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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN Meeting Minutes –January 11, 2021

Kevin Cunningham called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Members present were Kevin Cunningham and Art Gagne. Cathy Tendrich was not present.

Minutes

Art motioned to approve the 11/23/2020 and 12/15/2020 meeting minutes,
Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

1. Consider and act on tax refunds as requested by the Tax Collector totaling \$95.19 as follows:

Nina E. Rice

\$95.19

Art motioned to approve the tax refund totaling \$95.19, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Consider and act on reappointment of the Agriculture Commission.

Art motioned to appoint Christopher Barber(R) to the Agriculture Commission with the term of 1/4/2021 to 1/6/2025, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Consider and act on reappointment of the Building Code of Appeals.

Art motioned to appoint Dudley Young (U) to the Agriculture Commission with the term of 1/4/2021 to 1/5/2026, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Consider and act on reappointment of the Conservation Commission.

Art motioned to appoint Walter Cwynar(D) and Mark Doyle Jr.(G) to the Conservation Commission, both having the term of 1/4/2021 to 1/1/2024, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

5. Consider and act on reappointment of the Economic Development Commission.

Art motioned to appoint Jennifer Greene(U) to the economic Development Commission with the term of 1/4/2021 to 1/5/2026, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

6. Consider and act on reappointment of the Ethics Commission.

Art motioned to appoint the following to the Ethics Commission:

Douglas Hall(R), term of 1/4/2021 to 1/6/2025 Adam Coletti(R) term of 1/4/2021 to 1/2/2023 Whitney Easton(D), term of 1/4/2021 to 1/2/2023

Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Consider and act on reappointment of the Housing Authority.

Art motioned to appoint Anthony Luberto(R) to the Housing Authority with the term of 1/4/2021 to 1/5/2026, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

8. Consider and act on reappointment of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

Art motioned to appoint the following to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission:

Jeffrey Joslyn(D) term of 1/4/2021 to 1/6/2025 John Labonte(R) term of 1/4/2021 to 1/6/2025 Joseph Campbell(R) term of 1/4/2021 to 1/6/2025

Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

9. Consider and act on resolution to amend the Plainfield Town Charter.

Kevin read the resolution as attached. It enables the Town to have a Charter Revision Commission.

Art motioned to approve the resolution to amend the Plainfield Town Charter, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

10. Consider and act on resolution creating a Charter Revision Commission and adding members to said committee.

Kevin stated if anyone was interested in joining the Charter, to submit their name to the Town.

Art motioned to table Item 10, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Kevin asked to have Item 11 added to the agenda, Discussion of Tarbox Rd. detour.

Art motioned to add Item 11 to the agenda, Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Kevin stated they want to make sure the public is aware of the closure of Tarbox Rd and what the impact would be.

Attorney Harry Heller, who is a representative for American Industries and Dave McKay who is the project engineer for Boundaries were in the meeting.

Harry Heller stated this is a Canterbury project that will impact traffic in Plainfield. There is a routing plan. This is a partnership between the Town of Canterbury and American Industries to relocate and realign a portion of Tarbox Rd. There's poor horizontal and vertical geometry. The elevation is being changed to flatten it out to increase the safety within that stretch of road. Tarbox Rd. will be closed for approximately 8 months.

The routing plan shows how to get to properties in that area. One re-route will be to Mill Brook Rd to get to Tarbox Rd and the second would be Lillibridge Rd to Tarbox Rd.

Dave McKay went over the sign plan.

Kevin asked if there would be signage in Plainfield. Dave McKay stated yes. Kevin asked if they could share the information with the Police Commission and Highway Dept. Harry stated they will and they will provide a contact person, as well.

Harry stated they could be starting in March and be completed before the end of the year. They will let Plainfield know for sure when they will be starting.

Mary Ann Chinatti, Town Planner, asked about Turnpike Buyer ads. Kevin asked if the company or the Town of Canterbury could advertise in the Turnpike Buyer. Harry stated yes.

Public Comment

Seann Peterson stated he saw pictures online of the Old High School windows being boarded up and thinks it's a good idea. Kevin stated they boarded up the first floor for safety reasons and they haven't determined what they will be doing with the building.

Kevin stated the Covid-19 policy is being updated and will share it at the next meeting.

Kevin stated they could possibly review the Town Ordinances at the next meeting and that Art has done a lot of work on them.

Kevin spoke of logging and new residences being built on Pond Hill Rd. A concern is the weight limit of the dam and that he has received about 15 letters of concern. He will be looking into this issue.

Art spoke of the width and turn around and there are restrictions in the ordinances.

Kevin stated he spoke with the president of Backus and Windham Hospital and they will have an update regarding the ambulatory unit at the Plainfield location. They also spoke about the water draining onto Route 12.

Naomi Smith asked if signage could be put up on Pond Hill Rd about the logging/logging trucks. Kevin spoke of having load bearing weight signs and logging signs in that area, they will be talking to the town engineer.

Tom Sinkewicz asked about the status of hiring the full time Recreation Director and Grant Writer. Kevin stated that he and the Finance Director did zoom interviews. Two people have been offered the positions and accepted. The intended start date is 1/19/2021.

Seann Peterson asked who owned the dam on Pond Hill Rd. Kevin stated the Moosup Pond Association owns the rights to the water. Kevin stated he has to check with legal to see how the papers are written up as to who owns the dam.

Seann Peterson asked if the road loops around the entire Moosup Pond. Kevin stated no, there is a small piece of property between the two road so it doesn't connect.

Art asked if the two positions were supervisor positions. Kevin stated the grant Writer wasn't and the Recreation Director is.

Adjournment

Art motioned to adjourn; Kevin seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

This is a summary of the meeting and the recording is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hewitt, Recording Secretary



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Attest: John January Courter

Barbi J. Gardiner, Town Clerk

Authorizing Resolution of the Plainfield Board of Selectmen

CERTIFICATION: I, Barbi J. Gardiner, the Town Clerk of the Town of Plainfield, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on January 11, 2021, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Selectmen shall, in accordance with C.G.S. Section 7-188, shall amend its charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kevin M. Cunningham, as First Selectman of the Town of Plainfield, is authorized and directed to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out such amendment.

The undersigned further certifies that Kevin M. Cunningham now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 19, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate this 19th day of January 2021.

Barbi J. Gardiner, Plainfield Town Clerk