

TOWN OF PLAISTOW NEW HAMPSHIRE 2024 TOWN MEETING VOTERS GUIDE



- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.**
Plaistow Town Hall (second floor), 145 Main Street

- **Deliberative Session Snow Date – February 10, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.**
(or Determined by Town Moderator)
Plaistow Town Hall (second floor), 145 Main Street

- **Ballot Voting - Tuesday, March 12, 2024**
Plaistow Fish and Game Club, 18 May Ray Avenue
Polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

2024 Plaistow Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at Plaistow Town Hall, second floor, 145 Main Street, in said Plaistow on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the forenoon to explain, discuss and amend each article and to determine the form for the questions on the ballot, except those Warrant Articles where wording is prescribed by law. The snow date will be February 10, 2024 or determined by the Town Moderator if necessary.

The final voting on all Warrant Articles will take place by official ballot at the second session. Therefore, you are hereby notified to meet for this second session of the annual town meeting at the Plaistow Fish and Game Club, 18 May Ray Avenue, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 7:00 AM in the forenoon until 7:00 PM in the afternoon to elect officers and to act on the following Articles by official ballot voting.

The Town articles begin with P to differentiate the Town articles from the School District articles and from the Town Zoning Articles that begin with Z. Citizen's Petition articles (if any) began with C.

Article P-24-01: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

OPERATING BUDGET – GENERAL FUND

Article P-24-02: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$12,570,807 with the sum of \$200,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$12,312,846 with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-24-02: Explanation: The operating budget presented in this warrant article (\$12,570,807) reflects the Budget Committee approved budget and any modifications that may have been made at the 2024 Deliberative Session. The default budget presented in this warrant article (\$12,312,846) becomes effective if Article P-24-02 fails, that is, does not get a majority of "Yes" votes. The default budget amount is prescribed by state statute.

OPERATING BUDGET – WATER DEPARTMENT

Article P-24-03 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the water department, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$520,014? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$520,014 with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XI, to take up the issue of a revised budget only. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation:	\$520,014
Withdrawal from the Water Enterprise Fund:	-\$520,014

No Amount to be raised by 2024 taxation: \$0

The approximate balance in Water Enterprise Fund was \$430,950 as of December 31, 2023.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-24-03: Explanation: The operating budget presented in this warrant article \$520,014 reflects the Budget Committee approved budget and any modifications that may have been made at the 2024 Deliberative Session. The default budget presented in this warrant article \$520,014 becomes effective if Article P-24-03 fails, that is, does not get a majority of “Yes” votes. The default budget amount is prescribed by state statute. The operating budget for the water department is for water users only (potable water/or fire suppression). It is a revolving fund. The budget is funded through water usage fees and not property taxes. It will include amounts to operate the water system and for its expansion.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) – Police Union

Article P-24-04: Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town of Plaistow and the Plaistow Police Unit, Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Contract Year	Estimated Increase
01-Apr-2024 to 31-Mar-2025	\$180,756
01-Apr-2025 to 31-Mar-2026	\$179,942
01-Apr-2026 to 31-Mar-2027	\$156,389

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,567 for 2024.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-24-04 Explanation: The contract year listed in the above table runs from April 1st through March 31st. Therefore, the amount to be raised and appropriated by this warrant article is from the 2024/2025 CBA rate for April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR DEFEATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA)

Article P-24-05: Shall the Town, if Article P-24-04 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article P-24-04 cost items only?
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).

Article P-24-05 Explanation: If the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) as described in Article P-24-04 is defeated and if this Article passes, then the Board of Selectmen may, if they so choose, call a Special Town Meeting to vote on the cost items only of the CBA.

CONTINGENCY FUND RSA 31:98-a

Article P-24-06: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be deposited into the fund? The sum to come from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Use of these funds will be pursuant to RSA 31:98-a and RSA 32:11.
(Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$80,000

Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$80,000

No amount to be raised by 2024 taxation:

\$0

The approximate balance in the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2,501,459 of December 31, 2023. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-06 Explanation: Establishment of a contingency fund gives the Board of Selectmen another tool to manage the Town efficiently. If unanticipated expenses arise, the Board of Selectmen would have a source of funds to pay for the unanticipated expense. The fund must be re-established each year and cannot accumulate funds from year-to-year. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.

