TOWN OF PLAISTOW

Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 2, 2019 Plaistow Town Hall

(Minutes will appear in Courier font at the end of each article.)

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Harb at 9 a.m. The weather was cold with temperatures in the single digits but sunny. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Girl Scout Cadet Troop and Elaine Kindler sang the National Anthem.

Moderator Harb reviewed the handouts that were available to the voters present. The panel at the front of the room including members of the Budget Committee, Moderator, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen introduced themselves to the public present and those watching on cable tv. The moderator's rules were read.

Selectman John Sherman made a motion to allow the following non-residents to be allowed to speak:

Mark Pearson, Town Manager

Greg Colby, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager

Doug Mullin, Interim Police Chief

Paul Lucia, Building Maintenance Supervisor

Mike Dorman, Building Inspector

Cab Vinton, Library Director

Keith Judge, Teamsters Local 633 Representative

John Cashell, Town Planner

Sumner Kalman, Town Counsel

Motion was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Motion passed.

There were 48 registered voters in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm. Moderator Harb reminded everyone of Candidates Night March 5th and Election Day March 12th. Polls will be open 7am to 8pm at Pollard School.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Fowler
Interim Town Clerk

<u>Operating Budget - General Fund</u>

Article P-19-02: Shall the Town 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 \$9,932,197? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$9,952,222 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 XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read the article. Motion made by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan to put the article on the floor and seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett. Budget Committee Chairman Bob Hamilton explained the budget has a 3.6% increase but 12 departments' budgets are below 2018 levels. Fifteen budgets have low increases. The Water budget was removed and will be voted on in a separate article.

Citizen James Peck asked why the default budget is higher than the proposed budget. Finance Director Greg Colby answered that it is due to payroll increases and discretionary items. Selectman John Sherman spoke about the waste disposal contract and mentions that the Town provides services; that is why the payroll is the major component of the budget.

Motion made by Citizen Eric Dobson to decrease the budget by \$720,025; making the total budget amount \$9,232,197. Motion seconded by Budget Committee Member Laurie Milette. Mr. Dobson presented signatures from 5 voters requesting a secret ballot.

Budget Committee Member Jay DeRoche asked why the motion was made. Mr. Dobson said that the taxes keep going up and he wanted to stop the cycle of increases. Selectman Sherman asked about the amount. Mr. Dobson replied that it was an arbitrary number and then that it is under the 10% that is allowed.

A lengthy discussion ensued with comments from members of the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Steven Ranlett asked to move the question. The requested secret ballot commenced. Ballot results for the motion were Yes votes 17 No votes 30. Motion failed.

Article P-19-02 will appear as written.

Operating Budget - Water Department

Article P-19-03: Shall the Town 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 \$78,910? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget for the water department shall be \$78,910 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 XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)).

Article was read by Moderator Harb. Motion to put the article on the floor was made by Selectman Steven Ranlett and seconded by Budget Committee Greg Taillon. Selectman Ranlett explained that removing the water department budget from the general operating budget is in preparation of the implementation of a potable water system in Plaistow. Budget Committee Chairman Bob Hamilton spoke about removing the Water Department from the Operating Budget. Town Manager Mark Pearson clarified that the money comes from the fire suppression water system.

Article P-19-03 will appear as written.

Motion made by Budget Committee Member Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-19-02. Motion seconded by Selectman Ranlett. Motion passed.

Long-term Borrowing - Asset Management Study

Article P-19-04: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the development of a Drainage Asset Management Plan and mapping effort, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1) and Budget Committee (7-0-2)). (3/5 ballot vote required)

This is part of the State's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and acceptance of this warrant article, would qualify the Town, for 100% of principal forgiveness on this loan.

Article was read Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to put the article on the floor and seconded by Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon. Finance Director Greg Colby explained the article. Selectman John Sherman mentions that this is a no cost article. With no further discussion, article P-19-04 will appear as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Article P-19-03. Motion seconded by Selectman John Sherman. Motion passed.

<u>Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) - Police Union</u>

Article P-19-05: To see if the Town of Plaistow will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town of Plaistow and the Plaistow Police Union, Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal	Estimated	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
2019/2020	\$51,184	
2020/2021	\$45,320	
2021/2022	\$46,680	

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,388 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Town Manager Mark Pearson explained the various points of the contract including wages, adjustments to steps, housecleaning of contract language and clarification of current procedures. There were questions to the Town Manager regarding numbers of employees in the Police Union and were the costs estimates. Without further discussion, article P-19-05 will appear on the ballot as written.

