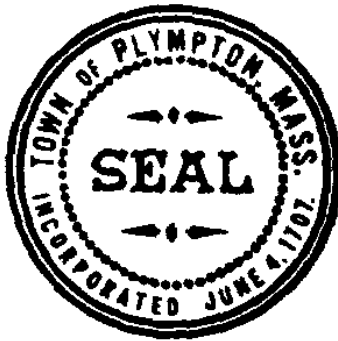


**Finance Committee
Town House
Plympton, MA 02367**

**Bulk Rate
US Postage Paid
Permit #8
Plympton, MA 02367**

**Resident
Plympton, MA 02367**



Plympton

Town Meeting

**Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Dennett Elementary School**



TOWN OF PLYMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee

May 5, 2011

Citizens of Plympton,

For the first time in many years, the Finance Committee has been able to prepare a budget that fully funds most immediate department needs, including bringing public safety funding up to a much safer level. Sysco building fees will more than offset this year's additional state aid cuts and offer us greater flexibility than we have had in years past.

But we have taken, and will continue to take, a very conservative approach to allocating your tax dollars. One example is the proposed Reserve Fund figure of \$100,000. Rather than spend that sum on specific department requests, we'll hold it for contingencies that may arise in Fiscal Year 2012. And if not used, we'll recommend that it be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. In future years, we plan to balance Sysco-based revenue across a mix of tax relief for residents, the Stabilization Fund and operating and capital budgets.

We also invite your consideration and support of Article 29, sponsored by the Finance Committee. It would write into law the longstanding practice in which the Finance Committee presents the main operating budget motion. It would not change anyone's right to place holds on budget lines and/or propose amendments to specific budget lines or even the entire budget. A one-page summary of the article and its importance can be found at the top of http://town.plympton.ma.us/town/fc_resource.html.

Finally, this package contains a draft proposed job description from the Selectmen for Town Coordinator position created several years ago at Town Meeting and which Article 20 is intended to fund.

We thank the various town departments and the Board of Selectmen for working with us to provide the town with a balanced and well-thought-out budget. And we look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

Max West, Chairman
David Pecinovsky
Susan Ossoff

Lisa Hart, Clerk
Cathy Vroom

Town Coordinator Position Funding- Article 20

The Selectmen and the Finance Committee are recommending that the funding for the Town Coordinator position called for in article XIX of our Municipal By-laws be approved by Town Meeting.

The day to day management requirements of the Town Of Plympton have reached a point where three Selectmen volunteering a few hours a week can no longer meet them. Opportunities are being missed, avoidable mistakes are being made and there is potential for something much more serious to happen.

We see this as a part-time position for a professional manager with related experience.

The Position would perform duties as directed by the Selectmen in the following general areas:

1. **Communication**
 - A. Between departments
 - B. Between boards/committees
 - C. From the top down
2. **General Management**
 - A. Coordination thru out the management structure
3. **Facilities**
 - A. Upgrade planning
 - B. Manage needs, utilization and repair
 - C. Manage IT dept.
4. **Grants**
 - A. Seek, apply for and administer grants.
5. **Old Colony planning council**
 - A. Represent the Town
6. **Planning**
 - A. Master, Long range and strategic
7. **Procurement**
 - A. Act as procurement Officer
8. **Special projects.**
 - A. As assigned by the Selectmen

