

Town Meeting Deliberative Session

February 5, 2022

The weather was sunny with the temperature around 18 degrees when the meeting started. The deliberative session was held at the Public Works Garage at 144F Main Street with those in attendance required to wear masks due to COVID-19. Moderator Robert Harb called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. 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 thanked everyone in attendance for wearing their masks/face covering and reminded those without masks to sit in the back of the room to the right. Non-voters were reminded to sit to the left side of the room. He then reviewed the Moderator's Operating Rules. This year, there would be NO voice votes. Residents would raise their voter cards when voting on motions. The moderator's rules were accepted by the body.

Moderator Harb quickly reviewed the handouts that were available to the voters present. They included: 2022 Deliberative Session Agenda, Moderator's Operating Rules, 2022 Town Meeting Warrant, 2022 Budget Worksheet, 2022 MS-737 Proposed Budget, 2022 MS-DTB Default Budget, and 2022 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, 5 members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager/Finance Director Greg Colby, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Beth Hossack, Moderator Robert Harb and myself, Town Clerk.

Motion made by Select Board Chair Darrell Britton 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
Sergeant Jason Mazza
Detective Kyle Coakley

Motion seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. There was no discussion. Motion passed by raised voter cards.

Moderator Harb began reading the warrant introduction. The rest of the minutes for the deliberative session will be in Courier New font and will be typed under each article.

TOWN ELECTION

Article P-22-01: To elect all necessary Town Officers for ensuing year.

WATER SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Article P-22-02: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$450,000)** (gross budget) as may be needed for establishing an interim fund to provide an assistance program to abutting properties to help incentivize connections to the potable water system by providing zero or low interest loans to the property owners to cover the capital costs needed for fees, installation, and other associated costs so they may connect to the potable water system; to further authorize the issuance of not more than **Four Hundred Fifty Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$450,000)** of

bonds and notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1, et. seq.) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action the Board deems appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds; and further to authorize the Select Board as applicable to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, grants or other funds, if any of which may be available for said work that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds or notes, and to participate in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), RSA 486:14, established for this purpose and/or the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (NHDWGTF) and to allow the Select Board as applicable to expend such monies as they become available and pass any vote relating thereto; and further to authorize the Select Board to adopt a betterment plan, whereby the costs of the improvements to any privately owned service lines or infrastructure will be assessed to and reimbursed by the owners of those water lines and infrastructure that are specially benefited by such improvements such that the intent is the cost of the program will be paid by the users through betterments and/or user fees. (3/5 ballot vote required).

NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION

\$0

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-22-02 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Darrell Britton to place the article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Jay DeRoche seconded the motion. Selectman DeRoche explained that this article finances the connection fee for the potable water line for residents. It will be paid back by the residents that connect to the potable water.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-02 will appear on the ballot as written.

REPLACE FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWER 3 FIRE TRUCK

Article P-22-03:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars** (gross budget) for the replacement of the Fire Department's Tower 3 Fire Truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars** 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. (3/5 ballot vote required)

NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION

\$0

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-1)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-03. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place the article on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman William Coye explained that the current ladder truck/Tower 3 has safety and mechanical issues and needs to be replaced. Fire Chief Chris Knutsen explained further the need to replace the truck and that this article will replace the need for additional money in the capital improvement plan in the future. With no further discussion, Article P-22-03 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-22-02 and P-22-03. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

OPERATING BUDGET: GENERAL FUND

Article P-22-04: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$10,508,555. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,302,270 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)

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-04. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton to place the article on the floor for discussion. Budget Committee Chair Robert Zukas explained some of the budget changes. There were increases in the Sanitation, human services and Old Home Day was put back in the budget. Discussion ensued regarding how to keep the budget from increasing every year.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-04 will appear on the ballot as written.

