

**TOWN OF PLAISTOW  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2018 TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
AND BUDGET  
Town Meeting (Senate Bill 2)**



- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 3, 2018**  
*Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street*  
*Great Hall (2nd Floor)*  
**10:00 A.M.**
  - **Deliberative Session Snow Date will be held within 72 hours**  
**as determined by the Moderator**  
*Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street*  
*Great Hall (2nd Floor)*
  - **Ballot Voting - Tuesday, March 13, 2018**  
*Pollard School, 120 Main Street*  
**Polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**
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# 2018 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 the Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street in said Plaistow on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:00 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. If necessary, the snow date will be held within 72 hours, as determined by the Moderator.

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 Pollard School, 120 Main Street, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 7:00 AM in the forenoon until 8:00 PM in the afternoon to elect officers and to act on the following Articles by official ballot voting.

The articles begin with "P" to differentiate the Town articles from the School District articles and from the Town Zoning Articles that begin with "Z".

<p><b><u>SELECTMAN</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>              <u>MORE THAN TWO</u></p>	<p><b><u>TAX COLLECTOR</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>                      <u>MORE THAN</u>  <u>ONE</u></p>
<p><b><u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>              <u>MORE THAN THREE</u></p>	<p><b><u>MODERATOR</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>TWO YEAR TERM</u>                      <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p>
<p><b><u>PLANNING BOARD</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>              <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p>	<p><b><u>SUPERVISOR OF THE</u></b>  <b><u>VOTER CHECKLIST</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>SIX YEAR TERM</u>                      <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p>
<p><b><u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>              <u>MORE THAN TWO</u></p>	<p><b><u>SUPERVISOR OF THE</u></b>  <b><u>VOTER CHECKLIST</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>                      <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p>
<p><b><u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>                      <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p>	<p><b><u>AUDITOR</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>                      <u>MORE THAN TWO</u></p>
<p><b><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>              <u>MORE THAN TWO</u></p>	
<p><b><u>TRUSTEE OF THE</u></b>  <b><u>TRUST FUNDS</u></b>                      <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>  <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>              <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p>	

## **Deliberative Session Minutes, February 2, 2018**

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

Moderator Robert Harb opened the meeting at 9:00am by having the boy scouts present the colors and Representative Norman Major lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next Bella Hughes sang the National Anthem. At the end of the opening ceremonies Moderator Harb gave both the scout troop and Bella a certificate of appreciation from the town.

Moderator Harb then went over the agenda, handouts and operating rules. Next, he had the panel introduce themselves to the body in attendance and the viewers on TV.

A non-voter list was presented by Selectman John Sherman with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Those listed were Town Manager Mark Pearson, Water Project Keith Pratt, Finance Director Greg Colby, Police Chief Kathy Jones, Highway Department Dan Garlington, Building Maintenance Paul Lucia, Building Inspector Mike Dorman and Librarian Cab Vinton. The body in attendance was asked to vote and allow them to speak if necessary. A vote was taken and passed.

Citizen Barbara Kiszka requested an amendment to allow the Selectmen to revote after the meeting which was seconded by citizen Gary Ingham. Selectman John Sherman explained that both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee will have the opportunity to revote with a quick meeting after the Deliberative Session. With this explanation the motion was withdrawn.

There were about 75 people in attendance including the panel members.

Moderator Robert Harb ended the meeting at 2:20pm and reminded the citizens to come and vote on March 13, 2018 at Pollard School from 7am until 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryellen Pelletier  
Plaistow Town Clerk

### **Operating Budget**

**Article P-18-02:** 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 \$9,555,795? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$9,506,742 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 (8-1-0)).

The article was read by Moderator Robert Harb, a motion was made by Selectman John Sherman with a second by Selectman Tammy Bergeron. Budget Committee Member Sam Cafiso asked if the vote should be 9-0-0, minute taker, Dee Voss stated that the vote was correct at 8-1-0 as Selectmen Sherman's vote was no, since the Selectmen's Budget was different from the Budget Committee's at that time.

Selectman Sherman explained the article stating that there were a few major increases to the Budget like election (3 not 1 this year), human resources, health insurance costs and legal line. He also stated that the highway block grant was put into the highway budget and not as a separate warrant article this year.

Budget Committee Chair Francine Hart stated that the overall Budget was up 3.89% and that many of the other towns are up over 4%.

