommend article P-17-10 as is. Second by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 3-2-0 (P. Bracci, J. Kiszka)

Motion passes.

T. Bergeron motions to approve article P-17-11 as is. Second by P. Bracci.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to change the intent by placing a period after the word improvements then adding the words “These improvements are” and leaving the remainder as is until you come to “Projects planned, remove this sentence until you get to the word and, change and to “projects planned” and continue on. Second by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

S. Ranlett states articles P-17-12 and P-17-13 have been withdrawn so article P-17-14 will now become P-17-12. (Cable Department Capital Reserve Fund).

J. Sherman motions to direct the Town Manager to change the wording of article P-17-12 so that the full \$30,000 will be coming from the unassigned fund balance and that there will be a sentence added to the intent that describes that \$20,000 is cable revenue that goes into the unassigned fund balance. With those changes he recommends the warrant article.

J. Kiszka motions to approve article P-17-12 as changed above. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to recommend warrant article P-17-13 adding to the end of the first sentence in the intent “for conservation purposes”. Second by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 3-2-0 (P. Bracci, J. Kiszka)

Motion passes.

J. Kiszka motions to recommend P-17-14 as changed (amount is 25K, S. Fitzgerald reads the updated wording - this will be available next week). Second by J. Sherman.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to recommend article P-17-15. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 4-1-0 (P. Bracci)

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to recommend article P-17-16 as is. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 4-1-0 (P. Bracci)

Motion passes.

J. Sherman motions to recommend article P-17-17 adding amount to be raised by 2017 taxation zero and providing a picture of the parcel. Second by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0

J. Sherman motions to recommend article P-17-18 changing the sentence estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0 to “the amount to be raised by 2017 taxation is zero”. Also adding the standard wording after recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee that it is included in the 2017-2022 CIP approved by the Planning Board. Second by S. Ranlett.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

The citizen’s petition is discussed. J. Sherman mentions the differences between a Town Manager and a Town Administrator. This will be further discussed at deliberative session.

S. Fitzgerald mentions the Collective Bargaining Agreement, article P-17-19. He recommends the Board pass this.

S. Ranlett reads the article. The Deputy Police Chief is removed.

J. Sherman motions to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented to us removing Deputy Police Chief and inserting the letter “e” in Foreman. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion passes.

P. Bracci motions to recommend article P-17-20, Citizen’s Petition. Second by T. Bergeron.

Vote: 3-2-0 (J. Kiszka, P. Bracci)

Motion passes.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

NH DOT SRTS- Additional funding available- Letter needs to be sent. Consensus of Board is to send letter.

Village Way- Request for Town acceptance of road

Dog Park proposal

Potable Water Study

Rockingham Planning Commission

Municipal Roads

Cable Cameras

Savers Donation drive

Assessing Tax Credits

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

All others are reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

SIGNATURE FOLDER

S. Ranlett states the manifest and signature folder are going around.

SELECTMAN REPORTS

J. Kiszka

- Emergency Management Meeting on Wednesday
- Intents on warrant articles, opinion from Atty. Buckley, this should be put on a future Agenda

P. Bracci

- Town Audit – why is this still a draft

J. Sherman

- Safety Complex Building Meeting Thursday
- Budget Committee tomorrow
- Public Hearing 1/17 on the Budget
- Recreation Commission Meeting
- Attended Conservation Commission – property on Rte 125, Diesel World and development off of Forest St.

T. Bergeron

- Safety Complex Building Meeting Thursday

S. Ranlett

- Planning Board Meeting

S. Ranlett adjourns the public meeting at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hamel,
Recording Secretary