

Deliberative Session
February 4, 2017

The meeting was opened at 10:02am with Robert (Bob) Harb, Town Moderator, stating the voters should check in with the Supervisors of the Voter Checklist and remind them that they should have a signed voter card in order to vote. He asked that voters sit to his right and non-voters sit to his left side. The Plaistow Police Honor Guard then posted the colors and State Representative/Deputy Town Moderator Norman Major was asked to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Harb thanked Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald for his 8 years of service and invited the citizens to attend a farewell reception for him on February 17, 2017.

Nancy Jackman and Norman Major were recognized and presented plaques for their service on various town boards. Nancy had served as a Budget Committee member and recently retired from service on the Supervisor of the Voter Checklist ending 31 years of service to the town. Norman is still serving the town but has already put in 50 years of service.

Mr. Harb then asked the board members to introduce themselves and also explained that Budget Committee members, Lisa Lambert and Martha Sumner have been excused from the meeting. He also thanked Martha for her years of service, informing the public that she is not running for re-election this year.

Mr. Harb then read the rules of the meeting.

Selectman John Sherman asked for a vote to allow non-voters to speak at the meeting. Those people were department heads, finance officer and town manager. Ty Vitale didn't think we should allow non-residents to speak, but he did admit that this was his first time attending. Selectman John Sherman explained that they are department heads and need to be allowed to speak should someone ask a question for their department. Gary Ingham stated that they will only answer questions asked by someone in attendance.

About 30 people plus 16 board members were in attendance.

Moderator, Robert Harb closed the meeting at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted.

Maryellen Pelletier
Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF PLAISTOW
NEW HAMPSHIRE
2017 TOWN MEETING WARRANT
AND BUDGET
Town Meeting (Senate Bill 2)**



- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 4, 2017**
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 14, 2017**
Pollard School, 120 Main Street
Polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
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2017 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 4, 2017 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. The snow date will be at the Plaistow Town Hall 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 14, 2017 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 article numbers.

Article P-17-01: To elect all necessary Town Officers for ensuing year.

Moderator Bob Harb read the invitation to vote statement and told the viewing public that officers list would be corrected on the actual ballot.

<p><u>SELECTMAN</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p> <p>Francine Hart Steven Ranlett</p>	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN TWO</u></p> <p>David Bird John Moynihan</p>
<p><u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN THREE</u></p> <p>Jay DeRoche William D. Gerns Bob Hamilton Lisa Lambert Richard A. Blair Darrell Britton</p>	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>TWO YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p> <p>Ty Vitale</p>
<p><u>PLANNING BOARD</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN TWO</u></p> <p>Lisa Lambert</p>	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>ONE YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p> <p>Benny Santosuosso</p>
	<p><u>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND</u> <u>VOTE FOR NOT</u> <u>THREE YEAR TERM</u> <u>MORE THAN ONE</u></p> <p>Kara Ann Gilroy</p>

Timothy E. Moore		SUPERVISOR OF THE	
<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u>VOTER CHECKLIST</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>	<u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>
Jennifer Kiarsis		Nancy Bolduc	
		Ty Vitale	
		<u>AUDITOR</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
		<u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>
		Ty Vitale	
		Gary A. Ingham	
		James Peck	

TOWN UNIT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Article P-17-02: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,921.13 for the current fiscal year and to approve the items included in the proposed 2-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Plaistow and Teamsters Local 633 Union comprised of Town supervisory employees, including the Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer, Highway Department Foreman, Highway Laborers, Assistant Town Clerk, Town Crossing Guards and administrative staff. The contract calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Calendar Year	Increase %	Estimated Gross Payroll Cost	Estimated Health Insurance Savings	Estimated Net Contract Cost
2017	4% Wage	\$13,921.13	(\$23,994.07)	(\$10,072.94)
2018*	3% Wage	\$14,477.98	(\$5,737.30)	\$8,740.68

*Estimated 2016 health care cost level funded

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (8-0-0).

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steven Ranlett with a second by Selectman John Sherman. Steven Ranlett explained the article. Jim Peck asked why the Budget Committee vote was 8-0-0 and not 9-0-0. He was told that one member is on leave of absence. Ty Vitale was confused as to why employees can speak on this agreement, but no one had spoken on it but Mr. Peck. Moderator Bob Harb stated that this article cannot be amended and will appear as written.

OPERATING BUDGET

Article P-17-03: 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 **\$9,029,751**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$9,097,802** 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 (7-0-0).

