

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 15, 2002

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul S. Scribner at 7:03 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. Moderator Scribner led us in a moment of silence in memory of Henry Bryant, Edward Keirstead, Janet A. Norton, Violet Willette, Cynthia Colby, Francis McKeown, and Gertrude Angus and other deceased Plympton residents. The Moderator then led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The Moderator introduced the members of the Finance Committee, the Selectmen, Town Counsel Richard Bowen from Kopelman and Paige, Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler, Constable Dennis Reddy III and the tellers Lenore S. Swanson, Helen L. Reynolds and Jeraldine Batchelder. There were 184 voters present.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:00 p.m. to conduct the Special Town Meeting.

Unanimous

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Unanimous

Article 1. The following committees gave oral presentations: John Newburn for the Government Study Committee, Maxwell West for the Website Development & Maintenance Committee, Susan Ossoff for the School Building Committee and John Rantuccio for the Planning Committee.

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to accept the oral presentations from the Government Study Committee, Website Development & Maintenance Committee, School Building Committee and the Planning Committee.

Unanimous

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of Carolyn Northon) The Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2003 as permitted by and in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53. **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to give non-residents Town Accountant Barbara Gomez and Police Chief Barry Vinton permission to speak during Town Meeting.
Unanimous

Article 3: Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to amend the Wage Recommendations for Fiscal 2002-2003 for EMT Standby from \$18.63 per 12 hour shift to \$18.00 per 12 hour shift.

Unanimous

Article 3: Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to accept the amended Wage & Personnel Classification Plan.

Unanimous

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2002-2003

FIREFIGHTERS (Part time) 2002-2003

Premium		
**Deputy Chief	12.22 - 12.81	18.33 - 19.22
**Captain	12.11 - 12.69	18.15 - 19.04
*Lieutenant	11.99 - 12.56	17.98 - 18.85
*First Year	10.57 - 11.14	15.85 - 16.72
*Second Year	10.94 - 11.52	16.40 - 17.27
*Third Year	11.87 - 12.45	17.80 - 18.67
Certified EMT	13.18 - 13.76	19.77 - 20.67
EMT Standby	18.00 per 12-hour shift	

*Premium rate will be paid for the first three (3) hours of call out duty

**Supervisor's recommendation and Wage & Personnel Board approval

HIGHWAY LABOR

Working Foreman	14.37 - 15.78
Truck Driver/Laborer	13.74 - 14.31
Laborer	11.19 - 11.76

TOWN LABOR

Laborer	11.19 - 11.76
Sr. Disposal Attendant	12.94 - 13.52
Disposal Attendant	11.53- 12.11

CLERICAL

Junior Clerk - 1 year	7.33 - 7.91
Senior Clerk - 2 years	9.39 - 9.97

ACCOUNTING/ASSESSOR

Jr. Accounting Clerk	9.77 - 10.34
Sr. Accounting. Clerk – 1 year	10.85 - 11.43
Sr. Accounting. Clerk – 3 years	12.41 - 12.96
Sr. Acct. Clerk – 5 years	13.52 - 14.05
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	14.15 - 15.83

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Junior Secretary - 1 year	9.39 - 9.97
Senior Secretary - 2 years	10.96 - 11.54
Senior Secretary – 5 years	12.03 - 12.60
Assistant to Board - 5 years	14.15 - 15.83

A. LIBRARY

Senior Library Technician	11.90 - 13.97
Library Technician	10.27 - 11.70
Circulation Clerk	8.14 - 9.83

B. SALARIED EMPLOYEES (Annual)

Fire Chief	40,650.85	-	52,355.05
Police Chief	40,650.85	-	52,355.05
Librarian	23,224.37	-	25,833.60
Asst. Assessor – 1 year	19,213.74	-	21,210.00
Asst. Assessor – 3 years	21,840.00	-	23,940.00
Asst. Assessor – 5 years	24,219.00	-	28,000.00
Veteran’s Agent	2,531.10	-	2,557.02

