

PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
February 26, 2024

The Plaistow Library Board of Trustees held a special session at the Plaistow Public Library on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Present: Megan Lee, Chair
Melissa Theberge, Vice Chair
Rosemarie Bayek, Treasurer
Jennifer Kiarsis, Secretary
Michelle Sykes, Trustee at Large
Mary Gori, Alternate
Kathy Slade, Alternate

Others Present: Cab Vinton, Library Director

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

A special meeting was called to review and discuss an email, with attachments, that was sent to the Board from Daniel Kane, Sweet Hill Farm, Plaistow, on February 21, 2024. His letter requested that the Board consider allowing him to present the Citizens Petition for Agritourism at the upcoming March 5, 2024, Candidates Night, sponsored by the Trustees of the Library.

The Board felt that Candidates Night was not the correct forum to present a zoning warrant article, and further that the 40 year tradition of the event was to introduce candidates running for office, have them explain the reason(s) they are running, and how they propose to contribute to the community. Mr. Kane was of the opinion that his Petition qualified as a "Candidate" and the Board disagreed with that opinion.

A draft response to Mr. Kane was reviewed and approved by the Board. The Chair will send the finalized response to Mr. Kane via email as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Melissa Theberge to deny Mr. Kane's request to be added to the agenda of Candidates Night, and that the finalized response will be sent to Mr. Kane by the Chair. Seconded by Michelle Sykes. Motion approved: Ayes 5; Opposed 0, Abstentions 0.

Discussion followed regarding the Scholarship Fund(s) from the Library and Friends of the Library. It was agreed to table these discussions until the regular meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiarsis, Secretary