

# **Town Meeting Deliberative Session February 1, 2020**

Moderator Robert Harb called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Former Selectman Steve Ranlett led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by local talent, Lisa Belfiore. Moderator Harb presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her participation.

Moderator Harb reviewed the handouts that were available to the voters present. They included:

2020 Deliberative Session Agenda, Moderator's Operating Rules, 2020 Town Meeting Warrant, 2020 Budget Worksheet, 2020 MS-737 Proposed Budget, 2020 MS-DTB Default Budget, 2020 Town Meeting Voter's Guide and Powerpoint presentations for 2020 Recreation Projects and Record Retention and Management

The Moderator then asked those present at the front of the room to introduce themselves. Those present were the 8 members of the Budget Committee, the 4 members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Mark Pearson, Finance Director Greg Colby, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Hossack, Moderator Robert Harb and myself, Town Clerk. The Moderator's rules were reviewed by Mr. Harb and adopted by the body.

Motion made by Selectwoman 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  
Paul Lucia, Building Maintenance Supervisor  
Mike Dorman, Building Inspector  
Cab Vinton, Library Director  
John Cashell, Town Planner  
Sumner Kalman, Town Counsel  
Attorney William Cahill  
Christopher Knutsen, Fire Chief  
Tim Lena  
Kelly Binette

Motioned seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Announced by Moderator Harb: the School Deliberative Session February 6<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at the Timberlane Regional High School, Presidential Primary Election February 11<sup>th</sup> at Pollard School 7am-8pm, Candidates Night March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Plaistow Library and the Town/School Election March 10<sup>th</sup> at Pollard School 7am-8pm.

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.

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## **OPERATING BUDGET – GENERAL FUND**

**Article P-20-02:** 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 \$9,706,991. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$9,984,653 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 (2-1-1) and the Budget Committee (7-1-0).

Article P-20-02 was read by Moderator Harb. Motion made by Selectman Julian Kiszka to put the article on the floor for discussion with the second from Budget Committee Chairwoman Maxann Dobson. Ms. Dobson spoke about the budget, the Budget Committee's hard work and that the bottom line number represented a \$225,206 reduction from last year's approved budget.

Motion made by John Sherman to increase the budget by \$15,000 for a total of \$9,721,991. Second by Kerry Patles. Mr. Sherman spoke to the intent of the motion. The \$15,000 increase was to restore the money taken out of the budget for sand and salt for the Town's roads.

Budget Committee members Sam Cafiso and Robert Hamilton spoke in favor of the Highway Department using less salt. Both felt that too much salt was used on the Town's roads. A lengthy discussion ensued about the use of salt in Plaistow in comparison to other area towns. Selectman Taillon reminded the voters that Plaistow's traffic is different than the other towns in the comparison.

More discussion ensued with Budget Committee Members relating their opinions on the reduction of \$15,000 of the budget line for road sand/salt. Residents voiced their opinions against the reduction stating that it was needed to keep our roads safe. Highway Supervisor Daniel Garlington was asked and responded to the use of sand versus salt on our roads. Discussion ensued until the motion made by Budget Committee Member Laurie Milette and signed by 5 registered voters for a secret ballot on the amendment.

With 86 voters checked into the meeting by the Supervisors of the Checklist, the amendment **failed** with 42 NO to 41 YES votes.

A motion was made by William Coye, Recreation Commission Chairman to increase the budget \$24,000 to \$9,730,991 with a second by Kerry Patles. The intent of the amendment is to put \$24,000 back in the Recreation budget. Mr. Coye presented a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated the proposed \$24,000 is needed to fix a drainage problem at Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC). With this drainage issue fixed, a softball field could be added along with access for a new

walking trail to Mt. Misery. (The slides for the PowerPoint presentation can be found with the other handouts from the meeting.)