Article 4. Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to raise and appropriate for General Government except **Line #3.**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Batchelder) The Town vote to amend **Line #3 Assistant Assessor** from \$24,570 to **\$28,000.**

Motion carries

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate Lines 1 – 34 for

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$284,459

Motion passes

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 35 - 39 for

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION \$263,178

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town voted to raise and appropriate Lines 40 - 41 for

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH **\$157,750**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 42 – 49 for Total Highway with the exception of **Line #43**.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend **Line #43 Highway Labor** \$61,464 to **\$62,130**.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate Lines 42 – 49 for

TOTAL HIGHWAY **\$215,455**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate lines 50 – 55 for **TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

\$19,970

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 56 - 60 for

TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT **\$33,940**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 62 – 65 for

TOTAL FIRE SERVICES **\$156,728**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 66 – 72 for

TOTAL POLICE SERVICES **\$436,948**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 73 – 74 for

TOTAL AMBULANCE AND COMMUNICATION
\$2,000

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 75 – 78 for

TOTAL VETERANS **\$11,745**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Gail Mattern) The Town vote to amend Line 79 Librarian to Library Director

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Line 79 – 80 for

TOTAL LIBRARY **\$77,309**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Patricia Bugbee) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 81 Elementary School Costs \$2,024,913 and to transfer from Free Cash \$170,433 the

Elementary School Costs **\$2,195,346**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Patricia Bugbee) The Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,024,913 and to transfer from free cash \$170,433, lines 81 – 82 for

TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL **\$2,195,346**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate line 83 for

Regional School Assessment **\$1,067,268**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town to raise and appropriate \$3,092,181 and transfer from Free Cash \$170,433 lines 81 – 82 for

TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS **\$3,264,614**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate line 84 for

RESERVE FUND **\$40,000**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate lines 85 – 87 for

TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST **\$489,193**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote the

TOTAL WARRANT **\$5,451,289**

Motion passes

Recessed at 8:15 P.M. for the Special Town Meeting.

See page 43 for Special Town Meeting Minutes

Reconvened at 8:29 P.M. to Annual Town Meeting.

Article 5. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$130,000 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

Passes majority

Article 6. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer **\$4,302.96** from the Dog License Fund to the **Library Expense Line #80**

Unanimous

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement **\$81,851.86** as the state's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

2/3 vote required
Unanimous

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$25,000** to purchase a roadside mower and/or replace or upgrade any existing equipment.

Unanimous

Article 9. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to transfer from free cash and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease/purchase agreement not to exceed five (5) years, to purchase and equip a fire truck to replace the 1971 brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed \$115,000 with the first payment of \$25,500 (first of five payments) not due before July 1, 2002,

2/3 vote require
Motion defeated

Article 10. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) To amend the sum of \$3,690 to \$6,150 and to amend the of purchase six (6) new portable police radios to ten (10) new portable police radios.

Unanimous

Article 10. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$6,150** and to purchase ten (10) new portable police radios.

Unanimous

Article 11. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$20,518.18** to lease purchase and equip two (2) new police cruisers.

2/3 vote required

Declared 2/3 majority

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) To amend the sum of \$23,400 to \$20,000 to purchase three (3) new mobile data terminals to be installed in the police cruisers.

Unanimous

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$20,000** to purchase three (3) new mobile data terminals to be installed in the police cruisers.

Unanimous

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,316 to purchase equipment and hardware to upgrade the police department PAMET police server computer system or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 13. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article 13.

Unanimous

Article 14. Voted: (On the motion of John Anderson) The Town vote to adopt a local option provision to G.L. Ch. 59 §5 (17E), which increases the asset limits for determining if senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors qualify for exemption under Clause 17D.