Special Meeting for Defeated Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

Article P-19-06: Shall the Town, if warrant article P-19-05 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article P-19-05 cost items only?

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

Moderator Harb read the article. Selectman Steven Ranlett made the motion to put the article on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. This article is non-amendable and will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman John Sherman and seconded by Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-05 and P-19-06. Motion passed.

<u>Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) - Town Unit</u>

Article P-19-07: To see if the Town of Plaistow will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town of Plaistow and the Plaistow Town Unit, Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal	Estimated	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
2019/2020	\$29,668	
2020/2021	\$23,492	
2021/2022	\$24,075	
2022/2023	\$24,686	
2023/2024	\$25,316	

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,215 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (7-2-0)). (Majority vote required)

After the article was read by Moderator Harb, a motion was made by Selectman Peter Bracci to place the article on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett. Selectman Peter Bracci explained that there are 14 employees in this unit. Town Manager Mark Pearson explained various points of the contract. Discussion continued with answers from Town Manager Pearson and Keith Judge from Teamster Local 633. Article P 19-07 will appear on the ballot as written.

Special Meeting for Defeated Collective Bargaining Agreement CBA)

Article P-19-08: Shall the Town, if warrant article P-19-07 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article P-19-07 cost items only?

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

After the article was read by Moderator Harb, a motion was made by Selectman Peter Bracci with a second by Selectman Steven Ranlett to put the article on the floor for discussion. The article is the same as the article for the Police CBA and will appear on the ballot as written.

Selectman John Sherman made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-07 and P-19-08. Motion was seconded by Selectman Ranlett. Motion passed.

Public Works Facility Garage - Phase 2

Article P-19-09: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$350,000 as a non-lapsing appropriation, per RSA 32:7 VI, that will be used to continue construction of the Public Works Facility Garage that would include utilities installations and office space fit-up for the Highway and Water Departments, which is located at the former Penn Box site, Map 41 Lot 11, 144 Main Street? This is the second phase of a 3-phase project.

Total Appropriation: \$350,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$350,000

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-09 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion was made by Budget Committee Member Sam Cafiso and seconded by Selectwoman Francine Hart to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectwoman Hart explained the article and slides were shown of the construction phase completed thus far on the garage. With no further discussion, this article will appear on the ballot as written.

Selectman Steven Ranlett motioned and Selectman John Sherman seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article P-19-09. Motion passed.

Contingency - RSA 31:98-a

Article P-19-10: 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 \$85,000 to go into the fund? This sum is to come from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance with no amount to be raised from new taxation. Any appropriation left in the Contingency Fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance. Use of these funds will be pursuant to RSA 31:98-a and RSA 32:11.

Total Appropriation: \$85,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$85,000

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-10 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Julian Kiszka and seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Kiszka explained that this fund would be for unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year. Finance Director Colby listed the unanticipated expenses that were spent from this fund in 2018 and that the left over money from 2018 goes back into the general fund. It does not roll forward to 2019. Selectman Bracci explained why he voted against this article. After no further discussion, Article P-19-10 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Article P-19-10. This was seconded by Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon. Motion passed.

Westville Road Bridge Replacement

Article P-19-11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the engineering and construction phase of the replacement of the Westville Road Bridge? Furthermore, to accept the reimbursement of \$200,000 from the State Bridge Aid Program (80% of \$250,000) and to withdraw the balance of \$50,000 from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance.

Total Appropriation: \$250,000
State Bridge Aid Program Grant: -\$200,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$50,000

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Julian Kiszka and seconded by Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion made to amend by Selectman Steven Ranlett to the following:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,835 for the engineering and construction phase of the replacement of the Westville Road Bridge? Furthermore, to accept the reimbursement of \$116,668 from the State Bridge Aid

Program (80% of \$145,835) and to withdraw the balance of \$29,167 from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance.

Total Appropriation:	\$145 , 835
State Bridge Aid Program Grant: -	\$116 , 668
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$50 , 000
No amount to be raised by new taxation:	\$0

Motion seconded by Selectman John Sherman. Discussion ensued about the balance of the unassigned fund balance with answers coming from Finance Director Greg Colby. Amendment was voted and passed. Selectmen Kiszka and Sherman explained project is moving forward for this summer. Article will appear on the ballot as amended.

Selectman Ranlett motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article P-19-11. Motion seconded by Peter Bracci. Motion passed.

