

# Town Meeting Deliberative Session

## February 4, 2023

The weather was sunny with subzero temperatures; around -7 degrees when the meeting started. The deliberative session was held in the Great Hall (second floor) at Town Hall. Moderator Robert Harb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Moderator Harb reminded all in attendance to be sure they had checked in with the Supervisors of the Checklist and had signed their voter cards. Moderator Harb led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. A recording of the National Anthem was provided by Dean Zanello, Cable Coordinator.

Moderator Harb quickly reviewed the handouts that were available to the voters present. They included: 2023 Deliberative Session Agenda, Moderator's Operating Rules, 2023 Town Meeting Warrant, 2023 Budget Worksheet, 2023 MS-737 Proposed Budget, 2023 MS-DTB Default Budget, and 2023 Town Meeting Voter's Guide.

The Moderator then asked those present at the front of the room to introduce themselves. Those present were 5 members of the Budget Committee, 4 members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager/Finance Director Greg Colby, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Beth Hossack, Deputy Moderator Norman Major, Moderator Robert Harb and myself, Town Clerk.

The moderator's rules were read and adopted for this meeting. Motion made by Select Board Chair John "Jay" DeRoche to allow the following non-residents to speak at the Deliberative Session

Greg Colby, Town Manager/ Finance Director  
Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor  
Cab Vinton, Library Director  
Code Enforcement Officer Rick Foye  
Facilities Supervisor Jim DeBonis  
Police Chief/Citizen advisor Richard Kane

Motion seconded by Selectman William Coye. There was no discussion. Motion **passed**.

Moderator Harb took a moment to congratulate Samuel Kinkaid for receiving his Eagle Scout Award today at another facility. Mr. Harb and Mr. Major were invited to the ceremony but couldn't be there due to their commitment at this Deliberative Session. There was a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Selectman John Blinn Sr.

Moderator Harb began reading the warrant introduction. He reiterated that the time and place of the election has changed this year. The polls will be at the Plaistow Fish and Game Club at 18 May Ray Ave. and will be open 7am to 7pm. The rest of the minutes for the deliberative session will be in Courier New font and will be typed under each article.

**Article P-23-01:** To elect all necessary Town Officers for ensuing year.

### **OPERATING BUDGET – GENERAL FUND**

**Article P-23-02:** 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 \$11,317,457. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$11,062,817 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 (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-02. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche to place the article on the ballot. This was seconded by Selectman Coye. Discussion ensued with Budget Committee Chair Katie Knutsen explaining the 10% rule. She explained that the budget is up 5.7% with increases in property liability insurance, electricity, fuel, etc. Discussion ensued.

Resident Nolan Pelletier (24 North Ave.) made a motion to amend the budget amount to \$11,062,817. Motion seconded by Jessica Pelletier (24 North Ave.) Further discussion. Motion **failed**.

With no further discussion or questions, article P-23-02 will appear on the ballot as written.

**OPERATING BUDGET – WATER DEPARTMENT**

**Article P-23-03** 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 \$494,090? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$483,390 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:	\$494,090
Withdrawal from the Water Enterprise Fund:	-\$494,090

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**No Amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0  
Balance in Water Enterprise Fund was \$526,633 as of December 31, 2022.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-03. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Coye. Resident Ryan Labrecque (174 Main St.) asked questions regarding this budget and how the Water Enterprise fund works. Questions were answered by Selectman DeRoche and Town Manager Colby. Without further discussion, Article P-23-03 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Kate Sherman-DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-23-02 and P-23-03. Seconded by Budget Committee Chair Katie Knutsen. Nolan Pelletier (24 North Ave.) spoke against the motion. Motion **passed**.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) – Town Union**

**Article P-23-04:** Shall the Town of Plaistow 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:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase</b>
2023/2024	\$31,932.00
2024/2025	\$51,354.00
2025/2026	\$36,268.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,932.00 for 2023.  
(Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

After Moderator Harb read Article P-23-04 and explained that this article and the next article are not amendable. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place this article on the floor for discussion. Selectman DeRoche explained who was in the unit and that the salaries increases are at a medium level. Discussion ensued regarding the procedure if this article failed. Without further discussion, Article P-23-04 will appear on the ballot as written.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR DEFEATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA)**

**Article P-23-05:** Shall the Town, if Article P-23-04 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article P-23-04 cost items only?

(Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-04. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place this article on the floor for discussion. As this article is non-amendable, there wasn't any discussion and the article will appear on the ballot as written.

**REPLACE VOTING MACHINES**

**Article P-23-06:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of replacing voting machines used to count ballots in Town, School, County, State and Federal elections? (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-23-06 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Coye explained the article. Motion made by Resident Jason Dumas and seconded by Resident Nolan Pelletier to amend the article to have the funds withdrawn from the General Fund Unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by 2023 taxation. The motion **failed**. Article P-23-06 will appear on the ballot as written.

