

# Town Meeting Deliberative Session

## January 31, 2021

The weather was frigid with the temperature around 5 degrees the hour before the meeting started. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deliberative session was held at the Public Works Garage at 144F Main St. The chairs were spread apart to the appropriate 6-foot distance and those in attendance were required to wear masks. 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 to keep everyone safe. He then reviewed the Moderator's Operating Rules. A change to the moderator's rules this year was that 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: 2021 Deliberative Session Agenda, Moderator's Operating Rules, 2021 Town Meeting Warrant, 2021 Budget Worksheet, 2021 MS-737 Proposed Budget, 2021 MS-DTB Default Budget, and 2021 Town Meeting Voter's Guide.

The Moderator then asked those present at the front of the room to introduce themselves. Those present were 6 members of the Budget Committee, 4 members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Mark Pearson, Finance Director Greg Colby, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Beth Hossack, Moderator Robert Harb and myself, Town Clerk.

Motion made by Select Board Chair Francine Hart for the following non-residents to be allowed to speak at the Deliberative Session:

Mark Pearson, Town Manager  
Greg Colby, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager  
Doug Mullin, Police Chief  
John Cashell, Town Planner  
Jim DeBonis, Building Maintenance Supervisor  
Peter Blanchette, Building Inspector  
Cab Vinton, Library Director

Motion seconded by Budget Committee Chair Maxann Dobson. 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.

### **WATER SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**Article P-21-02:** 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) [Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee].

#### **NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION**

**\$0**

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (3-6-0)).

Article P-21-02 was read by Moderator Harb. Select Board Chair Francine Hart made a motion to put the article on the floor for discussion. Budget Committee Chair Maxann Dobson seconded the motion. Francine Hart explained that this article will help those residents that want to connect to the Town's potable water system but may not have the funds to pay for their connection. Discussion ensued with some residents showing their support for the article. Motion to place the article on the ballot as written **passed** by a show of voter cards 56 YES  
7 NO

#### **OPERATING BUDGET: GENERAL FUND**

Article P-21-03: Shall the Town 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 \$9,718,746. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$9,806,584 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 (0-4-0) and the Budget Committee (8-1-0)).

Article P-21-03 was read by Moderator Harb. Select Board Chair Francine Hart made a motion to put the article on the floor for discussion. Budget Committee Chair Maxann Dobson seconded the motion. Maxann Dobson spoke about the Budget Committee's work on the budget and that they found savings in multiple department's budgets. Selectman Julian Kiszka spoke about the budget discussions. Resident James Peck made a motion to increase the budget to 9,818,746; a \$100,000 increase. The motion was seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. The intent of the increase was to fund the increase for the curbside recycling contract. After much discussion, the moderator moved the questions. Motion **passed** by show of raised voter cards.

Resident William Coye made a motion to increase the budget to \$9,826.128; a \$7,382.00 increase. This motion was seconded by Selectman Jay DeRoche. The intent of the increase was to fund the full-time recreation director. Much discussion ensued with support for the article voiced by four members of the Recreation Commission. Opposition to the article was voiced by Budget Committee Chair Maxann Dobson and Resident Ryan Labrecque. Motion **passed** by show of raised voter cards.

Motion to amend article P-21-03 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to increase the budget to \$9,832,128; an increase of \$6,000.00. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Francine Hart. The intent of this increase was to cover the increase in the Legal line of the budget brought on by an increase in Right to Know requests. Discussion ensued. Motion **passed** by show of raised voter cards. Yes  
38 No 23

Motion to amend article P-21-03 was made by Selectwoman Francine Hart to increase the budget to \$9,837,182; a \$5,054 increase. Motion was seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. The intent of this increase was to provide an increase in salary and benefits for two Planning Department employees. There was discussion of the exceptional performance of the two employees and that the proposed budget doesn't account for a raise for these employees. However, there was opposition to this amendment. Motion **failed** by a count of raised voter cards Yes 23 No 34.

Motion to amend article P-21-03 made by Selectman Jay DeRoche to increase the budget \$20,000 for a total of \$9,852,128. Motion seconded by Greg Taillon. Jay DeRoche explained the intent of the increase was to cover the utilities costs for the Town Hall Annex building on Elm St and the Public Works Garage. Discussion ensued with Resident Ryan Labrecque speaking in opposition to the amendment and questions were asked and answered by Town Manager Pearson regarding the Public Works Garage.