Citizen Jim Peck asked if the town looks for Federal and State Grants. Budget Chair Francine Hart said that yes, we do, and that the Town Manager looks at other things to help offset our budget. Bud. Comm. Member Sam Cafiso asked if the Town Manager would mention some of the grants we have received, which he did.

Citizen Robert Zukas asked why the welfare line has doubled? Francine Hart said that there is an additional \$10,000 added for transportation help. Budget Committee Co-Chair Robert Hamilton added that they moved some salary into that line from the assessing line as the same person does both jobs, so that the figures better represent the actual cost in each department.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement (Police Union)**

**Article P-18-03:** 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:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2018	\$32,805.34
2019	\$10,935.12

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,805.34 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)).

The article was read and presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Peter Bracci. Selectmen Bracci that the contract was negotiated by Town Manager Mark Pearson without paying a lawyer and that it amounts to a 3% increase.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement Special Town Meeting (Police Union)**

**Article P-18-04:** Shall the Town, if Article P-18-03 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article P-18-03 cost items only?

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Peter Bracci with a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Contingency Fund Creation and Deposit**

**Article P-18-05:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for significant unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$80,000 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:	\$80,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:		-\$80,000

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**Amount to be raised by new taxation:            \$0**

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Ranlett every town may establish up to 1% of capital expenditures for emergency use. Citizen Jim Peck stated that he is in favor of the article but those monies come from funds that could be used to lower taxes.

Citizen Jim Groleau asked where the money is kept? Town Manager Mark Pearson stated that it must be liquid so that the town can pay bills at tax time, so it is left in the general fund. Citizen Dan Guide asked what is the amount in that fund now and Finance Officer Greg Colby states around 3 million. Selectman Sherman said there will be a new page in the town report to explain this fund.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund Creation and Deposit**

**Article P-18-06:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of holding in reserve funds that may be used for plowing and for winter maintenance of Town-maintained roads, sidewalks, parking lots, and other outside facilities when the amount of such winter maintenance in the annual budget of the Highway Department has been depleted and furthermore shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for an initial deposit? The Board of Selectmen shall be the fiscal agent of the fund.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Julian Kiszka with a second by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan. Selectman Kiszka explained that passing

this article would give the town an emergency budget for a bad snow year. Finance Officer Greg Colby stated that the town has overspent the budget in 2017 by \$61,000. Bud. Comm. Chair Hart said passing this article would level funds and Selectman Kiszka asked the Town Manager Mark Pearson how much it cost per hour per storm and was told \$1700 -\$2000.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

**CIP Reference: F1D.**

**Article P-18-07:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 1998?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Julian Kiszka with a second by Bud. Comm. Member Jay Deroche.

With no discussion the article will appear as written.

**Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

**CIP Reference: F2D.**

**Article P-18-08:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,400 to be added to the existing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Peter Bracci with a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett. Selectman Joh Sherman asked the fire chief about a grant. Fire Chief John McArdle stated that in 2017 we tried for a \$400 plus grant, but the Federal Government ran out of funds. He stated that he is going forward for the same grant in 2018.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Management Information Computer System Capital Reserve Fund Creation and Deposit**

**CIP Reference: P4D.**

**Article P-18-09:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Management Information Computer System Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1, for the purpose of replacing the hardware, software, all peripheral device interfaces, and installation of a replacement for the existing Management Information Computer System used by the Police Department for 20 years, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for an initial deposit into this Capital Reserve Fund? The Board of Selectmen shall be the fiscal agent of the fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Bud. Comm. Member Dennis Heffernan with a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett, who explained the article. Citizen Gary Ingham compared the 20-year-old equipment to the fact that no one present has a 20-year-old cell phone. He stated that we need to raise the funds now and not wait for the system to fail.

Police Chief Kathy Jones explained that the software was purchased in 1994 but the hardware has been updated and the software vendor is a small company. She isn't sure how long they will stay in business and 90% of the state is now using another company. Bud. Comm. Member Dennis Heffernan stated that we could use the contingency funds for an emergency and Town Manager Mark Pearson said yes, but that would be short term planning and we are taking the long-term plan with this article as a 3-year plan.

Bud. Comm. Chair Hart stated that the committee discussed this at length and decided to move forward with the long-term plan.

With no further discussion the article will appear as amended.

**Communications Radio Dispatching System Replacement**

**CIP Reference: P1E.1.**

**Article P-18-10:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the final Phase of the replacement of the Communication Radio Dispatching System and to withdraw \$140,000 from the Communication Radio Dispatching Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2014?