**CONTINGENCY FUND RSA 31:98-a**

**Article P-23-07:** 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: -\$80,00

**No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0

The balance in the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2,534,815 as of December 31, 2022.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-07. Selectman DeRoche made motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Coye. Selectman Darrell Britton explained the article be reading from the Voter's Guide. Nolan Pelletier of 24 North Ave. made a motion to amend this appropriation to zero dollars. This was seconded by Ryan Labrecque of 174 Main St. Discussion ensued. Motion **failed** by voice vote. Article P-23-07 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Budget Committee Chair Katie Knutsen to restrict reconsideration of article P-23-06 and 23-07. Seconded by Selectman DeRoche. Motion **passed**.

**ESTABLISH A POLICE VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-23-08:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing or leasing new or used police vehicles and to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be deposited into this account with \$60,000 withdrawn from the Unassigned Fund Balance? The Board of Selectmen shall be the agents authorized to expend these funds. The Capital Reserve fund is being created pursuant to RSA 35:1.

(Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$100,000  
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$100,000

**No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0

The balance in the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2,534,815 as of December 31, 2022.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-23-08 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman DeRoche made a motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Coye. Motion to amend the article to increase the amount of the appropriation from \$60,000 to \$100,000 made by Selectman Gifford. This was seconded by seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend **passed**. Article P-23-08 will appear on the ballot as amended.

**DISCONTINUE THE POLICE AND FIRE DETAIL REVOLVING FUND**

**Article P-23-09:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Police and Fire Detail Revolving Fund and place the total sum of the fund balance, at the time of discontinuance, into the Town's General Fund. This article shall be null and void if Article P-23-10 fails.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-09. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place the article on the floor for discussion. Discussion ensued. Without any motions to amend this article, Article P-23-09 will appear on the ballot as written.

**ESTABLISH A POLICE AND FIRE DETAIL REVOLVING FUND**

**Article P-23-10:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Police and Fire Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of purchasing, leasing, maintaining, and repairing all vehicles assigned for detail use including uniforms and other necessary expenses. All revenues received for outside detail services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town’s general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. Shall the Town further vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be deposited into the fund with the amount coming from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? This warrant article shall be null and void if Article P-23-09 does not pass. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation:	\$100,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$100,000

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**No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0

The balance in the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2,534,815 as of December 31, 2022. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-23-10 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman DeRoche made the motion to place the article on the floor for discussion and deliberation. This was seconded by Selectman Coye. Discussion ensued. Article P-23-10 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of articles P-23-08, 09 and 10. Motion seconded by Katie Knutsen. Motion **passed** by voice vote.

**DEPOSIT TO HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND**

**Article P-23-11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be deposited into the previously established Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund? (Majority vote required) The balance in the Highway Equipment Trust Fund was \$107,485 as of December 31, 2022. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

After Article P-23-11 was read by Moderator Harb, Selectman DeRoche made a motion to place it on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Coye. Selectman Britton explained the article by reading from the Voter’s Guide. Article P-23-11 will appear on the ballot as written.

**DEPOSIT TO BUILDING EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

**Article P-23-12:** 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  
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$40,000

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**No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0

The balance in the Building Expendable Trust Fund was \$24,795 as of December 31, 2022.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-12. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coy to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Gifford explained that these funds are to take care of the Town's buildings. Without any motions to amend, Article P-23-12 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-23-11 and 23-12. Seconded by Katie Knutsen. Motion **passed** by voice vote.

### **DEPOSIT TO LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-23-13:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be deposited into the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)  
The balance in the Library Capital Reserve Fund was \$70,783 as of December 31, 2022.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-23-13 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman Jay DeRoche made a motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Coye. Selectman DeRoche explained the article is for capital improvements for the Library. Without further discussion, Article P-23-13 will appear on the ballot as written.

### **DEPOSIT TO ENERGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-23-14:** 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 balance in the Energy Capital Reserve Fund was \$34,086 as of December 31, 2022.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-23-14 was read by Moderator Harb and Selectman DeRoche motioned to place it on the floor for discussion. The motion was seconded by Selectman Coye. Selectman Coye explained these funds will be used for future solar projects on town properties. Without further discussion, Article P-23-14 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-23-13 and 23-14. This was seconded by Katie Knutsen. Motion **passed**.

### **DEPOSIT TO TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-23-15:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be deposited into the previously established Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)  
The balance in the Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund was \$75,405 as of December 31, 2022.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Article P-23-15 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman DeRoche made the motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. This motion was seconded by Selectman Coye. Selectman Britton explained the money would be used on the calming study for Main Street. Discussion ensued. Without any motions to amend the article, Article P-23-15 will appear on the ballot as written.