Budget Committee Chairwoman Maxann Dobson spoke about the Recreation budget and that the budget committee felt there was money through other funds for this and that is why they reduced the budget request by that amount. Selectman Julian Kiszka supports the project and asks if any money can come from Impact fees. Town Manager Pearson answered yes but not all the drainage repair is for the new softball field. A discussion ensued with input from Residents Kate Sherman-DeRoche President of the Plaistow Baseball & Softball and Kerry Patles as to how wet the recreation fields are in the spring and that our softball and baseball players must use other area fields for practices and games. Both residents were in support of the amendment.

More discussion ensued with residents asking questions regarding the use of capital improvement funds for the repairs of the drainage issues and questions about the actual repairs to the fields. After much discussion, Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to move the question. This motion was seconded by Richard Anthony. Motion to move the question passed by voice vote.

Motion for a secret ballot was presented by Budget Committee Laurie Milette. Secret ballot commenced. The results were 53 YES and 31 NO. Motion **passed**.

Motion to amend Article P-20-02 to increase budget by \$30,000 bringing the total budget to \$9,760,991 was made by John Sherman and seconded by Kerry Patles. Mr. Sherman expressed the intent of this increase to the budget is to replace money removed from the budget for road paving. Further, the Town has a paving plan and by removing the money the plan cannot be executed. Budget Committee Member Sam Cafiso expressed that the money was removed because future waterline pipe installation would decrease the amount of roads to be paved next year.

A discussion ensued regarding how much money the Town receives from the State of NH Highway Block Grant and how it is determined which roads are paved. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Town Manager Mark Pearson, Highway Supervisor Dan Garlington and Selectmen. Motion **passed** by raised voter card vote YES 43 NO 32.

Motion made by Selectman John Blinn Sr. to increase the operating budget by \$20,000 bringing the total budget to \$9,780,991. The motion was seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. The intent of this increase in the budget is to put money in the budget for digitizing town records. The money is intended to hire a part-time person for \$18-20 per hour for the project. Discussion ensued with Selectman Kiszka in favor of the amendment and Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan opposed. More discussion of why this project is needed with Town Manager Mark Pearson expressing his experience in these types of projects and that hiring a person was cheaper than hiring a company to do the work.

Motion to amend Article P-20-02 to increase the budget \$20,000 was **passed** by a voice vote.

At this time, Moderator Bob Harb took a moment to introduce Police Chief Doug Mullin and newly hired Fire Chief Christopher Knutsen.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to increase the budget \$35,000 bringing the total operating budget to \$9,815,991. Motion was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. The intent of this motion was to cover the cost of overtime charges for the Police Officers once the District Court moves to either Salem or Exeter and \$20,000 cut from the assessing budget for assessing utility properties in town.

After much discussion about the amendment, the amendment **failed** by voice vote. Article P-20-02 will appear on the ballot as amended to \$9,780,991.

## **OPERATING BUDGET – WATER DEPARTMENT**

**Article P-20-03:** 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 \$157,444. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$157,444 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)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$157,444</b>
Withdrawal from the Water Enterprise Fund:	-\$157,444
<b>NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Balance in Water Enterprise Fund as of December 31, 2019 (+/-) \$590,000

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

P-20-03 Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectwoman Francine Hart spoke to the intent of the article. Resident James Peck asked where the money comes from that is in the water fund. Town Manager Pearson answered that the money comes from the fire suppression system. With no further discussion, Article P-20-03 will appear on the ballot as written.

## **PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY – PHASE 3**

**Article P-20-04:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$350,000 as a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI that will be used to construct a salt shed with solar panels for storage of sand and salt used to treat the Town's roads during the winter months with said funds to come from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance?" This shed will be constructed adjacent to the Public Works Facility Garage located at the former Penn Box site Map 41 Lot 11 144 Main Street. (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$350,000

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

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2019 (+/-) \$2,650,000

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

P-20-04 A motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan to put Article P-20-04 on the floor for discussion. Selectwoman Hart explained that this is the final phase of a 3 phase project. Resident John Sherman mentions that the article doesn't say that this is phase 3 of 3.