DEPOSIT TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Article P-24-07: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be deposited into the previously established Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund? (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation \$150,000

The balance in the Highway Equipment Trust Fund was \$171,253. as of December 31, 2023.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-07 Explanation: CIP Reference: H1D. Timely deposits into the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles using only trust fund money which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund is invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

DEPOSIT TO BUILDING EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Article P-24-08 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be deposited into the previously established Building Expendable Trust Fund? (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$40,000

The approximate balance in the Building Expendable Trust Fund was \$67,138 as of December 31, 2023.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-08 Explanation: The intent of this expendable trust fund is to put aside money for the purpose of all building interior and exterior capital maintenance (including but not limited to carpeting/flooring, siding, roofing and painting) all building site maintenance, all building expansion and/or reconfiguration, and all building's interior systems (including but not limited to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, water/wastewater, communications, and security) repair and/or replacement. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

DEPOSIT TO LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-09: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be deposited into the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation \$55,000

The approximate balance in the Library Capital Reserve Fund was \$107,328 as of December 31, 2023
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-09 Explanation: Timely deposits into the Library Capital Reserve Fund will ensure that funds are available to address repairs, renovations, and improvements to the library building as needed using only capital reserve funds which helps to level the yearly tax impact. These funds will be invested in an interest-bearing account and can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Anticipated expenses include
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a roof replacement the next 1-2 years (\$140,000) and replacement of boiler room compressors and pumps in the next 3-5 years (\$15,000).

DEPOSIT TO ENERGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the previously established Energy Capital Reserve fund? (Majority vote required)

The approximate balance in the Energy Capital Reserve Fund was \$61,872 as of December 31, 2023 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-10 Explanation: The Energy Committee will be focusing its efforts in 2024 to install solar panels on the roofs of as many town buildings as practical and aesthetically pleasing. The Committee will also study the feasibility of installing a solar array at the landfill. For many of these projects some amount of upfront money is required. Usually, the upfront money can be reimbursed from rebates and/or grants. The deposit is to make sure we have sufficient funds to provide the upfront money.

DEPOSIT TO POLICE VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be deposited into the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$100,000
The approximate balance in the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund was \$28,875 as of December 31, 2023. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-11 Explanation: CIP Reference: P2D. Timely deposits into the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund will allow for the orderly replacement of police vehicles using only capital reserve funds which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-12: Shall the Town vote to establish a Public Safety Communication and Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing funding for all dispatch consoles, computer servers, radios, radio tower transmitters/receivers, and all other hardware and software required for Public Safety Officials to safely and successfully do their jobs and furthermore to fund all computer hardware and software necessary to log all public safety transactions involved with any and all public safety matters and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,560 to be placed in the fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$43,560
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$43,560

No amount to be raised by 2024 taxation: \$0
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1-0)).

Article P-24-12 Explanation: The intent of this capital reserve fund is to maintain all public safety communication and information technology systems. Timely deposits into this fund will allow for the orderly replacement of communication and information technology equipment using only capital reserve funds which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

DISCONTINUE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION RADIO DISPATCHING SYSTEM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-13: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

- Police Department Communication Radio Dispatching System Capital Reserve Fund
- Police Department Management Information Computer System Capital Reserve Fund

This article shall be null and void if Article P-24-12 fails. (Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).

The approximate balance of the Communication Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund was \$35,157 as of December 31, 2023.

The approximate balance of the Management Information System Capital Reserve Fund was \$466 as of December 31, 2023.

Article P-24-13 Explanation: This fund would become redundant should Article P-24-12 pass. Therefore, it is recommended to discontinue the fund and return the accumulated funds to the General Fund.

DEPOSIT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to be deposited into the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$20,000

The approximate balance in the Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund was \$11,194 as of December 31, 2023.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-14 Explanation: CIP Reference: F3D. Timely deposits into this capital reserve fund will ensure that funds are available to replace mobile and portable radios as needed in the future using only capital reserve funds which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-15: Shall the Town vote to establish a Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing equipment to provide firefighting services, rescue services, medical services, and ambulance services and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be deposited into this fund. Further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation \$30,000
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-15 Explanation: Timely deposits into this capital reserve fund will ensure that funds are available to replace equipment used for firefighting services, rescue services, medical services, and ambulance services in the future using capital reserve funds which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

DEPOSIT TO REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-16 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be deposited into the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)

The approximate balance in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund was \$37,136 as of December 31, 2023.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-16 Explanation: Per State Law the Town is required to complete a full property revaluation a minimum of every five years. Plaistow is due for a revaluation in 2026. This fund will help level the expense for the 2026 revaluation. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

DEPOSIT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-24-17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to be deposited into the previously established Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$140,000

The approximate balance in Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund was \$208,578 as of December 31, 2023.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-17 Explanation: CIP Reference: F1D. Timely deposits into this capital reserve fund will allow for the orderly replacement of Fire Department vehicles using only capital reserve funds which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

DEPOSIT TO OLD HOME DAY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Article P-24-18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,645 to be deposited into the previously established Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund? The sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and represents donations received in 2023, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$2,645
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$2,645

No amount to be raised by 2024 taxation: \$0

The approximate balance in the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2,501,459 as of December 31, 2023.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-24-18 Explanation: This article will effectively move funds from the Unassigned Fund balance to the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund for use by the OHD committee in planning and running the 2024 Old Home Day event.

PLAISTOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPORT

Article P-24-19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,036. to support the operation of the Historical Society.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-24-19 Explanation: The Historical Society is a non-profit 503-C organization. Past practice is for non-profits to be placed on the warrant for voters to decide.

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Article P-24-20: Shall the Town vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provision of RSA 31:19-a for the express purpose of depositing any donations or other receipts received from/or for the purpose of a Transportation program? The Transportation Program is to provide transportation to those in need for medical and/or other necessary appointments. Said funds shall be used exclusively for expenses incurred for the transportation program, and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the fund. (Majority vote required).

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).

Article P-24-20 Explanation: The intent of this expendable trust fund is to provide transportation to those in need for medical and/or other necessary appointments. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ORDINANCE

Article P-24-21: Shall the Town vote to revise the Conflict-of-Interest Code as set forth below: (Majority vote Required)

§ 56-2. Election of Conflict-of-Interest Committee (amended 3-10-2020 by Town Meeting Art. 21)

A. Membership terms.

(1) The Town of Plaistow, at the March Town Election, will elect a Conflict-of-Interest Committee consisting of five persons. Five at-large members shall be elected to serve with staggered three-year terms.

(2) Members will be elected to three-year terms.

B. Members of the Conflict-of-Interest Committee shall consist of private citizens residing in the town and not employed by the town, ~~or~~ in a contractual agreement with the town, or a member of another town committee or board.

C. A town citizen shall not serve on the Conflict-of-Interest Committee if they have a family member who is currently serving on a Town Committee, Board, or employed by the Town. Family members' serving on Town Committee or Boards does not preclude a town citizen from being elected and service on the Conflict of Interest Committee. Members of the Conflict of Interest will recuse themselves when a petition is filed involving a family member.

Family Member(s): Include spouse, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or any member of the official's household.

Revised Wording

§ 56-2. Election of Conflict-of-Interest Committee (amended 3-10-2020 by Town Meeting Art. 21)

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(2) Members will be elected to three-year terms.

B. Members of the Conflict-of-Interest Committee shall consist of private citizens residing in the town and not employees by the town, in a contractual agreement with the town, or a member of another town committee or board.

C. A town citizen shall not serve on the Conflict-of-Interest Committee if they have a family member who is currently serving on a Town Committee or Board. Members of the Conflict of Interest will recuse themselves when a petition is filed involving a family member.

Family Member(s): Include spouse, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or any member of the official's household. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0)).

CITIZEN'S PETITION TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE

Article C-24-01: Shall the Town vote to approve the following replacement to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance Article XX, Adjustments Section 220-137: Board of Adjustment as follows?

Amend Section 220-137 as follows

1. The members of the Board of Adjustment shall be appointed by Selectmen. The Board of Adjustment shall consist of five members conforming with the duties and responsibilities contained within the provisions of Chapters 673 and 674 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended. Vacancies in the Board of Adjustment occurring other through the expiration of a term shall be filled in accordance with RSA 673:3.
2. The Board of Adjustment may provide for the appointment of not more than five alternate members to the Board of Adjustment, and the terms of alternate members shall be three years in accordance with Chapter 673:6 II-a of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.
3. Variances and special exceptions granted prior to December 31, 2013, but not exercised by March 30, 2022 shall be considered abandoned. Note: abandonment under this section of the ordinance shall not preclude submission of a new application for the same variance or special exception.

2024 Proposed Zoning Amendments

Language to be deleted is noted in **~~bold-strikethrough~~**

Language to be added is noted in ***bold italics***

Note: *All votes on Planning Board recommendations were taking at the January 3, 2024, public hearing, when there were four (4) voting members, with the exception of Z-24-07, for which the public hearing was continued to January 17, 2024, and there were five voting members.*

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-01: Are you in favor of Amendment #1, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinances, Article V -Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32K, IND2 – Industrial 2 by deleting “Aviation” as a permitted use in the district?

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0-0

Proposed Article Z-24-01 Voter's Note: The proposal is to delete aviation as a permitted use in the IND2 (Industrial 2) Zoning District.

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-02: Are you in favor of Amendment #2, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article X. Home Occupation, §220-67 Conditions, by adding the words “total, which includes cars, trucks and/or trailers” to Letter G to read?