Motion passes

Article 15. Voted: (On the motion of John Anderson) The Town vote to adopt a local option provision to G.L. Ch. 59 §5 (41D), which increases the income and asset limits for determining if senior citizens qualify for exemption under Clause 41C. **Unanimous**

Article 16. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer a sum of **\$26,900** from the September 26, 2001 Special Town Meeting, Article 2, Town Building Maintenance to Town Building Maintenance Account. **Motion passes**

Article 17. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) To amend the sum of \$1,500 to \$500 to design, launch and maintain a Town of Plympton Website.
Unanimous

Article 17. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$500** to design, launch and maintain a Town of Plympton Website.
Unanimous

Article 18. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to accept MGL Ch. 41 §108L (the Quinn Bill) per Article XXI, Section 21.5 of the agreement between Town of Plympton and Plympton Police Association MCOP Local 276, AFL-CIO agreed upon March 30, 2001.
Unanimous

Article 19. (On the motion of D. Howard Randall, Jr.) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the amount of **\$25,745** and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract to hire a Town Coordinator.
Motion defeated

Article 20. Voted: (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen)
The Town vote to transfer from free cash **\$5,000** to conduct a survey of the town’s historic assets.

Motion passes

Following a brief recess Richard L. Springer, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, publicly acknowledge the following people who have resigned from various boards and committees for the Town of Plympton. They are:

Howard Randall	Selectman
Paul Scribner	Moderator
Nancy Denman	Library Trustee
Patricia Bugbee	School Committee
George Thompson	Assessor
Paul Harju	Conservation Commission
Madeline Isherwood	Conservation Commission

Article 21. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano)
The Town vote to transfer from free cash **\$9,000** to conduct a financial audit of Fiscal 2002.

Unanimous

Article 22. Voted: (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler,)
The Town vote to transfer from free cash **\$995** for the purpose of restoration of town records (births, marriage and deaths, years 1958-1988), which includes deacidification and mending. **Unanimous**

Carolyn DeCristofano, Planning Board Member gave a verbal report of the public hearing held on April 29, 2002. The Plympton Planning Board recommends Article 23.

Article 23. (On the motion of Richard Gauley) The Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and Map of the Town of Plympton by rezoning the following parcel of land on Brook Street being a portion of Lot 24 on Assessors Atlas Sheet E4, Block 2 from “Agriculture-Residential” to “Industrial”:

A certain parcel of land situated on Brook Street containing 37,088 square feet, more or less, and being shown as "Residential Land to be Re-Zoned Industrial 37,088 S.F." as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Area of Proposed Zoning Change from Agriculture-Residential to Industrial in Plympton, Mass. Scale: 1"=150' March 12, 2002 Vautrinot Land Surveying Inc."

2/3 vote required

YES 69 NO 64

Motion defeated

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 11:03 P.M. to be continued to Thursday May 16, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dennett Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 16, 2002**

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator Paul S. Scribner at 7:05 P.M. The tellers were Lenore S. Swanson and Helen Reynolds and there were 100 voters present.

Richard L. Springer, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen acknowledged the resignation of David Coelho, the Dog Officer for many years.

Article 24. Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to approve the \$29,800,000 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Silver Lake Regional School District on April 11, 2002, subject to the terms of such vote authorizing such indebtedness, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new District Middle School, which authorization shall not

take effect until each member town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L.c.59, sec. 21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay its share of the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by the District.

Declared passes 2/3 majority

Brian Wick, member of the Planning Board gave a verbal report of the public hearing held on April 29, 2002. The Plympton Planning Board recommends Article 25.

Voted: (On the motion of Richard Gauley) The Town vote to wave the reading of Article 25.

Unanimous

Article 25. (On the motion of Brian Wick) To amend a typographical error in §4.2 Schedule of Uses

Wireless Communications Facilities:

Concealed Facilities:¹ A A A A
to read

Concealed Facilities:¹ P P P P

Unanimous

Article 25. (On the motion of Brian Wick) To amend a typographical error in 8.4.3 Location §8.4.2 to read §8.4.3.