Resident Robert Zukas asked why the Budget Committee isn't behind this. Budget Committee Members Sam Cafiso and Bob Hamilton thought the salt shed was too big. Budget Committee Member Peter Bracci thought the solar should be on the Highway Garage not the salt shed and didn't want to use the monies in the unexpended fund balance. There was more discussion about the size of the building and the placement of the solar panels on it instead of the Highway Garage.

Planning Board Member Timothy Moore expressed that he thinks it is time to this project. He asked about the environmental impact of not building a new salt shed. Town Manager Pearson said he doesn't know that impact. Highway Supervisor Dan Garlington was asked to discuss the condition of the present salt storage barn. A discussion ensued about salt prices, when the salt was purchased and how much salt could be stored in the new shed. It was asked by a resident if this shed would help the environment. The Town Manager's answer was that the current salt shed allows salt to leach into the ground polluting area wells and the new shed will be totally contained/no leaching. Without further discussion, Article P-20-04 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration on Articles P-20-03 and P-20-04. This motion was seconded by Selectman Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**CONTINGENCY FUND**

**Article P-20-05:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 for unanticipated expenses that may arise during the course of the 2020 fiscal year with said funds to come from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance? 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

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

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2019 (+/-) \$2,650,000

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

P-20-05 Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Resident John McArdle to put Article P-20-05 on the floor for discussion.

Selectwoman Hart explained the purpose of the Contingency Fund. With no further discussion, Article P-20-05 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion made by Maxann Dobson to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-05. Second made by Selectman Taillon. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **POLLARD ROAD CULVERT REPAIR**

**Article P-20-06:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$90,000 for the repair of the Pollard Road Culvert? The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance. (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	<b>-\$90,000</b>
<b>NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2019                      (+/-)    \$2,650,000

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

P-20-06 Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan to place Article P-20-06 on the floor for discussion. Selectwoman Hart explained the intent of the article. Without further discussion Article P-20-06 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-06. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT – TRUCK BED**

**Article P-20-07:** To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the replacement of a Highway Department truck bed with said funds to come from the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Withdrawal from the Expendable Trust Fund Highway Dept. Equipment:	<b>-\$50,000</b>
<b>NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Balance in Expendable Trust Fund Highway Dept. Equipment, as of December 31, 2019    (+/-) \$206,988

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

P-20-07 Motion to place Article P-20-07 on the floor for discussion made by Selectman Greg Taillon with a second by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Kiszka explained the truck is still in good condition except for the bed. Budget Committee Cafiso spoke in favor of the article. Without further discussion Article P-20-07 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-07. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT – FORKLIFT**

**Article P-20-08:** To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of a Highway Department forklift. \$15,000 will be withdrawn from the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund with the balance coming from the Road Impact fees SRF. (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
Withdrawal from the Expendable Trust Fund Highway Dept. Equipment:	-\$15,000
Withdrawal from the Road Impact Fees Special Revenue Fund:	-\$10,000
<b>NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Balance in Expendable Trust Fund Highway Dept. Equipment, as of December 31, 2019 (+/-) \$206,988

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

P-20-08 Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place Article P-20-08 on the floor for discussion. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Kiszka explained a forklift is needed to move heavy objects to the mezzanine in the Highway Garage. He and Budget Committee Member Cafiso expressed they were in favor of the article. Town Manager Pearson explained that it would be a brand new forklift. Without further discussion, Article P-20-08 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-08. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT – FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS**

**Article P-20-09:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Balance in Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, as of December 31, 2019 (+/-)	\$236,898

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

P-20-09 Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place article P-20-09 on the floor for discussion. Budget Committee Member Dennis Heffernan seconded the motion. Selectman Kiszka explained this is putting money away for future Fire Department equipment to replace worn out equipment. Without further discussion, Article P-20-09 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-09. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT – FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO FUND**

**Article P-20-10:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the FD Radio Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

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

Balance in Fire Department Radio Fund, as of December 31, 2019    (+/-) \$15,809

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

P-20-10 Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place Article P-20-10 on the floor for discussion. John McArdle seconded the motion. Selectman Kiszka explained article is to put money aside for future replacement of Fire Department radios.