OPERATING BUDGET: WATER DEPARTMENT

Article P-22-05: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the water department, not including appropriations by special warrant and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$431,300. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$431,300 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:	\$431,300
Withdrawal from the Water Enterprise Fund:	-\$431,300
NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION	\$0
Balance in Water Enterprise Fund as of December 31, 2021	\$493,994

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-22-05 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton to place the article on the floor for discussion. Mr. Britton explained that this is the money to operate the water system. A short supportive discussion ensued.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-05 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-22-04 and P-22-05. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) - POLICE UNION

Article P-22-06: Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town of Plaistow and the Plaistow Police Union, Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Contract Year	Estimated Increase
01-Apr-2022 to 31-Mar-2023	\$255,055
01-Apr-2023 to 31-Mar-2024	\$139,849
01-Apr-2024 to 31-Mar-2025	\$147,603

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191,291 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 the current staffing levels. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-1)).

Article P-22-06 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Darrell Britton to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Selectman Taillon explained that this contract will bring the salaries for the Police Department to the mid-point when compared to the salary survey of similar sized towns in NH. These salary increases will help attract candidates to fill the vacancies in the Police Department and keep the officers that we have. Selectman Darrell Britton said that he was at the negotiations for

the contract and that this contract was not "full of give aways". There were concessions made on both sides and Mr. Britton supported the contract. Discussion ensued with support for the contract voiced.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-06 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche and seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-06. Motion **passed** by show of voter cards.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR DEFEATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA)

Article P-22-07: Shall the Town, if Article P-22-06 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article P-22-06 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

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

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-07. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Selectman William Coye explained the article. Without further discussion, Article P-22-07 will appear on the ballot as written.

CONTINGENCY FUND:

Article P-22-08: 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 \$80,000 to put in the fund. This 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. (Majority vote required).

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$80,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$80,000
NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION	\$0

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$2,635,776
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(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-22-08 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Budget Committee Chair Robert Zukas to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Britton. Selectman Jay DeRoche explained that \$60,000 was spent from this fund last year on unanticipated expenses. Discussion continued with residents asking about the average amount used from this account and what the \$60,000 was spent on specifically. Town Manager Greg Colby answered that the money was spent on vehicle repairs (a blown engine), highway contract and unanticipated legal expense for the Police Department.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-08 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-22-07 and P-22-08. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

CREATE AND DEPOSIT TO REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-09: Shall the Town vote to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$35,000
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(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-22-09 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion to place Article P-22-09 on

the floor for discussion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman John Blinn explained that the properties in town must be reassessed every fifth year. Money in this fund will pay for those re-assessment costs and keep the property values up-to-date.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-09 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-09. Motion seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND

Article P-22-10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the existing Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund? (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION **\$50,000**

Balance in Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund as of December 31, 2021. \$155,674.14
(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-10. Selectman Greg Taillon made the motion to place this article on the floor for discussion. Selectman Darrell Britton seconded the motion. Selectman Britton explained that this article is to put money in to "savings account" to save for replacing Highway Department equipment.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-10 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-10. Motion seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. Motion **passed** by show of voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION **\$140,000**

Balance in Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021. \$375,916.99
(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0-1)).

Article P-22-11 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman Taillon explained that this article is to put money away for the replacement of Fire Department equipment. Chief Knutsen explained that this article is in the warrant in case the bond article discussed earlier fails, there would still be an opportunity to put money aside for apparatus. Discussion ensued.

Resident Barbara Kiszka made a motion to amend Article P-22-11 to insert at the beginning of the article "Should warrant article P-22-03, the Tower 3 Fire Truck replacement, fail". Moderator Harb ruled that the motion **failed** for lack of a second to the motion.

More discussion ensued with residents speaking in favor of the article.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-11 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-

11. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000 to be added to Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2019? (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$74,000
Balance in Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021.	\$18,112.11
(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-1)).	

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-12. Selectman Greg Taillon made the motion to place Article P-22-12 on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman Bill Coye explained the article was to put money away to replace the Fire Department radios.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-12 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-12. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO CEMETERY SPECIAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Article P-22-13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to Cemetery Special Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2018? 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

NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION	\$0
Balance in Cemetery Special Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund as of December 31, 2021.	\$48,397.16
(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).	