Town of Plympton

Budget: FY2012

DESCRIPTION	TM Approved			Requested		Recommended	
	FY09	FY10	FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11
	1 Assessors Salaries	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
2 Assessors Expense	\$ 21,630	\$ 21,630	\$ 21,630	\$ 24,233	12.0%	\$ 24,233	12.0%
3 Assistant Assessor	\$ 31,000	\$ 26,409	\$ 26,937	\$ 29,000	7.7%	\$ 29,000	7.7%
4 Accountant/Auditor	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 18,360	\$ 20,000	8.9%	\$ 18,911	3.0%
5 Accountant Expenses	\$ 465	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.0%	\$ 250	0.0%
6 Election & Registration	\$ 11,682	\$ 6,719	\$ 13,798	\$ 9,191	-33.4%	\$ 9,191	-33.4%
7 Town Clerk Salary	\$ 28,750	\$ 28,750	\$ 29,325	\$ 30,205	3.0%	\$ 30,205	3.0%
8 Certification Compensation	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
9 Town Clerk Expense	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,723	77.2%	\$ 16,000	60.0%
10 Finance Committee	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,705	\$ 1,705	0.0%	\$ 1,705	0.0%
11 Moderator Salary	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.0%	\$ 100	0.0%
12 Planning Board	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0.0%	\$ 1,200	0.0%
13 Tax Collector Salary	\$ 27,604	\$ 27,604	\$ 28,156	\$ 29,564	5.0%	\$ 29,000	3.0%
14 Certification Compensation	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
15 Tax Collector Expense	\$ 15,450	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,900	\$ 15,322	2.8%	\$ 15,322	2.8%
16 Selectmen Salaries	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.0%	\$ 600	0.0%
17 Selectmen Expense	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 24,030	45.6%	\$ 23,000	39.4%
18 Computer Maintenance	\$ 26,000	\$ 22,870	\$ 22,870	\$ 24,640	7.7%	\$ 24,640	7.7%
19 New Town House	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,342	13.4%	\$ 45,342	13.4%
20 Street Lights	\$ 8,380	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 15,000	15.4%	\$ 15,000	15.4%
21 Town Reports	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,800	7.7%	\$ 2,800	7.7%
22 Town Counsel	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 47,000	80.8%	\$ 47,000	80.8%
23 Treasurer Salary	\$ 21,825	\$ 21,825	\$ 22,262	\$ 23,375	5.0%	\$ 22,930	3.0%
24 Treasurer Expense	\$ 18,025	\$ 18,025	\$ 18,025	\$ 19,068	5.8%	\$ 19,000	5.4%
25 Treas. Banking Services	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	11.1%	\$ 5,000	11.1%
26 Wage & Personnel	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
27 Conservation Commission	\$ 129	\$ 129	\$ 129	\$ 129	0.0%	\$ 129	0.0%
28 Council on Aging	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	0.0%	\$ 9,900	0.0%
29 Recreation Committee	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,545	0.0%	\$ 1,545	0.0%
30 Historical Commission	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 500	-9.1%	\$ 500	-9.1%
31 Memorial Day	\$ 510	\$ 510	\$ 510	\$ 510	0.0%	\$ 510	0.0%
32 County Extension	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	0.0%	\$ 125	0.0%
33 Agriculture Commission	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	\$ 345,551	\$ 332,322	\$ 347,477	\$ 400,057	15.1%	\$ 395,138	13.7%

Town of Plympton

Budget: FY2012

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	FY09	FY10	FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11
34 Group Health	\$ 211,650	\$ 211,650	\$ 246,085	\$ 263,311	7.0%	\$ 263,311	7.0%
35 Blanket Insurance	\$ 69,855	\$ 86,175	\$ 92,356	\$ 105,940	14.7%	\$ 105,940	14.7%
36 County Pension	\$ 248,330	\$ 255,887	\$ 290,860	\$ 289,401	-0.5%	\$ 289,401	-0.5%
37 Medicare	\$ 48,500	\$ 50,100	\$ 51,854	\$ 55,400	6.8%	\$ 55,400	6.8%
38 Unemployment	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
TOT. INS & PENSION	\$ 578,935	\$ 604,812	\$ 682,155	\$ 715,052	4.8%	\$ 715,052	4.8%
39 Health Salaries	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	0.0%	\$ 3	0.0%
40 Health Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,455	5.8%	\$ 26,455	5.8%
41 Transfer Station	\$ 173,550	\$ 173,550	\$ 143,550	\$ 155,100	8.0%	\$ 151,100	5.3%
TOT. BOARD OF HLTH	\$198,553.00	\$198,553	\$ 168,553	\$ 181,558	7.7%	\$ 177,558	5.3%
42 Surveyor Salary	\$ 51,546	\$ 51,546	\$ 52,577	\$ 54,680	4.0%	\$ 54,155	3.0%
43 Highway Labor	\$ 74,256	\$ 74,256	\$ 76,066	\$ 79,437	4.4%	\$ 78,348	3.0%
44 Snow & Ice	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.0%	\$ 40,000	33.3%
45 General Highway	\$ 66,950	\$ 66,950	\$ 66,625	\$ 98,022	47.1%	\$ 85,000	27.6%
46 Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	25.0%	\$ 5,000	25.0%
47 Park Department	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,460	3.5%	\$ 7,460	3.5%
48 Cemetery Department	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,312	5.2%	\$ 6,312	5.2%
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$239,962	\$239,962	\$ 242,478	\$ 280,911	15.9%	\$ 276,275	13.9%
49 Board of Appeals	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
50 Civil Defense(Emerg Mgmt Dir)	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 450	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
51 Dog Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.0%	\$ 5,000	0.0%
52 Animal Inspector	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,875	0.0%	\$ 1,875	0.0%
53 Dog Officer Expense	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650	0.0%	\$ 3,650	0.0%
54 Tree Warden Salary	\$ 8,453	\$ 8,453	\$ 8,621	\$ 8,453	-1.9%	\$ 8,880	3.0%
55 Tree Warden Expense	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	0.0%	\$ 5,500	0.0%
TOT. PROTECT PERSL PRPTY	\$ 25,402	\$ 25,378	\$ 24,646	\$ 24,928	1.1%	\$ 24,905	1.1%