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Budget Committee Chairman Dennis Heffernan with a second by Selectman John Sherman. Dennis Heffernan stated that it had been a challenging year, especially with the Police/Fire Department Building Project. Without the bond payment on that project the overall budget is up less than 1%. John Sherman confirmed that both the Budget Committee and Selectmen agreed and worked hard to keep the budget down. He thanked the department heads for their work on the budget. He also sent good wishes and hope that Martha Sumner, former Budget Committee Chair is doing well and will be back soon. Bob Hamilton, budget committee member thanked Dennis and Sean for allowing the Friday morning mini budget meetings with department heads. He stated that the meetings went well except for one department head walked out of his meeting. With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Article P-17-04: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,000 to be added to the existing Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). These funds are in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund is \$111,134.70 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman John Sherman with a second by Selectman Tammy Bergeron. John Sherman explained the article and with no discussion the article will appear as written.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-05: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). These funds are in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund is \$405,796.83 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Tammy Bergeron with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Julian Kiszka explained the article and with no discussion the article will appear as written.

SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-06: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,400 to be added to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (9-0-0). These funds are in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund is \$67,614.35 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steven Ranlett with a second by Selectman Peter Bracci. The article was explained by Peter Bracci and with no discussion the article will appear as written.

REPLACEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Article P-17-07: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$498,613 for the replacement of the Tanker 5 Fire Truck and to withdraw \$484,613 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and \$14,000 from the Public Safety Impact Revolving Fee Fund? This warrant article shall be null and void if warrant article P-17-05 depositing \$108,000 into the Fire Department capital reserve fund fails.

	Appropriation:	\$498,613
Withdrawal from Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund:		-\$484,613
Withdrawal from the Public Safety Impact Fee Fund:		-\$ 14,000

No amount to be raised from taxation: \$0

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

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Tammy Bergeron with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Julian explained the article. Kimberly Raymond said that it is misleading to state that no amount comes from taxation, since we just asked to raise \$108,000 in article 5 for the Fire Department. Town Manager Sean

Fitzgerald said that this is language recommended by Town Counsel and the Department of Revenue. Both of them had checked each of our warrant articles for valid wording. Barbara Kiszka presented an amendment to strike "No amount to be raised from taxation". A second to the amendment was made by Kimberly Raymond. David Gerns said that tax payers want to know what tax will be spent this year. Gary Ingham noted this language is on other articles and asked if we can use this part of the discussion to address all of the same statements. Bob Harb said no, we can't address them until they are put on the floor. Irene Dube said that she is against the amendment. Steve Ranlett asked to move the question and a vote was taken on the amendment 14 yes votes and 21 no votes. The amendment was defeated. Selectman Tammy Bergeron submitted an amendment to add into the article that \$108,000 will be raised by taxes with a second by Eric Bell. After some discussion on causing confusion to the voters, Tammy withdrew her motion and Eric Bell withdrew his second. Julian Kiszka placed a new amendment on the floor, "Amount to be raised from new taxation:" to replace "No amount to be raised from taxation". A second to the amendment was made by Steve Ranlett and Tammy asked to move the question. A vote was taken and this amendment passed. The article will appear as amended.

UNMARKED POLICE VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CREATION

Article P-17-08: Shall the Town vote to create an Unmarked Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to be added to the Unmarked Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? This reserve fund shall fund all police vehicles and equipment trailers that do not participate in the annual cruiser replacement program funded through the Town Budget and to designate the Board of Selectmen as Agents of the fund. This capital reserve fund is being established pursuant to RSA 35:1.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (7-2-0). These funds are in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Budget Chairman Dennis Heffernan with a second by Selectman Tammy Bergeron. Tammy explained the article, then Jim Peck asked what is meant by equipment trailers? Police Chief Kathy Jones explained they are the radar and message board trailers. Budget Committee Member Francine Hart asked "how many vehicles would be included in this fund?" Chief Jones stated six. Mr. Gerns asked to move the question. The article will appear as written.

A request was made at 11:48am by Selectmen Steve Ranlett with a second by Jim Peck to recess for 40 minutes to attend Mina Colcord's 100th birthday celebration held at the First Baptist Church.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00pm.

COMMUNICATION RADIO SYSTEM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-09: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Communications Radio Dispatching System Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectman (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (8-1-0). These funds are in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Communication Radio System Capital Reserve Fund is \$76,698.56 as of December 31, 2016

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steven Ranlett with a second by Selectman John Sherman. Steve explained the article and with no discussion the article will appear as written.