	Appropriation:	\$175,000
Withdrawal from the Communication Radio Dispatching Capital Reserve Fund:		-\$140,000
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	<b>Amount to be raised by 2018 taxation:</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Julian Kiszka.

With no discussion the article will appear as written.

**Building/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

**CIP Reference: MB1D.1**

**Article P-18-11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to deposit into the existing Building/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2007?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Tammy Bergeron with a second by Julian Kiszka. Citizen Greg Taillon asked if we need to have this read to us when everyone has a copy in front of themselves? Selectman John Sherman stated that the TV viewing audience doesn't have the guide in front of them and he let the viewing audience know that it's available at the library and on the town's web site.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Library Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

**CIP Reference: MB3D.**

**Article P-18-12:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be deposited into the existing Library Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2016?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1) and the Budget Committee (8-0-0). This fund is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion made by Selectman Tammy Bergeron with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Bergeron asked Librarian Cab Vinton to speak on the article. He stated that the fund currently has \$119,000 in it but fixing the fire suppression cost \$90,00 and cost \$19,000 to date. Once the funds are put back into the general fund there will only be \$10,000 left. The library contracted a company to look at all the library systems and give a report of when and how much to fix, update or repair them.

Library Trustee Jim Peck stated that the library is now 19 years old and asked the voting public to support this article.

A budget committee member noted that their vote should be 9-0-0 not 8-0-0 and their minute taker confirm that the vote should be corrected to 9-0-0.

Boy scout Jacob Lambert asked to speak and a vote was taken to allow his question. He asked why the library needs a new roof and was told it's one of the systems on the report and does not need to be looked at for 3-4 more years

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Public Works Facility**

**CIP Reference: MB4.E.**

**Article P-18-13:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$600,000 as a non-lapsing appropriation, per RSA 32:7 VI, that will be used to design, engineer, and construct an 80 ft. x 100 ft. (8000 sq. ft.) Public Works Facility that would include garage and office space for the Highway and Water Departments, to be located at the former Penn Box site, Map 41 Lot 11, 144 Main Street?

Total Appropriation: \$600,000  
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance: -\$600,000

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**Amount to be raised by new taxation:                    \$0**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This project is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion made by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Ranlett thanked the many persons for their work on this project. Selectmen Kiszka asked the town manager how much do we spend on the old building trying to keep it safe from the methane gas problem. Town Manager Mark Pearson explained that he didn't know the exact cost but that one community had a fire and lost their building plus all their equipment. This kind of loss could bring the total loss upward of a million dollars.

There was discussion by many members of the Budget Committee and the town manager about the need. Mr. Pearson explained that the money is in the unexpended fund balance and that the town already owns the property. He stated that the property is in a central location and moves the highway garage to the center of town like the Police & Fire Departments, plus the Town Hall and Library.

Citizen Jim Unger asked about the aesthetics of a metal building in the center of town. Mr. Pearson stated that it will be set back near the railroad tracks and the water tower and won't be seen easily.

Citizen Lauren Cafiso asked if the town will look at the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) to adjust replacement of the highway equipment since washing off the salt in the new building will prolong its life. She was told yes, that even if a truck is scheduled to be replace at a given time they look at the vehicle and decide if it can be used for an additional year or two.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Records Management Capital Reserve Fund Creation and Deposit**

**CIP Reference: MS1.3.1.**

**Article P-18-14:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Records Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding proper records management, storage, and archiving pursuant to the provisions in RSA 35:1 and with the Board of Selectmen to act as the fiscal agents of the fund? Furthermore, shall the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be deposited into the Records Management Capital Reserve Fund? This capital reserve fund will be used for the purchase of any hardware and software, both on-site and off-site, to provide for proper records management.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-1-1) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion was made by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Kiszka stated that scanning and digitizing the records will make it easier to find records and clean up the storage problem as every nook and cranny in the Town Hall holds records now.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Energy Capital Reserve Fund Deposit**

**CIP Reference: MS5D.**

**Article P-18-15:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to deposit into the existing Energy Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2016?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman Julian Kiszka and a second by Selectman John Sherman. Selectman Kiszka explained that he is on the Energy Committee and that the Library has already had their light fixtures updated. The expected saving is about \$8000 per year.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Westville Road Bridge Replacement**

**CIP Reference: T4E.1.**

**Article P-18-16:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$586,089 for the engineering and construction phase of the replacement of the Westville Road Bridge? Furthermore, to accept the reimbursement of \$516,089 from the State Bridge Aid Program (80% of \$645,111) and to withdraw \$63,655 from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance and \$6,345 from the Fire Suppression Water Line Impact Fee for the water line installation?"