**DEPOSIT TO REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-23-16:** 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 balance in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund was \$34,713 as of December 31, 2022.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-16. Selectman DeRoche made a motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Coye seconded the motion. Selectman Gifford explained the article by reading from the Voter’s Guide. Without further discussion, Article P-23-16 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-23-15 and 23-16. Motion seconded by Katie Knutsen. Motion **passed**.

**DEPOSIT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-23-17:** 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
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$140,000

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**No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0

The balance in Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund was \$389,152 as of December 31, 2022.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0-1)).

Article P-23-17 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman DeRoche explained that this year’s request for this fund was decreased from last year’s request. Motion made by Jason Dumas of 6 Pineview Ave. to increase the amount to be appropriated from \$70,000 to \$140,000. Motion seconded by Derek Travers of 31 Sunrise Terrace. Discussion ensued. Motion **passed** by a count of raised voter cards. Article P-23-17 will appear on the ballot as **amended**.

**DEPOSIT TO CEMETERY SPECIAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

**Article P-23-18:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be deposited into the previously established Cemetery Special Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$20,000  
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$20,000

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No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation: \$0  
The balance in the Cemetery Special Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund was \$26,531 as of December 31, 2022. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-18. Selectman DeRoche motioned and Selectman Coye seconded the motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Coye explained that this article is to replenish the funds being spent on the first phase of expansion of the cemetery. Without further discussion, Article P-23-18 will appear on the ballot as written.

**DEPOSIT TO OLD HOME DAY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

**Article P-23-19:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,892 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 2022, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Total Appropriation: \$2,892  
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$2,892

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**No amount to be raised by 2023 taxation:** \$0  
The balance in the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2,534,815 as of December 31, 2022. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0-1)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-19. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place the article on the floor for discussion. The Voter's Guide explanation was read by Selectman Britton. Without further discussion, Article P-23-19 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Katie Knutsen to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-23-17, 23-18 and 23-19. Motion **passed**.

**READOPT STANDARD AND OPTIONAL VETERAN' TAX CREDIT (RSA 72:28)**

**Article P-23-20:** Shall the Town vote to readopt the "Standard & Optional Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28 to remain in place and include the expanded eligibility effective for the April 1, 2023 tax year. The need to readopt the tax credit is due to the passing of House Bill 1667 which expanded the eligibility requirements to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Article P-23-20 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman DeRoche to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Coye. After explanation of the article by Selectman Gifford, there wasn't discussion so the P-23-20 will appear on the ballot as written.



**READOPT ALL VETERANS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT (RSA 72:28-b)**

**Article P-23-21:** Shall the Town vote to readopt the “All Veterans’ Property Tax Credit” under RSA 72:28-b to remain in place and include the expanded eligibility effective for the April 1, 2023 tax year. The need to readopt the tax credit is due to the passing of House Bill 1667 which expanded the eligibility requirements to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-21. Selectman DeRoche made a motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Coye seconded the motion. Selectman Gifford explained that this article would allow active service members to receive a tax credit. Without further discussion, P-23-21 will appear on the ballot as written.

**MODIFY THE ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT**

**Article P-23-22:** Shall the Town modify the Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to an amount not to exceed \$750? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-23-22. Motion made by selectman DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Coye to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Gifford explained that this article would increase credits for veterans from \$500 to \$750. Without further discussion, Article P-23-22 will appear on the ballot as written.

**CHANGE POLLING HOURS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS**

**Article P-23-23:** Shall the Town vote to change the polling hours for State and Federal Elections from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Article P-23-23 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman DeRoche made the motion to place the article on the floor for discussion and Selectman Coye seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Moderator Harb, Deputy Moderator Norman Major and resident Nolan Pelletier spoke in favor of article. Mr. Major said that he has years of data that show that voter traffic in the last hour is extremely minimal and encouraged voters to support the article. Resident Ryan Labrecque spoke against the article. Without further discussion, P-23-23 will appear on the ballot as written.

**CITIZENS PETITION**

**Article CP-23-02:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to consider altering the designated final end uses of the Beede Waste Oil Site (“Beede Site”) and, if the Select Board in its discretion, determines that such an alteration is in the best interest of the Town of Plaistow, to allow the Select Board to change that designated final end use to conservation and passive recreation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)).

Article CP-23-02 was read by Moderator Harb. Selectman DeRoche made a motion to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Coye seconded the motion.