- G. Sufficient off-street parking for the employee and clients is to be provided. Any required deliveries can only be made by vehicles consistent with normal residential activities between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The outside parking of not more than two business vehicles ***total, which includes cars, trucks, and/or trailers***, for each dwelling unit on the lot is permitted in all residential districts provided the vehicles:

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0-0

Proposed Article Z-24-02 Voter's Note: Home Occupations are not intended to change the character of a residential neighborhood. It is not clear in the ordinance if "business vehicles" included trailers or if it was limited to just trucks and cars. This is to clarify that the restriction of two commercial vehicles is inclusive of all business-related vehicles. This is applicable to Home Occupations only. Commercial vehicles (i.e., company vehicles assigned to an employee to take home) are addressed elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinances.

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-03: Are you in favor of Amendment #3, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article XVA Solar Collection Systems, as detailed below?

Amend §220-50.1. Objective(s) and purpose., by modifying the phrase "...~~this~~ ordinance...", to "...*the solar ordinance...*" and by adding a second sentence to the second paragraph as follows: "*In doing so the solar ordinance will help protect the general health, safety and welfare for all Plaistow residents as well as making sure the ordinance is in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.*"?

Amend §220-50.2. Definitions., by adding new definitions, modifying definitions and listing all definitions in alphabetical order as follows?

PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM (also referred to as Photovoltaic Installation): An active solar energy system that converts solar energy directly into electricity.

RATED NAMEPLATE CAPACITY – Maximum rated alternating current ("AC") output of solar collection system based on the design output of the solar system. *Sometimes measured in direct current ("DC") at the output of the solar panels. The AC measurement is the output of an inverter(s) that convert the DC power to AC power.*

SOLAR ACCESS: The access of a solar energy system to direct sunlight.

SOLAR COLLECTION SYSTEM MOUNTS -

- A. ROOF MOUNT – No change in definition.
- B. GROUND MOUNT – No change in definition.
- C. CARPORT MOUNT – A solar collection system of any size that is installed on a carport (*roof only*) over a *commercial/industrial* parking area.

SOLAR COLLECTION SYSTEM SIZES -

- A. SMALL SYSTEM ~~SOLAR~~ – No change in definition.
- B. MID-SIZE SYSTEM ~~SOLAR~~ – No change in definition.
- C. LARGE SYSTEM ~~SOLAR~~ – No change in definition.
- D. VERY LARGE SYSTEM ~~SOLAR~~ – No change in definition.
- E. *HOT WATER SOLAR SYSTEM - Sizing for these systems shall be based on solar land coverage only.*

SOLAR ENERGY: Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.

Amend §220-50.3. Table of Permitted Uses by adding the Commercial 3 (C3) zone to the Commercial 1 (C1) zone column making C1 and C3 permitted uses (for solar) identical and by deleting the word "Solar" from the system names in the Solar System Type column?

Amend §220-50.4. Roof mounts. by adding a new paragraph 3 as follows:

3). The highest point of the roof mounts may not exceed 55 feet and must have the fire chief's approval if the highest point exceeds 47 feet.

Amend § 220-50.5. Ground Mounts. by adding a new sentence to the 2nd paragraph of as follows:

In no case shall the height of the panels exceed 20 feet.

Amend § 220-50.5. Ground Mounts. by changing the setback requirement in paragraph 4 from “**200**” feet to “**50**” feet.

Add a new section § 220-50.11. Abandonment. as follows:

All ground mounted solar collection systems that are no longer in use shall be considered abandoned and must be removed by the property owner in 150 days or less after the abandonment occurs.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0-0

Proposed Article Z-24-03: Voter’s Notes. The revisions presented in this amendment are based on the recommendations from the Energy Committee that correct an omission, add relevant definitions, and propose height and setback distances.

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-04: Are you in favor of Amendment #4, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IV. Natural Resources Protection; §220-19 Stormwater Management Regulations as detailed below?

Repeal and Replacement of the following sections: **§ 220-19.1. Purpose, and § 220-19.3. Minimum Thresholds for Applicability.**

Amend § 220-19.3. Minimum Thresholds for Applicability by changing the minimum threshold for applicability from 20,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet.

Deletion from the Zoning Ordinance to be moved to the Site Plan Regulations: § 220-19.4 Other Required Permits, § 220-19.5. Construction/Post Construction Regulations, and § 220 19.6 Operation and Maintenance

Deletion from the Zoning Ordinance: § 220-19-3.1 Responsibility for administration, § 220-19- 3.2 Severability, § 220-19-3.3 Ultimate Responsibility, Sample Town of Plaistow Notice of Violation, and the Sample Stormwater Permit Application.