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Budget: FY2012

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	FY09	FY10	FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11
56 Building Inspector/Dept.	\$ 23,400	\$ 23,156	\$ 18,000	\$ 32,450	80.3%	\$ 32,450	80.3%
57 Building Clerical	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 8,346	51.7%	\$ 8,346	51.7%
58 Zoning Administrator	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,000	11.1%	\$ 4,000	11.1%
59 Plumbing & Gas Inspector	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 20,000	316.7%	\$ 20,000	316.7%
60 Wiring Inspector	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,000	233.3%	\$ 20,000	233.3%
TOTAL BIDG. DEPT.	\$ 46,000	\$ 45,756	\$ 37,900	\$ 84,796	123.7%	\$ 84,796	123.7%
61 Fire Chief Salary	\$ 55,700	\$ 55,700	\$ 50,184	\$ 51,689	3.0%	\$ 51,689	3.0%
62 Fire Services	\$ 61,800	\$ 61,800	\$ 63,901	\$ 66,000	3.3%	\$ 66,000	3.3%
63 Fire/EMS	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 61,800	3.0%	\$ 61,800	3.0%
64 Fire Equipment	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 10,000	0.0%
TOTAL FIRE SERVICES	\$ 178,000	\$ 178,000	\$ 184,085	\$ 189,489	2.9%	\$ 189,489	2.9%
65 Police Chief Salary	\$ 63,220	\$ 66,381	\$ 63,306	\$ 63,306	0.0%	\$ 63,306	0.0%
66 Police Services	\$ 400,000	\$ 429,425	\$ 444,008	\$ 586,960	32.2%	\$ 555,010	25.0%
67 Police EMT	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	-100.0%	\$ -	0.0%
68 Police Department	\$ 61,000	\$ 63,700	\$ 63,700	\$ 100,150	57.2%	\$ 90,000	41.3%
69 Motor Vehicles	\$ 31,150	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 97,750	95.5%	\$ 77,750	55.5%
TOT. POLICE SERVICES	\$ 556,870	\$ 611,006	\$ 622,514	\$ 848,166	36.2%	\$ 786,066	26.3%
70 Fire & Police Communications	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
TOT. AMB. & COM.	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.0%	\$ -	-100.0%
71 Veterans Agent	\$ 3,062	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	0.0%	\$ 7,500	0.0%
72 Veterans Administration	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
73 Veterans Benefits	\$ 28,000	\$ 20,500	\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200	0.0%	\$ 34,200	0.0%
74 Veterans Graves	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	0.0%	\$ 350	0.0%
TOTAL VETERANS	\$ 32,412	\$ 29,350	\$ 42,050	\$ 43,050	2.4%	\$ 43,050	2.4%
75 Library Director	\$ 34,861	\$ 34,861	\$ 35,558	\$ 36,625	3.0%	\$ 36,625	3.0%
76 Library Expenses	\$ 70,440	\$ 70,440	\$ 71,303	\$ 75,988	6.6%	\$ 75,988	6.6%
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 105,301	\$ 105,301	\$ 106,861	\$ 112,613	5.4%	\$ 112,613	5.4%