Total Appropriation:	\$586,089
State Bridge Aid program grant:	-\$516,089
Withdrawal from the Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fee:	-\$6,345
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$63,655

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**Amount to be raised by new taxation:                    \$0**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, with a motion by Selectman Steve Ranlett and a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Peter Bracci asked how much the town has spent so far and if the article fails will we lose that money? Town Manager Mark Pearson stated the 20% of the total cost has already been spent. The voters have already voted for the first two phases of this project and this is the final phase. It would be tragic to not pass this article and finish the project.

Citizen Jim Groleau asked if the Federal Government contributes to this project? Selectmen John Sherman stated that no, only the State issued the grant.

Fire Chief John McArdle spoke about putting the water into the bridge project stating "there is going to be a pipe in the bridge". He got a good laugh and explained that it is town policy when new construction is being done to roadways, to plan with the water line expansion rather than have to tear up new construction a few years later.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Accrued Leave Time Expendable Trust Fund Deposit**

**Article P-18-17:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be deposited into the existing Accrued Leave Time Expendable Trust Fund that was created in 2004?

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

The article was resented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectmen Julian Kiszka and a second by Selectmen Steve Ranlett. Auditor James Peck informed the body that this fund hasn't been in use for years. Selectmen John Sherman explained that several of the Town's employees are coming close to retirement with a cost to the town of around \$100,000.00. With that in mind the selectmen wanted to be proactive and start to set aside some money for that purpose.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Cemetery Special Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund Creation and Deposit**

**Article P-18-18:** Shall the town vote to establish a Cemetery Special Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, including but not limited to the surveying and maintenance of the Town cemetery's lots, open space, and all infrastructure necessary for keeping the cemetery in a state of good repair? Furthermore, shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to make an initial deposit into this fund with said amount to come from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? The Board of Selectmen shall act as the fiscal agent for this fund.

	Total Appropriation:	\$40,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:		-\$40,000
<b>Amount to be raised by new taxation:</b>		<b>\$0</b>

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman Steve Ranlett and a second by Selectman John Sherman.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

**Cemetery Special Revenue Fund Creation**

**Article P-18-19:** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of the revenues from the sale of cemetery lots for the expenditures for the purpose of the Town cemetery maintenance? Such fund revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Cemetery Special Revenue Fund, separate from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, with a motion by Selectman Tammy Bergeron and a second by Selectman John Sherman. Citizen Gary Ingham asked where the money goes and Finance Director Greg Colby stated into the general fund. It was explained by the Temporary Cemetery Sexton Dan Garlington and the Trustee of the Trust Funds Jill Senter that the money for perpetual care can't be spent on maintenance only the interest. The interest alone doesn't generate enough money for even mowing.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

#### **Leasing Town Property**

**Article P-18-20:** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:11-a III to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to five years without further voter ratification of the Town? Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered prior to the rescission shall remain in effect.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, with a motion by Selectman Tammy Bergeron and a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett. Citizen Audrey Peck asked what the town would be leasing? Selectman Ranlett replied the cell towers, which really should be 5-year leases instead of one. The article will allow for the 5-year leasing option.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

Citizen Barbara Kiszka put forth a motion for a 45-minute break with a second by Suzanne Ingham. The Moderator felt that that was too long and suggested a 10-minute break. The motion was withdrawn and Moderator Harb put at ease at 12:10pm. The meeting resumed at 12:20pm.

A motion was made by Barbara Kiszka with a second by Citizen Greg Taillon to allow the clerk to cut the CIP reference off all articles which listed one. Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan said that some voters will look on line to see what the CIP was.

A vote was taken and the motion passed, the CIP references will be removed from the ballot.

Barbara Kiszka then made a motion with a second by Greg Taillon to limit reconsideration of articles 2 – 20.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

#### **Leasing Space on The Telecommunication/Cell Tower**

**Article P-18-21:** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:11-a III to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease space on a telecommunication/cell tower and tower property for the installation of telecommunications equipment for a lease period of more than one year?