The full language of the replacement text is available on the Planning Board’s webpage and hard copies will be available at the polls.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0-0

Proposed Article Z-24-04 Voter’s Notes. The revisions present in this amendment are based on the recommendations from the Rockingham Planning Commission, the Southeast Watershed Alliance Model Stormwater Standards 2017, and were reviewed by engineer Steve B. Keach, Principal Engineer of Keach-Nordstrom Associates. All recommendations for changes are in order to be compliant with the New Hampshire Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) requirements that were set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency,

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-05: Are you in favor of Amendment #5, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V. Establishment of Districts and District Requirements by amending Table 220-32M - “C3- Commercial 3” Section C - Areas and Dimensions as detailed below?

Amend Table 220-32M.C(1) Areas and Dimensions by changing the minimum lot size area from “**80,000 square feet**” to “**60,000 square feet**”.

Amend Table 220-32M.C(5) Areas and Dimensions by changing the maximum building size where a single business is to occupy a single building from “**20,000 square feet**” to “**15,000 square feet**”.

Amend Table 220-32M.C(6) Areas and Dimensions by changing the maximum building size where multiple businesses are to occupy a single building “60,000 square feet” to “45,000 square feet”.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 3-1-0.

Proposed Article Z-24-05 Voter’s Note: The Plaistow Planning Board wants to reduce the minimum allowed lot size and maximum building size by 25% to ensure that develop is reflective of the purpose and intent of the Commercial 3 District which is to “limit the building size and to protect Plaistow’s village center, schools, and neighborhoods from the overwhelming impacts of increased traffic and congestion”.

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-06: Are you in favor of Amendment #6, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinances, Article V -Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 330-32M, C3 – Commercial 3 by deleting “Vehicular Brokerage Office” as a permitted use in the district?

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0-0

Proposed Article Z-24-06 Voter’s Note: The proposal is to delete vehicular brokerage office as a permitted use in the C3 (Commercial 3) Zoning District. The Plaistow Zoning Ordinances define a Vehicular Brokerage Office as: *That portion of a structure devoted in whole or in part to the administrative functions related to new and/or used motor vehicle sales with no retail or wholesale display or storage of motor vehicles. Retail or wholesale display and/or storage of motor vehicles are specifically prohibited.* In consultation with the New Hampshire Department of Safety (NHDOS) Dealer Licensing, it was explained that they do not issue any kind of retail/wholesale dealer license that does not allow for at least one (1) display space. Since motor vehicles sales, with display parking, is already not a permitted used in the C3 district, this brokerage office use can be eliminated to avoid any conflict with NHDOS requirements.

Proposed Plaistow Zoning Amendment Z-24-07: Are you in favor of Amendment #7, as proposed by the Plaistow Planning Board, to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, to modify Article III, General Provisions, §220-2.1 Site Plan Applicability as follows?

Replace § 220-2.1 in its entirety and replace with:

The Planning Board shall require site plans to be submitted for review by any applicant seeking any of the following:

1. Construction involving any non-residential use or multi-family dwellings.
2. Change or expansion of existing non-residential or multi-family uses and/or structures.
3. Any change of use involving a non-residential or multi-family building or site which does not have an approved site plan.
4. Approval Required. Prior to land clearing, excavation, site preparation, construction or any other such activity may begin on a site, and before any permit for such activities may be issued, final approval of the Site Plan is required as evidenced by the recording of the approved plan(s) at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. All activity on the site shall be performed in accordance with the approval.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 5-0-0

Proposed Article Z-24-07 Voter’s Note: This amendment is to clarify what types of uses site plans are required for.

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Citizen's Petition CP-24-01: Shall the Town vote to approve the following addition to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as Article VIIB, Agritourism Overlay District (AOD) as follows?

Summary:

The Citizen's Petition submitted by Daniel Kane would provide a new Agritourism Overlay District (Article VIIB), that would apply in any district where Agriculture is currently a permitted use. The proposed Zoning Ordinance describes the following characteristics and requirements of the Agritourism Overlay District:

1. §220-55.3: Authority
2. §220-55.4: Objectives and Characteristics
3. §220-55.5: Definitions
4. §220-55.6: Conflicts with other regulations
5. §220-55.7: General standards
6. §220-55.8: Exempt AOD uses and structures
7. §220-55.9: Permitted AOD uses and structures

Not Recommended by the Planning Board: 2-2-0

The full text of the Citizen's Petition is available for viewing on the Planning Board's page of the Town's website www.plaistow.com. Hard copies of the full text will also be available at Town Meeting. You may also email the Planning Department at planning@plaistow.com for a copy.

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