Town of Plympton

Budget: FY2012

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	FY09	FY10	FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11	Budget FY12	% Chg From FY11
77 Elementary Schl Costs	\$ 1,904,417	\$ 1,929,452	\$ 1,894,196	\$ 1,948,266	2.9%	\$ 1,948,266	2.9%
78 Special Education	\$ 269,620	\$ 276,296	\$ 481,751	\$ 556,321	15.5%	\$ 556,321	15.5%
79 Vocational Education	\$ 88,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 70,500	\$ 57,000	-19.1%	\$ 57,000	-19.1%
TOT. LOCAL SCHOOL	\$ 2,262,037	\$ 2,252,748	\$ 2,446,447	\$ 2,561,587	4.7%	\$ 2,561,587	4.7%
80 Reg. School Assessment	\$ 1,847,307	\$ 1,759,843	\$ 1,643,545	\$ 1,724,730	4.9%	\$ 1,724,730	4.9%
81 Debt & Interest - Reg. School	\$ 205,714	\$ 203,243	\$ 188,840	\$ 161,993	-14.2%	\$ 161,993	-14.2%
TOT. Regional SCHOOLS	\$ 2,053,021	\$ 1,963,086	\$ 1,832,385	\$ 1,886,723	3.0%	\$ 1,886,723	3.0%
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS	\$ 4,315,058	\$ 4,215,834	\$ 4,278,832	\$ 4,448,310	4.0%	\$ 4,448,310	4.0%
82 RESERVE FUND	\$ 35,178	\$ 41,569	\$ 25,000	\$ 60,000	140.0%	\$ 100,000	300.0%
83 Int/Loan/Refunds	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.0%	\$ 2,000	0.0%
84 Principal & Interest	\$ 47,511	\$ 90,482	\$ 87,274	\$ 83,206	-4.7%	\$ 83,206	-4.7%
85 Dennett Debt Exclusion	\$ 98,657	\$ 97,319	\$ 94,000	\$ 91,644	-2.5%	\$ 91,644	-2.5%
RF, Int, P&I, Debt Exclusion (82-85)	\$ 183,346	\$ 231,370	\$ 208,274	\$ 236,850	13.7%	\$ 276,850	32.9%
TOTAL	\$ 6,807,390	\$ 6,819,644	\$ 6,947,825	\$ 7,567,780	8.9%	\$ 7,530,102	8.4%

Requests/Recommended vs. Revenue

Revenue Projection	\$ 7,765,251	\$ 7,765,251
Budget Requests/Recommendations	\$ 7,567,780	\$ 7,530,102
Warrant Articles	\$ 602,953	\$ 235,149
Net Shortage (Revenue-(Budget+Warrant))	\$ (405,482)	\$ (0)

Town of Plympton

Warrant Articles & Balance Sheet - FY-2012

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommend</u>
Special				
1-S	Plymouth Bay Ortho Assoc.	Selectmen	\$ 1,020.90	\$ 1,020.90
2-S	Special Education to Vocational Education	School Committee	\$ -	\$3,700 request nets to zero Yes
3-S	Elementary School well repairs	School Committee	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
4-S	Reserve Fund - contingency	Selectmen	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Annual				
7	Audit	Accountant / Treasurer	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
9	Patrol car annual lease	Police Dept.	\$ 7,306.00	4WD (lease; in vehicles line)
10	Patrol car annual leases	Police Dept.	\$ 23,000.00	in vehicles line
11	Police Station electronic security	Police Dept.	\$ 4,700.00	removed from budget \$ 4,700.00
12	Police motorcycle - final payment	Police Dept.	\$ 5,765.00	\$ 5,765.00
13	Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED)	Police Dept.	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
14	Train and equip a new D.A.R.E. officer	Police Dept.	\$ 7,500.00	\$4500 in budget line \$ 3,000.00
15	4x4 First Response and Fire Command SUV	Fire Dept.	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 7,980.00
16	New Tanker Truck	Fire Dept.	\$ 299,478.00	
17	New extrication equipment	Fire Dept.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
18	Fire Vehicle Leases - Pumper	Fire Dept.	\$ 39,444.00	\$ 39,444.00
19	Fire Vehicle Leases - 2008 GMC EMS	Fire Dept.	\$ 17,839.00	\$ 17,839.00
20	Town Coordinator	Selectmen	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
22	Harry Jason Park	Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00	
24	2012 Interim-Year valuation	Assessors	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
27	Dennett School fitness path	Recreation Commission	\$ 4,000.00	
			\$ 602,952.90	\$ 235,148.90