Unanimous

Article 25. (On the motion of Brian Wick) To amend a typographical error in amending §8.4.2 the date from May 15, 2002 to May 16, 2002._

Unanimous

Article 25. (On the motion of James Corven) To amend §8.4.1 Purpose by adding footnote no. 4 Appropriate siting criteria and standards

Among appropriate criteria and standards are the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (Department of the Interior) "Service Interim Guidelines for Recommendations on Communications Tower Siting, Construction, Operation,

and Decommissioning” which should be considered when any wireless communication tower is proposed.

Motion passes

Article 25. Voted: (On the motion of Brian Wick) The Town vote to amend the Town’s Zoning By-law as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend §4.2 Schedule of Uses by deleting the following:

	AR	B	LM	I
Wireless Comm. Towers/Facilities	X	X	X	SP

and substituting the following:

	AR	B	LM	I
Wireless Communications Towers:	X	X	X	SP

Wireless Communications Facilities:

Concealed Facilities:¹ **P** **P** **P** **P**

Electric Towers:² **SP** **SP** **SP** **SP**

Co-location on Existing Facilities:³
 SP SP SP SP

All other facilities: **X** **X** **X** **SP**

¹ Concealed Wireless Communications Facilities.

A wireless communications facility, as defined under §8.4.2, may be installed in any zoning district, as of right, provided that: (1) the resulting antenna or other device shall be installed inside a structure that was in existence at the time of the adoption of this provision, such as a church spire; and (2) said antenna or device and any accessory equipment and structures shall not be visible from outside of the existing structure.

² Wireless Communications Facilities on water and transmission towers.

A wireless communications facility, as defined under §8.4.2 may be installed in any zoning district, upon issuance of a special permit under Zoning By-law §8.4, provided that (1) the resulting antenna or device is attached to either: (a) a water supply tower and that was in existence at the time of the adoption of this provision (May 16, 2002); or (b) an electrical transmission tower that exceeds 90 feet in height and that was in existence at the time of the adoption of this provision (May 16 2002); (2) the resulting antenna and any

required structural support does not add more than an additional fifteen feet in height to the existing tower or exceed fifteen feet in width; and (3) any accessory equipment and structures shall satisfy all setback requirements and shall be fully and permanently screened by landscaping from adjoining properties.

³ Extension of Existing Wireless Communications Facilities.

A special permit may be issued, under Zoning By-law §8.4, to allow the extension or reconstruction of any radio tower or antenna or other wireless communications facility, as defined under §8.4.2, in any zoning district for the purpose of adding one or more wireless communications antennae or devices, provided that: (1) said tower or antenna or facility was in existence prior to January 1, 2002; (2) the final height of said tower or antenna, as extended or reconstructed, shall not exceed 90 feet from existing terrain; (3) any accessory equipment and structures shall satisfy all setback requirements and shall be fully and permanently screened by landscaping from adjoining properties; and (4) an affirmative finding is made by the special permit granting authority that any such extension or reconstruction shall not create visual blight that would impair historic vistas or lower the property values of nearby residences.

And to see if the Town will vote to amend by deleting §8.4.3 and substituting therefore the §8.4.3 following:

8.4.3 Location. A wireless communications tower may be located by special permit only in an industrial district. A wireless communications facility may be located in any district as permitted under the Table of Uses.

And by amending §8.4 by deleting §8.4.5.3 and substituting the following:

8.4.5.3.a A wireless communications use shall not be allowed in any district if the proposed use would: (i) create visual blight that would impair historic vistas; (ii) lower property values of nearby residences from which the use could be seen; (iii) cause glare by the fact of its being lit, or (iv) generate more than an aggregate decibel level of ambient noise, as measured at any existing property line, greater than 50 (fifty) decibels.

8.4.5.3.b A wireless communications tower shall be located on a full-sized lot that satisfies all applicable dimensional requirements and shall not be co-located with other existing structures or uses on the same lot.