At this time, Moderator Harb took time to thank the Select Board and the Town Manager for the use of the Public Works Garage and organizing the set up for the meeting.

More discussion ensued regarding the size of the Town Hall Annex, why the use of the building was being utilized now and why the Town didn't just sell it. The Town Manager explained that it was now housing the Building Department and Recreation Department in an effort to keep employees protected from the COVID-19 virus. Motion **failed** by a count of raised voter cards Yes 28 No 31.

Motion made by Resident Ryan Labrecque and seconded by Budget Committee Chair Maxann Dobson to amend the budget to \$9,095,628; a decrease of \$736,500. Mr. Labrecque made his explanation of why and where he felt the budget could be reduced. Resident Jeffrey Oigny and another resident spoke in favor of the amendment. James Peck spoke in opposition of the amendment but applauded Mr. Labrecque for his efforts. Mr. Peck felt the motion was irresponsible. More discussion ensued. The motion was moved. Motion **failed** by show of raised voter cards.

Article P-21-03 will appear on the ballot with the amended amount of \$9,832,128.

Motion made by Francine Hart to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-03. Seconded by Kristin Lewis-Savage. Motion **passed**. Reconsideration of P-21-03 was restricted.

Motion made Francine Hart and seconded by Greg Taillon to deliberate on Article P-21-15 next/out of order. Motion **passed** without discussion.

### **CITIZEN'S PETITION FOR RECYCLE PICKUP**

**Article P-21-15:** Shall the Town of Plaistow enter into a multi-year contract for recycling services and raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$295,000 for the purposes of funding the first 12 months of this contract. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-2-0) and Budget Committee (0-8-1)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-21-15. Motion made by Francine Hart to place the article on the floor for discussion; seconded by Maxann Dobson. Motion to amend the article by James Peck to delete \$295,000 and insert \$0 in its place. Discussion ensued. Motion **passed**. Article P-21-15 will appear as amended.

Motion made by Bob Kinkaid to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-15. Motion seconded by Maxann Dobson. Motion **passed**.

## OPERATING BUDGET: WATER DEPARTMENT

**Article P-21-04:** Shall the Town 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, 2020

**\$559,865.11**

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

Moderator Harb read Article P-21-04. Motion made by Selectman Julian Kiszka and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. The explanation of the article was presented by Mr. Kiszka. Questions were asked and answered about the Water Enterprise Fund. With no further discussion Article P-21-04 will appear on the ballot as written.

## CONTINGENCY FUND:

**Article P-21-05:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 for unanticipated expenses that may arise during the course of the 2021 fiscal year? Any appropriation left in the Contingency Fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance. (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, 2020

**\$2,668,376**

Article P-21-05 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Jay DeRoche explained the article by reading from the voter's guide. Motion to amend the article to \$0 was made by Ryan Labrecque. The motion was seconded by Maxann Dobson. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend **failed**. Article P-21-05 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-05 was made by Francine Hart and seconded by James Peck. Motion **passed**.

## SALT SHED SOLAR PANEL PROJECT PHASE II

**Article P-21-06:** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$55,000 needed to fund the Phase II of the Salt Shed Solar project. The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, unassigned Fund Balance, and the Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

### TOTAL APPROPRIATION:

**\$55,000**

Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:

**-\$15,000**

Withdrawal from the Energy Capital Reserve Fund

**-\$40,000**

### NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION

**\$0**

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2020

**\$2,668,376**

Balance in the Energy Capital Reserve Fund

**\$48,170.31**

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

Article P-21-06 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion to place the article on the floor for discussion was made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson. Francine Hart explained that the solar power would save the town money over many

years. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Ryan Labrecque to amend the article to \$0. Motion seconded by Maxann Dobson. More discussion ensued. Motion to amend **failed**. Article P-21-06 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-06 made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson. Motion **passed**.

## **24 HOUR COVERAGE FOR EMT'S, FIREFIGHTERS AND HAZARD RESPONSE PERSONNEL**

**Article P-21-07:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,000 to be added to the fire department annual operating budget to fund 24/7/365 hour coverage for calls of service for pre-hospital emergency medical care, fire suppression, and rescue services. This amount will be included in the Operating Budget starting in 2021. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:** **\$134,000**

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (8-1-0)).