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, with a motion by Selectman Steve Ranlett and a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Mr. Kiszka made a motion, with a second by Greg Taillon to add

after "equipment" "for a term of up to five years without further voter ratification of the Town? Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect."

A vote was taken on the amendment and passed.

Auditor Jim Peck asked how much and how many towers are leased. Finance Director Greg Colby replied with several which generate \$100 to \$200 thousand per year. Town Manager Mark Pearson stated that this is a housekeeping article and should be 5-year terms for the cell tower contracts not one year.

With no further discussion the article will appear as amended.

Selectman Ranlett motioned to restrict reconsideration on article 21, with a second by Selectman Kiszka. A vote was taken and passed.

**Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund Creation and Deposit**

**Article P-18-22:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of holding in reserve funds that may be used for emergency spraying (adulticiding) for mosquitoes in response to surveillance and a public health threat per the Town's Mosquito Control Plan as directed by the Town Health Officer? Furthermore, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000 into this fund? The Board of Selectmen shall be the fiscal agent. A no vote on this warrant article would not preclude the Town from spraying, should an emergency arise during 2018.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, with a motion by Selectman John Sherman and a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Mr. Sherman informed everyone that adulticiding is not done every year but the funds have been put into the operation budget each year. It was decided to make the funds available when needed then replace them only when used.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

Selectmen Ranlett and Kiszka asked for vote to restrict reconsideration on article 22. A vote was taken and passed.

**Fire Department Full-time Staff Position**

**Article P-18-23:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$53,803 to establish an additional Full-time Firefighter/EMT (EMT) position in the Fire Department? This sum represents the cost of wages and associated roll up costs (such as taxes, insurance, retirement and uniforms.)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1-2) and Budget Committee (8-0-1)).

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion made by Selectman John Sherman with a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett. Mr. Sherman asked Fire Chief John McArdle to speak to this article. Chief McArdle state that the availability of on call staff is dwindling as many of them work out of town. This article would alleviate the problem allowing more coverage for a longer time frame. He informed everyone that there are 24/25 on call fire person now and that it takes 3-years

to train them. He reminded everyone that we now have several more senior housing units in town. He went on to tell everyone that they had 1060 calls in 2017, 1100 calls in 2016 and we are headed for 1200 this year based on the January numbers.

Mr. McArdle stated that current full time staff answers about 41% of the calls and the additional person would increase that amount to 68%. He is hoping that the public sees the need as the town is growing and calls are increasing.

Budget Committee Member Dean Nifakos asked for the full year cost including salary and benefits and was told it would be \$79,000.00.

Moderator Harb asked if we could add in some verbiage to state that these figures are for 8 months of the yearly cost?

Budget Committee Member Sam Cafiso asked if we get impact fees from the over 55 housing. Planning Coordinator Dee Voss stated that \$1085 is collected per dwelling unit. Mr. Cafiso asked if the fee could be increased for over 55 housing. Ms. Voss said that she would bring that before the Planning Board.

Citizen Barbara Kiszka presented an amendment to as "the annual cost will be \$79,000.00: which was seconded by Citizen Eric Dobson. A vote was taken and the amendment passed.

With no further discussion the article will appear as amended.

Selectmen Ranlett and Kiszka asked to restrict reconsideration for article 23. A vote was taken and passed.

### **Keno**

**Article P-18-24:** To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of Keno within the Town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-1.)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion made by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Budget Committee Member Dean Nifakos. Mr. Ranlett stated that Governor Sununu signed the bill into law to add Keno in NH. Funds will go towards funding full day kindergarten. The 2018 should bring \$1200.00 per kindergarten student for full time and the future earnings should pay around \$1800.

Citizen Eileen Dube attended a talk at the library and was told that there are many NH towns that are not voting to add Keno, so there are questions on exactly what the amount per student will be.

Bud. Comm. Member Dennis Heffernan asked if passing this will mandate full time kindergarten in the Timberlane District. The Selectmen replied no. Selectman Peter Bracci asked what will be the benefit to Plaistow if we pass this. Selectman Steve Ranlett said that there are currently eight establishments in Plaistow that could qualify; four have already applied to the state. He informed

us that Mass. Keno sites on the NH borders are the biggest Keno producers for the State of Mass. Passing this article should bring business to Plaistow and should also increase revenue to the current businesses.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written

Selectman Ranlett and Kiszka asked to restrict reconsideration on article 24. A vote was taken and passed.