A motion made by Martha Fowler, Town Clerk to amend the article replacing the letters "FD" with the words "Fire Department". This amendment was seconded by Selectman Taillon. Amendment to the Article P-20-10 passed by a voice vote. Article P-20-10 will appear on the ballot as amended.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-10 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon. Second made by Selectman John Blinn Sr. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT – BUILDINGS/BUILDING SYSTEMS**

**Article P-20-11:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 to be added to the Buildings/Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:** **\$28,000**

Balance in Buildings/Building Systems Fund, as of December 31, 2019    (+/-) \$15,347

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (3-6-0)).

P-20-11 Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place Article P-20-11 on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Charles Fowler. Selectman Julian Kiszka explained that this article was to put money aside for unanticipated repairs to town buildings. Without further discussion, P-20-11 will appear on the ballot as written.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-11 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon. Second made by Selectman John Blinn Sr. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT – ENERGY**

**Article P-20-12:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:** **\$25,000**



Balance in Energy Fund, as of December 31, 2019

(+/-) \$59,856

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

P-20-12 Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place Article P-20-12 on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman John Blinn Sr.. Selectman Taillon explained this article was to set aside money for projects that would increase the Town's energy efficiency; example LED lighting. John McArdle, resident, asked who the spending authority was for this fund. Selectman Kiszka replied that it was the Selectmen. Resident James Peck spoke in favor of the article. With no further discussion, Article P-20-12 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-12. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **CITIZEN PETITION – SOROCK DONATION**

**Article P-20-13:** On petition of 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,729, (\$1 per person) based on the population numbers provided in the 2017 Census American Community Survey, to support the substance misuse prevention, suicide prevention and community wellness services of the SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth. SoRock's work promotes wellness and nurtures resiliency for the children, youth and families of Plaistow as well as surrounding communities. SoRock works through coordinating community education, programming & resources and collaborating with federal and state agencies to help direct additional resources to the towns they serve.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:**

**\$7,729**

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

P-20-13 Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place Article P-20-13 on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman Taillon explained that this is a citizens' petition article. He explained how requests for donations to non-profit organizations are generally handled through the Human Services budget. Further, he explained that the Selectmen aren't against SOROCK but wanted them to go through the usual process to request funding.

At this time, Kelly Binette from SOROCK spoke about that they are grant funded and that the additional funding from towns would help them pay for a full time coordinator. Resident Eileen Dube spoke in favor of the article. Kate Sherman-DeRoche asked if SoROCK had made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. Selectwoman Hart replied that they had but at the time of the presentation, the Board was unaware of the Citizens' Petition. Budget Committee Member Heffernan said that no presentation was made to the Budget Committee.

Kate Sherman-DeRoche spoke in support of the article and asked the Selectmen and Budget Committee to reconsider their recommendations. James Peck asked where the money would come from to fund this article and Selectman Taillon said it would increase the general budget. With

no further discussion, Article P-20-13 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-13. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT – TRANSPORTATION**

**Article P-20-14:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Transportation Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION:** **\$25,000**

Balance in Transportation Infrastructure Fund, as of December 31, 2019 (+/-) \$34,809

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (3-6-0)).