BUILDING/BUILDING SYSTEMS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to deposit into the Building/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2-0) and the Budget Committee (2-5-0). This fund is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Building/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund is \$19,791.61 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Budget Committee Member Dean Nifakos with a second by Selectman John Sherman. John Sherman explained the article. Gary Ingham asked the body to pass this as repairs can cost a lot. Kimberly Raymond asked if why we can't use the Unexpended Fund Balance? Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald said that The Unexpended Fund Balance is for major problems and this article is for the smaller unexpected repairs and we would need permission for DRA (Department of Revenue) to use unexpended funds. Jim Peck also asked if the Town Hall Expendable Fund can be used? Selectmen John Sherman said that they are left over from the Town Hall Renovations. Trustee of the Trust Funds Jill Senter said that that money can only be used for their original intent. David Gerns asked where did the money come from to fix the well and was told from this fund. Ty Vitale motioned to amend the amount to "0" with a second from Peter Bracci. John

Sherman said that the amendment takes the option out of the voters hands. Gary Ingham asked Ty if he owns a multi-unit home and if he has a budget in place for emergency repairs, reminding him that this is the same thing. A vote was taken and the amendment failed. Budget Committee member Laurie Millette amended the amount to \$5208.39 which would bring the total funds in the account to \$25,000. It was seconded by Kimberly Raymond but this amendment also failed. Steve Ranlett asked to move the question and the article will appear as written.

ACQUISITION OF LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed into the Acquisition of Land and/or Buildings Fund Capital Reserve Fund with \$100,000 coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance?

	Appropriation:	\$100,000
Withdrawal from the Unassigned Fund Balance:		-\$100,000
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No amount to be raised from taxation:		\$0

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2-0) and the Budget Committee (3-6-0). This fund is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Acquisition of Land and/or Buildings Capital Reserve Fund is \$0.00 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steven Ranlett with a second by Budget committee Chairman Dennis Heffernan. Steve Ranlett explained the article, then Barbara Kiszka amended it to say "Amount to be raised from new taxation:". This was seconded by Steve. Fire Chief John McArdle said we should let the voters know how much money was made by selling town land. The question was moved and the amendment passed. The article will appear as amended.

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of capital improvements, repairs, renovations, and additions to the Library?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1-1). This expense is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Library Capital Reserve Fund is \$50,109.56 as of December 31, 2016

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Budget Committee Chairman Dennis Heffernan. Selectman Peter Bracci explained the article. Steve Ranlett spoke to the fact that the library already reduced the amount requested from \$65,000 to \$50,000. Jim Peck, Library Trustee, said that the trustees have worked hard to set up a CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) to address the failing systems. Mr. Kiszka stated the building is now 17 years old and not very energy efficient, stating that updating systems would help in that area. With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

CABLE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-13: Shall the Town vote to raise \$30,000 from the General Unassigned Fund Balance and deposit it into the Cable Department Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (4-5-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

No amount to be raised from taxation: \$0

Available balance of the Cable Department Capital Reserve Fund is \$29,980.25 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Budget Committee Chairman Dennis Heffernan with a second by Selectman Peter Bracci. Peter explained the article. Barbara Kiszka put forth an amendment to change "No amount to be raised from taxation:" to "Amount to be raised by new taxation:", which was seconded by Steve Ranlett. A vote was taken and passed. With no further discussion the article will appear as amended.

A motion was made by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman John Sherman to limit reconsideration of any of the previous articles. Selectman Peter Bracci asked what that statement meant and Selectman John Sherman explained that we have finished with articles 1-13 and no one could bring them back for further discussion. A voice vote passed the motion.

CONSERVATION 36-A FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-17-14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to deposit into the RSA 36-A Conservation Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and the Budget Committee (7-1-1). This expense is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Conservation Fund is \$105,713.57 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman John Sherman. Steve Ranlett explained the article. Selectman Julian Kiszka asked about tax penalties and how much we now have in the fund. Conservation Committee Chair Jill Senter explained that we have spent over \$100,000 and the penalty total is unknown. Steve asked to move the question and the article will appear as written.

Selectmen Steve Ranlett asked to limit reconsideration on this article. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

ENERGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CREATION

Article P-17-15: Shall the Town vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding renewable energy projects that increase energy efficiency and energy projects that reduce the Town's energy costs and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to make an initial deposit into this fund and designate the Board of Selectmen as Agents of the fund? This capital reserve fund is being established pursuant to RSA35:1.

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

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Julian explained the article and said that there was an error in the body. The Selectmen had agreed that the word "renewable" should be removed. This fact was acknowledged by the Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald. The article will appear without the word "renewable" in the body.

RECREATION PLAN CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-17-16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to deposit into the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (5-1-1). This funding is included in the 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Recreation Plan Capital Reserve Fund is \$135,420.01 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman John Sherman. John explained the article and stated

that cameras will be installed with part of this fund in the hope of reducing vandalism. The Recreation Committee also hopes to apply for a grant to access trails that are out near PARC, and will need some of the funds to match the grants. There were questions about why so much money, John explained that \$100,000 is set aside for the grant, leaving around \$35,000 plus the \$50,000 from this article for the 19 projects on the Commission's list. Mr. Peck asked with the security in place, "Can we open the gates more often?" Christina Cruz, Recreation Director said the gates are closed to keep vehicles off the fields. PARC is accessible to everyone; the gate is accessible even to the handicap population. Mr. Gerns asked to move the question, which passed. The article will appear as written.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-17-17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be deposited into the Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and the Budget Committee (3-5-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Available balance of the Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund is \$50,109.56 as of December 31, 2016.