Article P-22-13 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion to place Article P-22-13 on the floor for discussion was made by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman Greg Taillon explained that this fund would be for the cemetery expansion project and additional maintenance of the present cemetery. The land that was donated in recent years is being developed for the expansion. A short discussion ensued with clarification by Selectman Taillon that the cemetery in its present state is running out of plots to be sold to residents/people wishing to be buried there.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-13 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-13. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO ENERGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to deposit into the existing Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2016? (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$25,000
Balance in Energy Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021.	\$9,994.17
(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).	

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-14. Motion made by Budget Committee Chair Robert Zukas to place Article P-22-14 on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman John Blinn. Selectman Blinn explained that these funds would be used for future energy projects such as putting solar arrays on some town properties.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-14 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-14. Motion seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to deposit into the existing Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund that was previously established in 2016? (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION: **\$40,000**

Balance in Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021. \$38,539.76
(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-22-15 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place P-22-15 on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Selectman Darrell Britton explained that this money is being put aside for infrastructure projects. Discussion ensued about the traffic calming project on Main Street as an example of the use of this money.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-15 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-15. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

SOROCK DONATION

Article P-22-16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to support the substance misuse prevention, suicide prevention and community wellness services of the SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION: **\$7,000**

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).

Article P-22-16 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place the article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Selectman John Blinn explained what SoRock does and the Selectman wanted to help them to continue this work in our community. Resident Ryan LaBrecque Spoke in opposition to the article. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Resident Ryan LaBrecque to amend Article P-22-16 to "\$7,000/year every year moving forward". Motion seconded by Resident Nolan Pelletier. Because of the wording of the motion, the motion was ruled out of order by Moderator Harb. Motion **failed**.

Resident Nolan Pelletier challenged the ruling of Moderator Harb. Moderator Harb asked for a vote of the body if his ruling should be overturned. Expecting the vote to be close, Mr. Harb asked his Deputy Moderator Norman Major to count the voter cards. Three Yes votes were counted. The No votes were decidedly more. The moderator's ruling that the motion made by Mr. LaBrecque was **upheld** by raised voter cards.

More discussion regarding Article P-22-16 continued with people voicing support as

well as opposition. Finally, with discussion exhausted, Article P-22-16 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-16. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

ESTABLISH BUILDING EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND AND DEPOSIT

Article P-22-17: Shall the Town vote to establish a Building Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of all building interior and exterior capital maintenance (including, but not limited to carpeting/flooring, siding, roofing, and painting), all building site maintenance, all building expansion and/or reconfiguration, and all building's interior systems (including but not limited to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, water/wastewater, communications, and security) repair and/or replacement and to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,000
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$25,000
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NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION	\$0
Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).	\$2,635,776

Moderator Harb read Article P-22-17. Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place this article on the floor for discussion. Motion was seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Selectman Bill Coye explained that this fund is to set aside money for building maintenance projects. It is not for the purchase of new buildings but to be used for a broader scope of building maintenance projects listed in the article.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-17 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-17. Motion seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DISCONTINUE EXISTING BUILDING/BUILDING SYSTEMS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-18: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Building/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This Article shall be null and void if Article P-22-17 does not pass. (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$0
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Balance in Building/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021. (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).	\$17,013.50

Article P-22-18 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion to place this article on the floor for discussion was made by Budget Committee Robert Zukas. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman Jay DeRoche explained that this fund was created by a vote of the Town and to discontinue its use, there needed to be a vote of the Town.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-18 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-18. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO OLD HOME DAY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Article P-22-19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,120 to be added to the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and represent donations received in 2021, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$5,120
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$5,120

NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION **\$0**

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0-0)).	\$2,635,776
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Moderator Harb read Article P-22-19. Budget Committee Chair Bob Zukas made the motion to place this article on the floor for discussion. Motion was seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. Selectman John Blinn explained this money in the General Fund was from donations for Old Home Day 2021 that didn't occur.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-19 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-19. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FISCAL AGENT ASSIGNMENT

Article P-22-20: Shall the Town vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1998. (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$0
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Balance in Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021. (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).	\$375,916.99
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Article P-22-20 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to place Article P-22-20 on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman Darrell Britton explained that this article would give the Board of Selectman the power to expend money from this particular capital reserve account without having to wait for Town Meeting to get the approval of the voters.