Moderator Harb read Article P-21-07. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Greg Taillon explained the article and asked Fire Chief Christopher Knutsen for an explanation the staffing of our Fire Department. Ryan Labrecque made a motion to amend the article. Moderator Harb said the motion was not a proper motion and suggested to Mr. Labrecque how to make a proper amendment to this article. Mr. Labrecque made a motion to amend the article to zero dollars that was seconded by Maxann Dobson. After further discussion the motion and second to amend was rescinded. Article P-21-07 will appear on the ballot as written.

## **CREATE AND DEPOSIT TO REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-21-08:** Shall the town authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2026. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:** **\$35,000**

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (1-8-0)).

Article P-21-08 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Julian Kiszka explained the article represents 1/5 of the cost of re-evaluating the town. This will allow that cost to be spread over 5 years instead of all at once in a single year. With no further discussion, Article P-21-08 will appear on the ballot as written.

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT- ENERGY**

**Article P-21-09:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be deposited into the existing Energy Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:** **\$15,000**

Balance in the Energy Fund, as of December 31, 2020 **\$48,170.31**

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

Moderator Harb read Article P-21-09. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Jay DeRoche explained the purpose of the fund and that the funds are used for energy cost savings measures. Julian Kiszka spoke in favor of the article. Without further discussion, Article P-21-09 will appear on the ballot as written.

## **CREATE AND DEPOSIT TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

**Article P-21-10:** Shall the Town vote to establish an Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding major infrastructure for all the Town's computerized systems as needed in the future

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 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:**

**\$25,000**

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

Moderator Harb read Article P-21-10. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion.

Motion was made by Kate Sherman-DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Articles P-21-07, 08, and 09. Seconded by Maxann Dobson. The Moderator acknowledged that this was a little out of order but with no objection from the body, he moved the motion. Motion **passed**.

Discussion returned to Article P-21-10. Francine Hart explained that other communities have fallen victim to ransomware attacks and this fund would provide funds to help protect the Town's information from such attacks. Without further discussion, Article P-21-10 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Jay DeRoche to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-10. Motion **passed**.

**FUNDING FOR REPAIR & CONSTRUCTION TO FIX THE CAP OF THE PLAISTOW LANDFILL**

**Article P-21-11:** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$575,000 to fund (1) the work for the Plaistow Landfill closure to comply with DES regulations; (2) Construction Engineering and Permit Oversight; (3) Construction contingencies; (4) Removal of Old Salt Shed; (5) Tire removal. The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, unassigned Fund Balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the completion of the Landfill Cap repair and construction is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

**\$575,000**

Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:

**-\$575,000**

**NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION**

**\$0**

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2020

**\$2,668,376**

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

Article P-21-11 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Greg Taillon explained this article. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend this article was made by Ryan Labrecque. Motion was withdrawn before it was seconded. Article P-21-11 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-11. Motion **passed**.

**TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)**

**Article P-21-12:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$22,122 to be deposited into the existing Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund. The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, unassigned Fund Balance. Furthermore, name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

**\$22,122**

Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:

**-\$22,122**

**NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION**

**\$0**

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2020

**\$2,668,376**

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

Moderator Harb read Article P-21-12. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Julian Kiszka explained the article and that this equipment is vital to our first responders. Discussion ensued regarding the line in the article "No amount to be raised by new taxation". No amendments resulted from the discussion. Article P-21-12 will appear on the ballot as written.

Francine Hart motioned and Greg Taillon seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-12. Motion **passed**.

### **TRANSFER TO FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-21-13:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be deposited into the existing Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacement of mobile and portable radios as needed in the future. The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, unassigned Fund Balance (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
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Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	<u><b>-\$100,000</b></u>
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<b>NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2020	<b>\$2,668,376</b>
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(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)).

Article P-21-13 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Jay DeRoche explained the article. A short discussion ensued. Article P-21-13 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-13. Motion **passed**.

At the request of the Clerk, Moderator Harb called a 10-minute recess at 1:45pm. Meeting was called back to order at 1:57pm.

### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT – RECREATION**

**Article P-21-14:** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be deposited into the existing Recreation Plan Capital Reserve Fund. \$25,000 in funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, unassigned Fund Balance (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
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Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	<u><b>-\$25,000</b></u>
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<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
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Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2020	<b>\$2,668,376</b>
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(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2-0) and Budget Committee (1-8-0)).