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Budget committee Chairman Dennis Heffernan with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Julian explained the article and with no discussion, the article will appear as written.

TOWN FOREST EXPANSION

Article P-17-18: Shall the Town vote to expand the existing 404.2-acre Plaistow Town Forest by designating an additional parcel, Tax Map 8, Lot 26 (3.0ac) as part of the Town Forest?

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

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Peter Bracci. Peter explained the article, which will appear as written.

Irene Dube made a motion to limit reconsideration on the previous articles, a vote taken and passed.

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT

Article P-17-19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the road improvement programs to be recommended by the Plaistow Highway Department and the Town's Road Surface Management System as approved

by the Plaistow Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept a Highway Block Grant. Said sum to be supplied by the State of New Hampshire.

No amount to be raised from taxation: \$0

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee: (8-0-0). This expense is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.)

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, motion to place article on the floor by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Budget Committee Member Sam Cafisio. Barbara Kiszka made a motion to amend "No amount to be raised by taxation" to "Amount to be raised from new taxation:" with a second by Selectman Tammy Bergeron. Selectman Peter Bracci asked if the dollar amount was correct and thought it should only be \$75,000? Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald answered "no, the amount is correct". He explained further that the State's fiscal year is different from the Town's, so we get two half payments from the state.

Selectman Steve Ranlett then got a chance to explain the article. State Representative/Deputy Moderator Norman Major further explained that the money comes from the state's gas tax of \$.229 per gallon of which the towns get back \$.129 per gallon. A formula is used to calculate the total for each town. He also stated that with more gas efficient vehicles the funds should get smaller.

Dennis Heffernan put a amendment forth to change the amount to \$155,000, with a second from Steve Ranlett. The amendment passed an the article will appear as amended.

Selectman Steve Ranlett motioned to limit reconsideration of the articles, which passed with a yes vote by all.

ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT 72:28-b

Article P-17-20: Shall the town adopt the "all veterans' property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$500.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

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

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb, a motion to place the article on the floor was made by Selectman Steve Ranlett with second by Selectman John Sherman. Selectman Peter Bracci explained the article. Dean Nifakos, Budget Committee Member, asked how many veterans do we now have in town and was told that it is unknown by Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager. Dennis Heffernan, Budget committee Chairman asked how many veterans get the credit as it is written now? Lori Sadewicz, Assessing Clerk, replied 294 but 9 of those are a disability credit. With no further discussion the article will appear as written.

A motion to limit reconsideration was made and passed.

CITIZEN'S PETITION

Article P-17-21: Do you favor the continuation of the town manager plan as now in force in this town?

"If a majority of the voters present and voting in a town...on this question signifies disapproval of this question the town manager plan will be deemed to be revoked ..." (RSA 37:15)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2-0.)

Article was read by Moderator Bob Harb and after a few silent minutes a motion to place it on the floor was made by Selectman Steve Ranlett with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. With none present or willing to explain the petition, Gary Ingham stated he was neither the maker, nor a signer but did not think it was a good idea to let Selectmen run the town unpaid. Kimberly Raymond said that in 1987 the Town didn't follow the law in choosing the manager form of government by not wording the question correctly. Selectmen John Sherman said that there is no such thing as a Town Administrator form of government. It would be up to the Selectmen to decide what form of government to go forward with.

There was a lot of discussion about who presented and why they didn't come forward to speak for the petition.

Mr. Gerns asked if this would encumber future boards from changing back to Town Manager form of government in the future and was told yes it would.

Selectman Steve Ranlett submitted an amendment with a second from Selectman John Sherman. Amendment: "Do you favor a study by a committee formed by the Board Of Selectmen to continue the Town Manager Plan as now in force in the Town" also to strike the rest of the verbage. There was some discussion as to whether this change totally changed the intent of the petition and

Moderator Bob Harb said that it was legal. A motion to vote on the amendment was made with a result of 22 yes and 15 no. The amendment passed, but then Bob Harb said that he had researched his decision and found that he was wrong. We cannot change to the above amendment. He then asked Steve and John if they would withdraw their amendment which they both agreed to do.

Selectman Steve Ranlett put forth a new amendment to only remove the second sentence. A second was made by Kimberly Raymond. There was some discussion on whether we can remove the second sentence. The question was moved and the second amendment passed. The article will appear as amended.