Conversion to LED Street Lights

Article P-19-12: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board to enter into an up to 5-year, tax neutral agreement for the installation of up to \$205,000 of energy saving equipment namely, LED street lights, with annual payments of approximately \$24,000. Such payments to be funded from annual energy savings in the operating budget. The balance of the cost to be funded by a rebate incentive from the Town's energy provider.

No amount to be raised by new taxation.

Article P-19-12 read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectwoman Francine Hart to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett. Finance Director Greg Colby explained how the savings would happen as the electric costs will be level for 5 years and more savings after the 5 years. Article will appear on the ballot as written.

Citizen Susan Sherman requested a moment of silence be observed for the passing of Merilyn Senter. Mrs. Senter served the Town of Plaistow as a two term Selectwoman and the State as a member of the House of Representatives for two terms.

After the moment of silence, a short break in the meeting was taken at 11:15am. The meeting was called back to order at 11:22am.

Water Department Truck

Article P-19-13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to pay the water user fee fund, so that a 2015 F-350 purchased by the Water Department for \$50,000 in 2014, with a current value of \$25,000 be shared 50/50 by the Highway and Water Departments, and to withdraw \$12,500 from the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Total Appropriation: \$12,500

Withdrawal from the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund: -\$12,500

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-13 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Peter Bracci to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Steven Ranlett seconded the motion. Selectman Bracci explained this article will allow a more efficient use of the Water Department truck. No further discussion and the Article P-19-13 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-12 & 13. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pollard Park - Paving and Sidewalk Repairs

Article P-19-14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of paving and repairing the sidewalks in and around Pollard Park. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read article P-19-14. Motion made by Selectwoman Francine Hart to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectwoman Hart explained this article would allow the sidewalks be brought up to American Disabilities Act compliance as the walkways are not wide enough presently. Selectman Bracci was the one vote against the article. He said he felt it could wait. After a little more discussion, Article P-19-14 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-14. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Create/Transfer to Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund

Article P-19-15: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacement of mobile and portable radios as needed in the future and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (8-0-1)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-15. Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett and seconded by Budget Committee Member Jay DeRoche to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Ranlett explained the Fire Department radios are getting to the end of their life. This article would allow the Town to put money away to replace all of the radios at once. Deputy Chief Michael Kennedy answered questions about the use of radios versus cell phones and radio frequencies. Article P-19-15 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-15. Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Fire Department Apparatus</u>

Article P-19-16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-16. Motion made by Selectman Julian Kiszka and seconded by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan to place the article on the floor for discussion. Article was explained by Selectman Kiszka. The article will allow orderly replacement of the fire apparatus. Deputy Chief Michael Kennedy mentions that the Plaistow Firemen's Association supports the Fire Department by purchasing new equipment when new trucks are purchased. Article P-19-16 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-16. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Expendable Trust Fund Deposit - Highway Department Equipment

Article P-19-17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Budget Committee recommended \$70,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (7-2-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-17. Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett and seconded by Budget Committee Member Lisa Lambert to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Ranlett explained this article is very much like the article for Fire apparatus. Selectman John Sherman explained dollar amount difference between what the Selectmen recommended and what the Budget Committee recommended. Citizen Barbara Kiszka motioned to remove the following line: "Budget Committee recommended \$70,000." Motion seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett. Motion passed. The article will appear on the ballot as amended.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-17. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus</u> (SCBA)

Article P-19-18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,400 to be added to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-18. Motion made by Selectman Peter Bracci and seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett to place the article on the floor for discussion. The article was explained by Selectman Bracci who was in favor of the article for the safety of the members of the Fire Department. The article will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-18. Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Library</u>

Article P-19-19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-19. Motion made by Selectwoman Francine Hart and seconded by Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectwoman Hart explained this would allow for orderly repairs to the Library's capital assets. Citizen James Peck mentions the value of the Library is in the vicinity of 2 million dollars and support of this article is a smart choice. Article P-19-19 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-19. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Police Department Management</u> <u>Information Computer System (MICS)</u>

Article P-19-20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Police Department Management Information Computer System Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-20 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Peter Bracci and seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Ranlett explains this is the second year of a three year plan to put money aside to replace the information computer system for the Police Department. Article P-19-20 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-20. Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Energy</u>

Article P-19-21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-21 was read by Moderator Harb. A motion to put the article on the floor for discussion was made by Selectwoman Francine Hart and seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectwoman Hart explained the article helps the Town save money on energy costs in the future. With no further discussion, P-19-21 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-21. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Recreation</u>

Article P-19-22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-1-1) and Budget Committee (3-6-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-22 was read by Moderator Harb. A motion to put the article on the floor for discussion was made by Selectman John Sherman and seconded by Selectwoman Francine Hart. Selectman John Sherman explained that the money put into this fund was for improvements to PARC and Ingalls Terrace Parks. \$80,000 has been spent but there are more projects to be done that are in the Master Plan. Discussion ensued regarding the decreasing and aging population of Plaistow. Selectman Sherman commented that a decrease in population doesn't imply a decrease in participation.