Article P-21-14 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Francine Hart explained the article will help finish the ball fields at Plaistow Athletic Recreation Complex (PARC) and some of the work already done at PARC. Recreation Commission Chairman William Coye explained further the need for these funds.

Motion made by Ryan Labrecque to amend Article P-21-14 to \$0. Motion seconded by Maxann Dobson. Discussion ensued with many Recreation supporters voicing opposition to the amendment. Motion to amend **failed** by raised of voter cards. Article P-21-14 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-14. Motion **passed**.



## **REDUCE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Article P-21-16:** Shall the town vote to reduce the Budget Committee from 9 members and the Selectmen representative (10 votes) to 8 members and the Selectmen representative (9 votes). (Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).

Article P-21-16 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Greg Taillon explained the article. Motion to amend the article made by Dennis Heffernan and seconded by Darrell Britton to **increase** the Budget Committee from **9** members and a Selectmen Rep to **10** members and a Selectmen Rep. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend **passed**. Article P-21-16 will appear on the ballot as amended.

Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-16. Motion to restrict reconsideration **passed**.

## **DISCONTINUE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-21-17:** Shall the town vote to discontinue the Acquisition of Land and/or Buildings 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? (Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).

Article P-21-17 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Darrell Britton and seconded by Sam Cafiso to place the article on the floor for discussion. Julian Kiszka explained the Board felt the capital reserve fund was no longer needed. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Barbara Kiszka to amend the article to include the line "Balance in the Acquisition of Land and/or Buildings Capital Reserve Fund as of December 30, 2020 \$119,121.54". Motion was seconded by Maxann Dobson. Motion to amend **passed**. Article P-21-17 will appear on the ballot as amended.

Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-17. Motion **passed**.

## **AGGREGATION OF ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS**

**Article P-21-18** Shall the town vote to authorize Community Power pursuant to RSA 53-E; authorize the Select Board to develop and send the Plaistow Electric Aggregation Plan to notice the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to RSA 53-E; and direct the Select Board to proceed with taking any action or to pass any other vote to otherwise implement a Plaistow Electric Aggregation Plan, beginning with securing a qualified partner entity to deliver on the goals and guidelines set out in the Electric Aggregation Plan effective May 1, 2021. (Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)).

Article P-21-18 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Discussion ensued. Ryan Labrecque made a motion to amend the article to include "Provided that this warrant article does not result in added cost to the taxpayer to implement this article." Motion seconded by Maxann Dobson. Discussion of the amendment ensued. Motion to amend **failed**. Article P-21-18 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-18 was made by Francine Hart and seconded by Jay DeRoche. Motion **passed**.

At this time, Moderator Harb reminded the voters in attendance and at home watching that the Timberlane School District's Deliberative Session would be Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the High School at 7pm.



## **ESTABLISH A HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**Article P-21-19:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674:44-a, 44-d, and 44-c if applicable (supp. 1995) and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to five additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereof. (Majority vote required)(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-2)).

Article P-21-19 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Francine Hart explained the authority of this Commission would be strictly advisory. James Peck spoke in favor of the article. With no further discussion Article P-21-19 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-19 was made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson. Motion **passed**.

## **CITIZEN'S PETITION FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION FOR FAIR NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING**

**Article P-21-20:** Shall the town vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, to ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, shall the town vote to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. Finally, shall the Town vote to allow the record of the vote approving this article to be transmitted by written notice from the Selectmen to Plaistow's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-0-2)).

Article P-21-20 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson to place the article on the floor for discussion. Discussion ensued with one of the signers of the petition, Kathy Slade, speaking in favor of the article. Robert Harb spoke as a State Representative saying that he will always vote fairly and justly. He will keep his eye on the redistricting procedure and do his best to keep it open and transparent. With no further discussion Article P-21-20 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of Article P-21-20 was made by Francine Hart and seconded by Maxann Dobson. Motion **passed**.

Resident Kate Sherman-DeRoche thanked Select Board Member Francine Hart and all the other elected officials whose terms are ending this year for their time, energy and service to their office and the Town.

Moderator Harb adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha L. Fowler*  
Town Clerk