Projected Revenue for FY11:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,696,274.71	Stabilization Start	\$ 199,912.00
New Growth	\$ 39,436.00	Changes at TM	\$ -
State Aid	\$ 795,429.00	Stabilization Final	\$ 199,912.00
Local Receipts	\$ 1,015,000.00		
Estimated Available Free Cash	\$ 201,428.00		
Ambulance Fund	\$ 100,000.00	As recommended by FinCom	
Other Sources	\$ 7,962.00		
Debt Exclusions Schools	\$ 253,637.00	Budget	
Reductions (snow & ice, cherry sht charges, overlay,	\$ (343,916.00)	Warrant Articles	
Total Revenue	\$ 7,765,250.71	Total Budget	

PROJECTED REVENUE

	ACTUAL 2008	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2010	ACTUAL 2011	EST 2012
Levy Base	\$ 4,656,937.94	\$ 4,898,361.39	\$ 5,110,820.42	\$ 5,351,649.93	\$ 5,557,341.18
2 1/2 % Increase	\$ 116,423.45	\$ 122,459.03	\$ 127,770.51	\$ 133,791.25	\$ 138,933.53
New Growth	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 113,059.00	\$ 71,900.00	\$ 39,436.00
Overrides					
sub-total	\$ 4,898,361.39	\$ 5,110,820.42	\$ 5,351,649.93	\$ 5,557,341.18	\$ 5,735,710.71
Cherry Sheet	\$ 873,751.00	\$ 924,691.00	\$ 817,790.00	\$ 811,192.00	\$ 795,429.00
Chapter 70-pass					
Local Est. Receipts	\$ 610,000.00	\$ 665,280.40	\$ 643,935.38	\$ 635,241.55	\$ 1,015,000.00
sub-total	\$ 1,483,751.00	\$ 1,589,971.40	\$ 1,461,725.38	\$ 1,446,433.55	\$ 1,810,429.00
Less:					
Overlay	\$ 91,432.61	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 92,768.00	\$ 100,240.33	\$ 100,000.00
Tax Title-Recap	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Snow & Ice Def.	\$ 22,928.91	\$ 97,632.18	\$ 140,365.00	\$ 87,047.12	\$ 150,000.00
Cherry Sh. Chrgs	\$ 51,956.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,622.00	\$ 54,863.00	\$ 59,135.00
MBTA ASSESS	\$ 17,665.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,657.00	\$ 17,621.00	\$ 17,346.00
Teach. Deferral	\$ 2,974.00	\$ 2,974.00	\$ 5,948.00		
Direct Expend.	\$ 3,449.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,363.00	\$ 2,388.00	\$ 2,435.00
sub-total	\$ 196,155.52	\$ 239,106.18	\$ 321,723.00	\$ 277,159.45	\$ 343,916.00
Additional Sources					
Free Cash	\$ 290,075.12	\$ 145,545.00	\$ 173,995.00	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 201,428.00
Ambulance Fund	\$ 77,200.00	\$ 77,261.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Other Sources	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 9,478.00	\$ 91,600.00	\$ 7,962.00
Total Available	\$ 6,553,231.99	\$ 6,700,491.64	\$ 6,760,125.31	\$ 6,920,927.28	\$ 7,511,613.71
Debt Exclusions	\$ 414,422.00	\$ 304,371.00	\$ 304,371.00	\$ 282,840.00	\$ 253,637.00
	\$ 6,967,653.99	\$ 7,004,862.64	\$ 7,064,496.31	\$ 7,203,767.28	\$ 7,765,250.71

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 18, 2011

PLYMOUTH, §

To either of the Constables or officer of the Town of Plympton, in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plympton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the

Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 8:00 PM

For the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting and then and there to vote on the following articles:

Article 1-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$1,020.90 for an unpaid bills to Plymouth Bay Ortho Assoc. of a prior year or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 2-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer from May 2010, Annual Town Meeting Line 82 Special Education to line 83 Vocational Education the amount of \$3,700 to cover additional vocational transportation costs or take any action relative there to.

School Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 3-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for the costs associated with the repairs to the well at the Dennett Elementary School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Plympton School Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee: \$7,500.00

Article 4-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000.00 from available free cash to be added to the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 86, Reserve Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, The Village Cafe and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of May
, 2011

John P. Henry, Chairman
Plympton Board of Selectmen

Joe Freitas, Clerk

Barry DeCristofano

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
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May 18, 2011

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for the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting and then and there to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear reports of the town officers and act thereon and to receive and act upon reports of any committees and give authority or instructions, or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 2. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2012 as permitted by and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2011 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2012

A. Firefighters (Part-time)

Deputy Chief	23.34
Captain	21.75
Lieutenant	20.69
Firefighter	19.63
Certified EMT	19.63
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	26.52

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	17.90 - 19.65
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Truck Driver/Laborer	17.11 - 17.82
Laborer	13.95 - 14.63
C. Town Labor	
Laborer	13.95 - 14.63
Sr. Disposal Attendant	16.12 - 16.84
Disposal Attendant	14.36 - 15.06
D. Clerical/Election Workers	
Clerk	10.00 - 12.00
Senior Clerk/Warden	13.00 - 14.50
E. Permanent Staff(all departments)	
Clerk	13.00 - 14.50
Senior Clerk	15.00 - 16.25
Administrative Assistant	17.10 - 20.00
Asst. to Treasurer/Collector	17.50 - 21.00
Asst. Town Clerk	17.50 - 21.00
F. Library	
Clerk	9.36 - 11.48
Circulation Clerk	11.23 - 13.00
Library Technician	13.69 - 15.56
Senior Library Technician	14.35 - 17.40
G. Other Employees	
Special Police Officer	13.39
Police Matron	15.45
H. Salaried Employees	
Library Director	30,700.00 – 36,750.00
Assist. Assessor	23,250.00 – 42,000.00

Wage & Personnel Board: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 4. To see if the Town will 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 or to take any other action relative there to.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 5 . To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel By-laws by adding the following section:

Section 1. Definition

D. Exclusion from the Plan. Any employee having a contract with the Board of Selectmen or any union contract shall not be bound by the terms of this

compensation plan. Currently this would include the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Police Sergeant, Police Union, Veteran's Agent and the Town Accountant.

Wage & Personnel: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II Section I paragraph 2 of the Municipal Bylaws to read as follows: Polls will be open at 8 o'clock a.m. for the election of the officers and shall be continuously open for voting until 6 o'clock p.m.; the meeting for the transaction of business shall be called at 7 o'clock p.m.

Town Clerk: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$30,000.00 to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2012 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$161,900.00 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 section 34-2a of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Department: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,306.00 to make the annual lease payment on a police patrol car, on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Not recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$23,000.00 to pay the annual lease payments for police patrol vehicles, on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Not recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,700.00 to repair and upgrade the electronic security system at the police station, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,765.00 to pay the fourth and final payment for a police motorcycle on a lease to own program, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,900.00 to purchase an Automatic Electronic

Defibrillator (AED) for deployment in a police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,500.00 to train and equip a new D.A.R.E. officer for a drug education and resistance program, to be conducted at the Dennett Elementary School or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee: \$3,000.00**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Fire Chief to apply for a lease to own program with Ford Credit to purchase and equip a new 4x4 First Response and Fire Command SUV vehicle in four annual payments of \$7,971.49 Total amount funded \$29,045.00 or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief Check: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$299,478 to purchase and equip a new Tanker Truck or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0
Not recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase new vehicle extrication equipment or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,444.00 to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,839.00 to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 20. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund the position of Town Coordinator as called for in Article XIX of the Town By-laws.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, to adopt special legislation establishing the appointed combined office of treasurer collector as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

An Act Creating the Position of Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Plympton.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 or of any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a treasurer-collector for the town of Plympton. The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed and may be removed, after the opportunity for a hearing, by the board of selectmen of the town. The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the treasurer-collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act the elected offices of town treasurer and town collector shall be abolished and the terms of the incumbents of such offices terminated. Provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this act, the incumbent elected collector on the effective date of this act shall be the first appointee to the new combined position of treasurer collector, and shall hold such office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which the collector was elected, unless such incumbent sooner vacates such office. After the expiration of the term of the incumbent town collector holding office on the effective date of this act, or a sooner vacating of the office, the board of selectmen shall appoint a treasurer collector in accordance with section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the abolition of the elected offices of treasurer or collector or the creation of the combined appointed office, and the appointed treasurer collector shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the offices so abolished or consolidated. All records, property and equipment whatsoever of the offices of the elected treasurer and elected collector shall be assigned to the office of the appointed treasurer collector.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 22. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for maintenance and development of the Harry Jason Park.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Not recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56 that will authorize the Board of Assessors upon acceptance to grant a real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of town meeting; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Veteran's Agent: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2012 Interim-Year valuation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0
Recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44§53E1/2, for the use by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of subsidizing the Town's map updates. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through fees collected by the Planning Board from the creation of new lots. The Board of Assessors is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M.G.L., Chapter 44§53E1/2, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Recreation Commission: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of materials to construct a Fitness Path at the Dennett Elementary School or take any other action relative thereto.