**Conversion of Fire Suppression Water System to a Potable Water and Fire Suppression Water System**

**Article P-18-25:** Shall the Town vote to amend existing authority establishing a municipal fire suppression water system by adding authority pursuant to RSA 38:4 to establish a municipal potable water system? (2/3 majority vote needed for passage).

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1).)

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion was made by Selectman Julian Kiszka with a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett. Mr. Ranlett stated that the article doesn't say the Town must have potable water only allows the town to do so in the future.

Town Manager Mark Pearson explained the history of fire suppression in Plaistow, starting with the water tower though the current system. He stated that a 2/3's vote is needed to pass this article because we are changing a vote from the past which only stated water suppression. This article is only to add the right to add a potable water system in the near future.

Keith Pratt, president of Underwood Consultants, presented a power point presentation with a question and answer session at the end.

Citizen Gary Ingham aske to move the question with a second from Selectman Julian Kiszka.

A vote was taken and the article will appear as written.

Selectman Ranlett and Kiszka asked to restrict reconsideration of article 25, which was voted on and passed.

**Water Department Pump(s) & Pump House Capital Reserve Discontinuance**  
**CIP Reference: W3D.**

**Article P-18-26:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Pump and Pump House Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:16-a and to transfer said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal into the Town's General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? This fund was created in 2011. This warrant article shall be null and void if the Water System amendment (See Article P-18-25) fails.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb, a motion placed by Selectman Julian Kiszka with a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

Selectman Kiszka made a motion, seconded by Selectman John Sherman, to add the actual dollar amount to the fund listed in article 26 on December 31, 2017.

A vote was taken and the amendment passed.

The article will appear as amended. (see the end of article 28 for a reconsideration)

### **Fire Suppression Line Capital Reserve Discontinuance**

#### **CIP Reference: W1D.**

**Article P-18-27:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Water Department Fire Suppression Line Capital Reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:16-a and to transfer said funds, with accumulated interest into the Town's General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? This capital reserve fund was created in 2002.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman Julian Kiszka and a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

Selectman Kiszka and Sherman presented an amendment to add the dollar amount of \$75, 833.00 as of December 31, 2017 instead of the word funds.

Trustee of the Trust Funds Chair Jill Senter stated that the actual funds on December 31, 2017 were only \$74,000.29.

Selectman Peter Bracci suggested we just leave the word funds to cover whatever the actual funds are at the time the fund is discontinued.

The amendment was withdrawn by the presenters, with no further discussion the article will appear as written.

### **Internet Capital Reserve Fund Discontinuance**

**Article P-18-28:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Internet capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:16-a and to transfer said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal into the Town's General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? The fund was created in 2002.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman John Sherman and a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

The article will appear as written.



Budget Committee member Dennis Heffernan requested a reconsideration of Article P-18-26 and submitted a new amendment to remove the dollar value and go back to just saying funds.

Discussion was made and mentioned that the actual dollar amount at the time of voting will be different. Listing the December amount would mean leaving a balance in the fund, therefore defeating the reason for the article.

A vote was taken and article 27 will appear as written.

Selectmen Ranlett and Kiszka asked to restrict reconsideration of article 26 and 27. A vote was taken and passed.

#### **Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund Discontinuance**

**Article P-18-29:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:16-a, that was established to renovate the Town Hall over a period of three (3) years from 2003 through 2005 and to transfer said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal into the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? The fund was created in 2003.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman John Sherman and a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

Selectmen Ranlett and Kiszka asked to restrict reconsideration of article 29, a vote was taken and passed.

#### **PEG Cable Access Fund Discontinuance**

**Article P-18-30:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the PEG Cable Access fund pursuant to RSA 35:16-a and to transfer said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal into the Town's General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? The fund was created in 2002.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman John Sherman and a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written

Selectmen Ranlett and Kiszka asked to restrict reconsideration of article 30, a vote was taken and passed.

#### **Recreation Commission Capital Reserve Fund Discontinuance**

**Article P-18-31:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Recreation Commission capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:16-a and to transfer said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal into the Town's General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? The fund was created in 2002.

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

The article was presented by Moderator Harb with a motion by Selectman John Sherman and a second by Selectman Steve Ranlett.

With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

Selectmen Ranlett and Budget Committee Member Dean Nifakos asked to restrict reconsideration of article 31. A vote was taken and passed.