Resident and former Selectman Julian Kiszka spoke in opposition of this article. Selectman Jay DeRoche spoke in favor of the article. Further discussion ensued.

With discussion exhausted, Article P-22-20 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-20. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

DEPOSIT TO RECREATION PLAN CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-22-21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be deposited into the existing Recreation Plan Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

TOTAL APPROPRIATION:	\$30,000
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Balance in Recreation Plan Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2021. (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (8-0-0)).	\$13,101.18
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Moderator Harb read Article P-22-21. Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place this article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Bill Coye.

Selectman Bill Coye explained that money from this fund and from impact fees were used to create new playing fields at PARC. Money added to this account would allow these to be completed. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the fields at Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC), the money raised by those fields and getting them completely usable. Kerry Patles, Recreation Commission Chair, explained how the money is spent and asked for support of this article.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-21 will appear on the ballot as written. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-21. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

REDUCE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Article P-22-22: Shall the Town vote to reduce the Budget Committee from 10 members and the Selectmen representative (11 votes) to 8 members and the Selectmen representative (9 votes). (Majority vote required)

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

Article P-22-22 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place this article on the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Selectman Taillon explained that this article was suggested by the current budget committee and the article would decrease the committee starting in 2023. Without further discussion, Article P-22-22 will appear on the ballot as written.

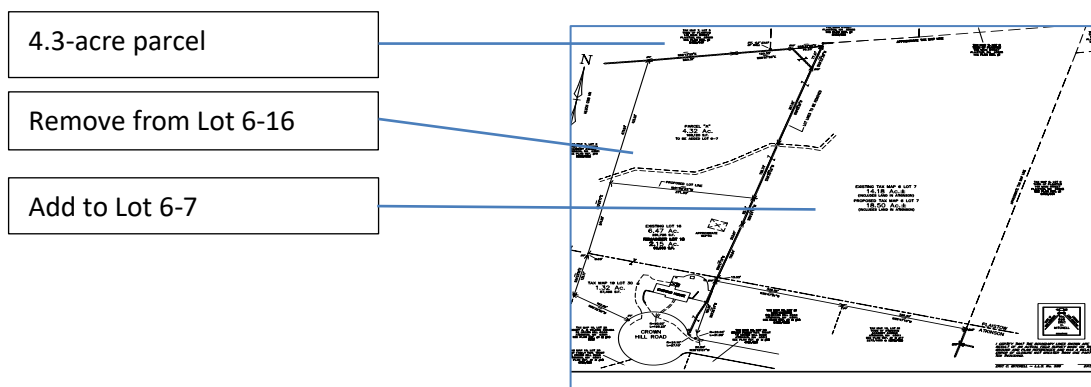
Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-22. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

At this time, Moderator Harb reminded those in attendance and watching at home that Candidates' Night, sponsored by the Plaistow Public Library, will be here at 144F Main St. the Plaistow Public Works Garage on February 22 at 6:30pm. Election will be March 8th 7am-8pm at the Public Works Garage as well. Mr. Harb also thanked Highway Department Supervisor Dan Garlington and the Highway Department for preparing the building for the meeting. (Not an easy task as it had snowed the day before the meeting.)

TOWN FOREST ADDITION

Article P-22-23: Shall the Town vote to add a 4.32-acre parcel to the Town Forest? The parcel was created by a lot line adjustment on Tax Map 6 Lot 16 to remove the parcel and a second lot line adjustment on Tax Map 6 Lot 7 to add the parcel. The existing Tax Map 6 Lot 7 is already part of the Town Forest.

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



Article P-22-23 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Darrell Britton to place this article on the table for discussion. Motion seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. Selectman DeRoche spoke about the article. Resident Barbara Kiszka asked if the land had any frontage. Mr. DeRoche responded that the parcel is land locked. The Conservation Commission obtained this parcel with money placed in the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund.

Without further discussion, Article P-22-23 will appear on the ballot as written. Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-22-23. Motion seconded by Selectman Darrell Britton. Motion **passed** by raised voter cards.

Moderator Harb reminded those in attendance and watching at home that the remaining articles were Proposed Zoning Amendments and were not amendable.

Moderator Harb adjourned the meeting at 12:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Fowler

Town Clerk