And by amending §8.4.6 by deleting the words: “in a Wireless Communications Services District” and substitute the words: “**in an industrial district.**”

And by amending §8.4.5 by deleting the words: “in a Wireless Communications Services District” and substitute the words: “**in an industrial district.**”

And by amending §8.4 Wireless Communications Service District by deleting the title words “Wireless Communications Service District” and substituting the words: “**Wireless Communications Towers and Wireless Communications Facilities**”

And by amending §8.4.1 Purpose by deleting the current two paragraphs which establish a “Wireless Communications Service District” and state a purpose of minimizing hazards and substituting the following:

“The purpose of this By-law is to establish appropriate siting criteria and standards⁴ for wireless communication towers and facilities, while minimizing adverse impacts on adjacent properties and residential neighborhoods, minimizing the overall height of such facilities to only what is essential, and promoting the shared use of existing facilities to reduce the need for new facilities.”

And by amending §8.4.2 by renumbering the existing 8.4.2.3 to become **8.4.2.3(a)**, and then by adding the following section:

8.4.2.3(b): “A “concealed wireless communications facility” shall mean an antenna or device wholly inside a structure that was in existence at the time of the adoption of this provision (May 16, 2002), such as a church spire; with said antenna or device and accessory structures not visible from the outside of the structure.”

And to see if the Town will vote to amend §2.4.3 Variances by adding the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the Zoning Board of Appeals may issue a use variance to allow a wireless communications tower, in a non-industrial district, provided, however, that no such variance shall be issued under this provision unless, in addition to the normal criteria set forth under G.L. c.40A, §10:

- (1) The tower shall not exceed 120 (one hundred twenty) feet in height, as measured from the original ground level, including antennae;**

⁴Appropriate siting criteria and standards

Among appropriate criteria and standards are the United States Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Department of the Interior) “Service Interim Guidelines for Recommendations on Communications Tower Siting, Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning” which should be considered when any wireless communication tower is proposed.

- (2) The tower lot shall have a minimum area of 200,000 (two hundred thousand) square feet;**
- (3) The tower shall be set back: (a) a minimum of 300 (three hundred) feet from any existing way, excluding the driveway that is to be used to serve the tower; (b) a minimum of 170 (one hundred seventy) feet from all property lines; and (c) a minimum of 800 (eight hundred) feet from any existing dwelling or dwelling for which a building permit has been issued at the time of the application for the use variance;**
- (4) The tower shall be screened from view from nearby residences and ways, excluding the driveway that is to serve the tower, by trees that equal or exceed 60 (sixty) feet in height on land located on the same lot as the tower;**
- (5) The Board makes an affirmative finding, by unanimous vote, that the proposed tower would not create visual blight that would impair historic vistas or lower the property values of nearby dwellings from which the tower could be seen;**
- (6) The structures supporting the tower shall be concealed by appropriate landscaping to minimize visibility of the structure from any dwelling and any way, excluding the driveway that is used to serve the tower;**
- (7) The Board makes an affirmative finding, by unanimous vote, that the proposed tower**

and its supporting structures shall not generate more than an aggregate decibel level of ambient noise, as measured at any existing property line, greater than 50 (fifty) decibels and imposes this requirement as a condition of approval;

- (8) The Board makes an affirmative finding, by unanimous vote, that the night lighting for the tower is the minimum necessary to satisfy the requirements of state and federal laws. Furthermore, any lighting of equipment structures or other facilities shall be shielded from abutting properties. The relief shall not be granted unless the Board makes an affirmative finding, by unanimous vote, that there shall be total cutoff of all light at the property lines for the parcel to be developed and the foot-candle measurements at the property lines shall be 0.0 (zero and zero tenths) initial foot-candles when measured at grade and imposes this requirement as a condition of approval.**
- (9) The parking at the site shall not exceed one space per antenna or other wireless device that could be developed on the tower.**
- (10) The new tower shall not be located closer than one linear mile to any other tower located in a non-industrial district.**
- (11) Any tower built under a use variance shall also be subject to other conditions set forth through site plan review and guidelines,**

such as the requirements for signage and fencing, as set forth in this ZBL Section 8.4