A lengthy discussion regarding the differences between Impact Fees, Revolving Funds and Capital Improvement Funds was had. Citizen Gary Ingham asked to move the question. Article P-19-22 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-22. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Transportation Infrastructure</u>

Article P-19-23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-23. Motion to put the article on the floor for discussion was made by Selectman Steven Ranlett and seconded by Budget Committee Member Greg Taillon. Selectman Steven Ranlett explained that the money in this fund is used to correct transportation infrastructure issues. The State does have grant programs available but the State requires matching funds of 20%. Without further discussion, Article P-19-23 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-23. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Expendable Trust Fund Deposit - Accrued Leave Time

Article P-19-24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Accrued Leave Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-24 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion to place the article on the floor for discussion was made by Selectman Julian Kiszka and seconded by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan. Selectman Julian Kiszka explained that this money will be used for paying out accrued leave time for employees that leave the employment of the Town. Town Manager Mark Pearson explained there is around \$13,000 left and \$25,000 would bring the fund to \$38,000. Without further discussion, Article P-19-24 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-24. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Expendable Trust Fund Deposit - Snow Removal

Article P-19-25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Snow Removal Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Moderator Harb read Article P-19-25. Selectwoman Francine Hart made the motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. This motion was seconded by Selectman Steven Ranlett. Selectwoman Hart explained that these funds would help cover the costs of storms that come late in the fiscal year before the new fiscal year begins. Winter spans two budget years. The fund has a cap of \$50,000. Without further discussion, Article P-19-26 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-25. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Deposit - Buildings/Building Systems</u>

Article P-19-26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Buildings/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-26 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to put the article on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Steven Ranlett explained that this fund was for unanticipated repairs to buildings and building systems. Selectman Peter Bracci spoke in favor of the article. Without further discussion, Article P-19-26 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-26. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Expendable Trust Fund Deposit - Mosquito Control

Article P-19-27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,375 to be added to the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-27 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Peter Bracci to put the article on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan. Selectman Bracci explained this fund is to protect the public from diseases carried by mosquitos and the \$1,375 will bring the fund back to its recommended amount of \$7,000. Without further discussion, Article P-19-27 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-27. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>Discontinue Rescue Vehicle and Emergency Medical Equipment</u> <u>Revolving Fund</u>

Article P-19-28: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Rescue Vehicle and Emergency Medical Equipment Revolving Fund that was established in accordance with RSA 31:95-h. Any remaining amounts in the fund will become part of the general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). (Majority vote required)

Article P-19-28 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman Steven Ranlett made the motion to put the article on the floor for discussion. The motion was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Ranlett explained this fund was created when the Fire Department transported a lot of patients to the hospital. The Fire Department doesn't transport as much anymore so the fund is not needed. Without further discussion, Article P-19-28 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-28. Selectman Julian Kiszka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

At this time, Selectman Ranlett mentions that this meeting is Selectman John Sherman's last deliberative session. He is not running for re-election. Thank you Mr. Sherman! Mr. Sherman received a standing ovation from the body present. Selectman Ranlett mentions that Selectman Bracci will also not be running for re-election. Thank you Mr. Bracci! He too received a round of applause.

Selectman Julian Kiszka mentions where to find the Plaistow Voters' Guide; Town Hall, Library, Safety Complex, etc.

Elderly and Disabled Asset Limit

Article P-19-29: Pursuant to RSA 72:39-b and RSA 72:37-b, shall we modify the elderly and disabled exemptions to increase the Asset Limits from \$80,000 to \$110,000? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (8-0-1)).

Article P-19-29 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectwoman Francine Hart made the motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. This motion was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectwoman Hart explains that the elderly/disabled asset limit for an exemption on property taxes has remained unchanged since 2005. After a short discussion, Article P-19-29 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Steven Ranlett to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-19-29. Selectman John Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Moderator Harb mentions that the following Zoning articles are non-amendable but questions may be asked at this time. Hearing no questions from the floor, the 2019 Deliberative Session adjourned at 12:55pm.