Motion made by Richard Anthony and seconded by Dennis Heffernan to amend the article to the following:

Shall the Town vote to designate the final end uses of the Beede Waste Oil Site ("Beede Site") as conservation and passive recreation upon completion of clean up per the Record of Decision ("ROD") dated 1/9/2004 and after the Town of Plaistow has taken ownership of the 41 acre Beede Site, which is allowed by current zoning and is consistent with the Town's Master Plan. We are aware that the Beede Site Group has proposed to fund the future use of the Beede Site as a conservation and passive recreation destination with additional amenities such as ADA accessible network of walking trails and enhancements to wildlife corridors, in keeping with all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regulations and standards to protect human health and the environment. EPA is to be notified by the Town of Plaistow's updated end use designation upon the outcome of this vote. (Majority vote required.)

Lengthy discussion ensued and when the vote was called, the motion **failed**. Motion made by Kathleen Slade, 124 Willard Way and seconded by Nolan Pelletier to allow John Edwards, a non-resident from the Group Counsel for the Beede Site Group, to speak to the body present. Motion **passed**.

Mr. Edwards speaks in favor of the article. If the Town designates the end use as conservation and passive recreational, the Beede Group doesn't need to clean down to remove the 10 feet contamination. This would save them \$2-3 million leaving them money for amenities for the trails, etc. If they must clean to the residential standard, there would be no money for the amenities of walking trails, etc. More discussion ensued.

Motion made by Selectman DeRoche and seconded by Katie Knutsen to amend the article to as follows:  
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to consider altering the designated final end uses of the Beede Waste Oil Site ("Beede Site") and, if the Select Board in its discretion, determines that such an alteration is in the best interest of the Town of Plaistow, to allow the Select Board to change that designated final end use.

Moderator Harb questioned whether this amendment changed the subject matter of the petition because there isn't a mention of the conservation and passive recreation in Selectman DeRoche's amendment. Selectman DeRoche added "to conservation and passive recreation." to his amendment.

Citizen Nolan Pelletier voices that he thinks this amendment is out of order because it changes the subject matter of the petition. Moderator Harb felt that the intent of the article was changed but the subject matter of the article was not and therefore the amendment was in order. After further discussion, this motion and its second were withdrawn by Selectman DeRoche and Katie Knutsen. Motion made by Jason Dumas and seconded by Derek Travers to amend the Article CP 23-02 to the following:

"Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to consider altering the designated final end uses of the Beede Waste Oil Site ("Beede Site") and, if the Select Board in its discretion, determines that such an alteration is in the best interest of the Town of Plaistow, to allow the Select Board to change that designated final end use to conservation and passive recreations."

Nolan Pelletier objects to the Moderator's decision to allow this motion to amend. Mr. Pelletier made a motion made by Nolan Pelletier to overrule the Moderator's decision to allow this amendment as Mr. Pelletier feels this amendment eliminates the subject matter. This motion was seconded by Pamela Gani. Motion to overrule the Moderator **failed**.

The question was called and the motion made by Jason Dumas to amend CP 23-02 **passed**.

Motion made by Pamela Gani and seconded by Nolan Pelletier to amend the article back to the original article as written by the petitioner. Motion **failed**.

Without further discussion Article CP-23-02 will appear on the ballot as amended.

Motion made by Jason Dumas and seconded by Derek Travers to restrict reconsideration of Article CP-23-02. Motion **passed**.

**CITIZENS PETITION Article CP-23-1:** Shall the Town vote to approve the following modification to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance Article IX, Signs Section 220-60.1. Integrated Commercial Residential District as Follows?

**Add new Paragraphs E and F as follows:**

1. E. Farms (as defined in New Hampshire RSA 21:34-a Farm, Agriculture, Farming) :1 on site thirty square foot freestanding sign is permitted. The freestanding sign and supporting structure may not exceed ten (10) feet in height. Each farm building shall also be allowed up to two signs attached to a building facade, provided that the following restrictions are met:
  - 1) If both signs are attached to the same building façade, then the total square footage of both signs shall not exceed 10% of the building façade to which they are affixed.
  - 2) If the signs are attached to different building façades, then one sign shall not exceed 10% of the façade to which it is affixed, and the other sign shall not exceed 5% of the façade to which it is affixed.
  - 3) The building façade is calculated by measuring from roofline to foundation and subtracting out any glass.
  
- F. All freestanding and attached signs on a Farm shall consist of wood construction only, shall be illuminated with indirect light and shall be in keeping with the agricultural character of the property.

***Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-4-0) and the Planning Board (2-3-0)***

Moderator Harb and the Select Board gave the maker of CP-23-1, Mr. Daniel Kane of 64 Main St. and owner of Sweet Hill Farm on Newton Rd., an opportunity to speak in favor of the Zoning amendment article CP-23-01. As this article is a zoning article it is not amendable and will appear on the ballot as written.

Moderator Harb announced the date of election day and reiterated that the polling location has changed this year. The polls will be at the Plaistow Fish and Game Club at 18 May Ray Ave. on March 14 7am -7pm.

Meeting adjourned 12:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Fowler  
Town Clerk