**2/3 vote required
Declared 2/3 majority**

Article 26. Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano)
The Town vote to establish a Receipts Reserved Account for the purpose of funding the emergency medical services operated by the Fire Department. Funds credited to such account shall be fees and charges paid in connection with emergency medical services, permits, and services of the Fire Department **Unanimous**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the purpose of funding of maintenance and operation of the ambulance and emergency medical service, including debt and debts service. Fund credited to such account shall be fees and charges paid in connection with transportation, services, and permits by the fire department. The Fire Chief shall be authorized to expend such funds. The total amount that may be expended from such funding during fiscal year 2003 shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the levy of the previous year or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 27. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich)
The Town vote to pass over Article27.
Unanimous

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$33,000 to fund the operation of the Town's ambulance service for Fiscal Year 2003 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 28. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich)
The Town vote to pass over Article 28.

Unanimous

Article 29. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich)
The Town vote to transfer from free cash **\$18,000**, which is Plympton's share of the U.S. Fire Administration Federal Fire Assistance matching Grant.

Unanimous

Article 30. We the undersigned residents and registered voters of the Town of Plympton, hereby petition the Dennett Elementary School Committee, the Dennett Elementary Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen to place the following article on the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant:

To meet the needs of the youth of our community and to fill the current and future needs of the sports programs of the community. We petition the above mentioned boards and committees to include as part of the Dennett School project a regulation sized Babe Ruth field. *(A Babe Ruth Field was originally part of the plan submitted by the Town Fields Committee and accepted by the Dennett School Building Committee. This is no longer included in the plan.)*

Plympton Athletic Youth Sports (P.A.Y.S.) with the support of volunteer residents has established a Plympton team for Plympton children 13, 14, & 15 years old. Prior to this children this age would be required to try and find an available vacancy in adjoining towns. Vacancies currently are scarce and in the future will be nonexistent due to population growth and the regional school breakup.

Plympton children when they reach these critical teenage years have had nothing provided by this community for sports and recreation. We now as a community have this rare opportunity to provide a healthy, safe, nonviolent sport, which promotes leadership, teamwork, dedication, community spirit and town pride. Children in this age group, living in these confusing and uncertain times need

reinforcement of these ideals. We the parents, coaches, community leaders and fellow citizens of these children respectfully request that you the board and committee members stand united with us and support these children, by providing this long overdue and necessary field of dreams!

Patricia A. Ross and others

Article 30. Article 30 was ruled out of order.

Article 31. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano)
The Town vote to transfer from free cash **\$34,315** to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

Unanimous

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 32. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer)
The Town vote to pass over Article 32.

Unanimous

Article 33. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. At a subsequent meeting as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws to be held at the Plympton Town House on Palmer Road Saturday, May 15, 2002 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

Article 33. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer)
To amend the date from May 15, 2002 to May 18, 2002.

Unanimous

Article 33. There was no new business to come before the meeting.

Article 34. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 18, 2002. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Moderator: 1 for 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); Selectman: 1 for 3 years; Assessor: 1 for 3 years; Finance Committee: 2 for 3 years; Board of Health: 1 for 3 years and 1 for 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); Planning Board: 1 for 5 years; Trustee of the Public Library: 2 for 3 years; School Committee: 2 for 3 years; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: 1 for 3 years; Constable: 2 for 3 years.

Ballot Question:

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for its apportioned share of the bonds to be issued by the Silver Lake Regional School District in order to finance the constructing and equipping of a new District Middle School, the acquisition of land in connection therewith, and architectural fees and other expenses in connection with developing plans for constructing, equipping, expanding, remodeling, and/or making extraordinary repairs to district school facilities?

YES _____

NO _____

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to adjourn the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting.

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler, CMC
Town Clerk, Plympton

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC, *Town Clerk, Plympton*