P-20-14 Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to place Article P-20-14 on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Budget Committee Member John DeRoche. Selectman Taillon explained that this fund was for transportation infrastructure projects such as sidewalks or street drainage repairs. With no further discussion, Article P-20-14 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-14. Second made by Selectman John Blinn Sr.. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

**Article P-20-15:** To see if the Town shall vote to establish an Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding equipment and software updates for all the Town's computerized systems as needed in the future and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 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:** **\$15,000**

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

P-20-15 Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka to place Article P-20-15 on the floor for discussion. Selectman Taillon explained that this article was to create a fund and to deposit money in that fund for future purchase of information technology; example computer hardware, software, etc. With no further discussion, Article P-20-15 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-15. Second made by Selectman Julian Kiszka There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **FUNDING FOR PERMITS TO FIX THE CAP OF THE PLAISTOW LANDFILL**

**Article P-20-16:** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the permitting design and engineering process for the Plaistow Landfill closure to comply with DES regulations. The funds will be withdrawn from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance. (Majority vote required)

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Withdrawal from the General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance:	-\$150,000
<b>NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY NEW TAXATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Balance in General Fund, Unassigned Fund Balance, as of December 31, 2019 (+/-) \$2,650,000

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0) and the Budget Committee (3-6-0).

P-20-16 Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place Article P-20-16 on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Selectman John Blinn Sr. Selectman Taillon explained that the cap the landfill is changing over time and this article is a proactive approach to covering these costs. John McArdle spoke in favor of the article but wanted a change in the title of the article.

Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to amend the title of the article to read "Funding for Permits, Designs and ..." This was seconded by Budget Committee Member John DeRoche. Town Manager Mark Pearson explained that this article is to fund the beginning of the process of dealing with the changing cap on the landfill. Motion to amend the title passed by voice vote.

Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to amend the article to insert a comma between "permitting" and "design". This was seconded by Selectman Kiszka. Amendment passed by voice vote. Article P-20-16 will appear as amended.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-16 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **TREASURER**

**Article P-20-17:** Shall the Town vote, to appoint a Town Treasurer pursuant to RSA 41:26-e upon recommendation of the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen? Such appointment is to be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote. (Majority vote required)

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0)

P-20-17 Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka to place Article P-20-17 on the floor for discussion. Selectman John Blinn Sr. explained that the Treasurer's position requires someone with financial experience and that previous individuals elected to the position didn't have the skills and

resigned leaving the Town without a treasurer. There was a discussion about who the appointed treasurer would report to. Town Manager Mark Pearson thought the treasurer would report to the Selectmen. Mr. Peck was in disagreement to this statement. Without further discussion, Article P-20-17 will appear on the ballot as written.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-17 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Barbara Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT**

**Article P-20-18:** Shall the Town vote to name the BOS as agents to the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund? This fund was created in 2006 with Warrant P-24. (Majority vote required)

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0))

P-20-18 Selectman Greg Taillon made a motion to place Article P-20-18 on the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Budget Committee Member John DeRoche. Selectman Taillon explained that article would name the Board of Selectmen as the agent of the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This would allow them to expend the money without a warrant article.

Motion made by John Sherman to amend the article removing "BOS" and replacing it with Board of Selectmen. This was seconded by Nancy Jackman. Without further discussion, Article P-20-18 will appear on the ballot as amended.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-18 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon. Second made by Selectman John Blinn Sr. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND OLD HOME DAY**

**Article P-20-19:** Shall the Town vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provision of RSA 31:19-a for the express purpose of depositing any donations, or proceeds from the advertising brochure for Old Home Day? Said funds shall be used exclusively for expenses incurred by the Old Home Day activity, and further to appoint the BOS as agents to expend the fund. (Majority vote required)

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0))

P-20-19 A motion to place Article P-20-19 on the floor for discussion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon. This was seconded by Selectman Julian Kiszka. Selectman John Blinn Sr. explained that this fund would allow the Town to accept donations for the purposes of Old Home Day and the Board of Selectmen would be the agents for the fund. This would allow them to spend the money without a warrant article.

Maxann Dobson made a motion to amend P-20-19 removing "BOS" and replacing it with "Board of Selectmen". This was seconded by Selectman

Greg Taillon. Without further discussion, Article P-20-19 will appear on the ballot as amended.

Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-19. Second made by Selectman John Blinn Sr. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **TOWN ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF TRUST FUND**

**Article P-20-20:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Town Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the express purpose of depositing any voluntary donations to the fund; said funds shall be used to defray the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled Plaistow residents of low income; further to name the Board of Selectman as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0))

P-20-20 Selectman Greg Taillon made the motion place Article P-20-20 on the floor for discussion. Barbara Kiszka seconded the motion. Selectman Julian Kiszka explained that this article would create a trust fund with the Selectmen as agents that people could donate money to if they wanted to help low income residents pay their taxes. Barbara Kiszka spoke in favor of the article. With no further discussion, Article P-20-20 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion was made by Selectman Greg Taillon to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-20. Second made by Selectman John Blinn Sr. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Article P-20-21:** Shall the Town revise the Conflict of Interest Code as set forth below: (Majority vote required)

### **§ 56-2. Election of Conflict of Interest Committee**

A. Membership; terms.

- (1) The Town of Plaistow, at the March 2003 Town election, will elect a Conflict of Interest Committee consisting of five persons. Five at-large members shall be elected to serve with staggered three-year terms, after the following initial terms are completed:

(a) ~~One member at large (for a one year term): 2003 to 2004.~~

(b) ~~Two members at large (for a two year term): 2003 to 2005.~~

(c) ~~Two members at large (for a three year term): 2003 to 2006.~~

- (2) ~~Upon completion of the one year and two year terms, Members will be elected to three- year terms. The election of said persons shall be contingent on the adoption of this chapter and take effect after Town election in March 2003, or any special Town election to be held before that date, whichever comes first.~~

B. Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee shall consist of private citizens residing in the town and not in conflict with Town elected or appointed officials or their families; Town Board memberships, commission memberships, committee memberships, or trusteeships, contractors and their employees employed by the town or in a contractual agreement with the town.

E. ~~The first Conflict of Interest Committee shall be formed from members of the Conflict of Interest Study Committee and shall serve until the March 2003 Town election, contingent on the adoption of the~~

~~Conflict of Interest Ordinance at the March 2002 Town election~~ Family members serving on Town Committees or Boards do not preclude a town citizen from being elected and serving on the Conflict of Interest Committee. Members of the Conflict of Interest will recuse themselves when a petition is filed involving a family member.

~~§ 56-10. Exemption period.~~

~~Any official of Town government elected, appointed or engaged on or before March 12, 2002, shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter for a period of 15 days.~~

## **Revised Wording**

### **§ 56-2. Election of Conflict of Interest Committee**

A. Membership; terms.

(1) The Town of Plaistow, at the March Town election, will elect a Conflict of Interest Committee consisting of five persons. Five at-large members shall be elected to serve with staggered three-year terms:

(2) Members will be elected to three-year terms.

B. Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee shall consist of private citizens residing in the town and not employed by the town or in a contractual agreement with the town.

E. Family members serving on Town Committees or Boards does not preclude a town citizen from being elected and serving on the Conflict of Interest Committee. Members of the Conflict of Interest will recuse themselves when a petition is filed involving a family member.

(Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0))

P-20-21 Motion made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Selectman John Blinn Sr. to place Article P-20-21 on the floor for discussion. Selectman Greg Taillon explained that this article was to change the Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

Motion to amend Article P-20-21 was made by Selectwoman Francine Hart to remove "contractual" and replace with "contractual" in section B. This was seconded by Selectman Greg Taillon. With no further discussion the motion to amend passed by voice vote. Article P-20-21 will appear on the ballot as amended.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article P-20-21 was made by Selectman Greg Taillon and seconded by Barbara Kiszka. There was no discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Moderator Harb reminded everyone again of Presidential Primary on February 11 and the Town/School Election on March 10. Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha L. Fowler*

Town Clerk