**Recreation Commission: Not recommended by BOS 3-0
Not recommended by Finance Committee**

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving account under the Provision of Mass General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purposes of processing Tax Titles and Tax Possessions, including legal fees, miscellaneous expenses and salaries of staff in the Treasurer/Collectors department and Land Court fees.

Funds deposited in this account shall be from miscellaneous and legal fees charged on tax title accounts and one half of interest collected on Tax Title accounts when paid. In addition, said account shall also be credited with miscellaneous fees and legal fees and one half of the Interest accrued on Tax Possession from the sale or auction of said Tax Possession.

The Treasurer/Collector shall be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-Law Article 3, Section 4, to add the following language:

Section 4A: "With respect to any article pertaining to the annual operating budget, or subsequent revisions to the annual budget at the same or subsequent town meetings, the Moderator shall give the Finance Committee the opportunity to offer the main motion."

Max West and Others: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2012, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses
[\$3,900]

Reserves:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve [\$7,800]
From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve [\$7,800]
From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve [\$7,800]
From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve [\$50,700]
or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting Section 6.1, in its entirety, and substituting therefore the following:
Section 6

6.1 Signs

6.1.1 Intent

It is the intent of this by-law to protect, conserve and improve the unique visual quality and historic character of the Town of Plympton while simultaneously supporting the needs of the business community. It is the intent of this section to do so by clearly regulating all signs. The following regulations have been designed to encourage modest signs of high quality which safely identify any use or occupancy of land and structures in the Town as established under site plan review.

6.1.2 Definitions

Sign

Any word, letter, symbol, drawing, picture, design, device, article or object which advertises, calls attention to or indicates the location of any premises, person or activity; whatever its manner of composition or construction and however displayed.

Address Sign

A sign identifying the numerical street address or property name premises.

Directory Sign

A sign listing the tenants or occupants of a multiple-tenant structure or center.

Freestanding Sign

A sign that is not attached to a building and has its own support structure.

Individual Letters or Symbols

Individual letters or symbols attached to, painted, carved, engraved or projected on a surface (such as a building wall or window) shall constitute a sign.

Hanging Sign

Any sign which projects more than eight (8) inches from a wall or façade.

Historical Marker

A sign indicating historical information (e.g. date of construction, early owners, builders, significant events, etc.), located on residential and commercial buildings or property.

Off Premises Sign

Any sign that displays information for a use, occupant or owner not located on the premises on which said sign exists.

Traffic Flow Sign

A sign erected for the purpose of safely regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

Wall Sign

A flat sign mounted to a wall or other vertical surface and the face of which runs parallel to a wall.

Window Sign

A sign which is painted on, attached to or hung within 12 inches of a window. This shall include any interior and exterior placement of a sign in relation to a window.

6.1.3 Allowed Uses of Permanent Signs

A sign permit shall be required for any permanent sign, unless otherwise expressly exempted herein.

6.1.3.1 Agricultural-Residential District

- A. The display of not more than a total of two (2) unlighted signs, pertaining to an allowed principal or accessory use (including an allowed accessory professional office or customary home occupation or renting of rooms), provided that no individual sign shall exceed six (6) square feet of total area, shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder.
- B. No lighted sign shall be permitted in the Agricultural-Residential District.

6.1.3.2 Business & Light Manufacturing Districts

- A. The display of one or more signs to identify an allowed use of the premises shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that total combined area of all of the signs on a building shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area including wall, roof, projecting or hanging signs;
- B. Except as provided for below, in addition to the 50 square feet of signage allowed above [per building or total allowed for all buildings], the display of one (1) additional freestanding sign per building, pertaining to an allowed use of the premises shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that such a sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area, nor fifteen (15) feet in height;
- C. Premises with multiple buildings, businesses or uses shall utilize a single directory sign in lieu of one (1) or more freestanding signs. The directory sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area per allowed use and shall not be more than fifteen (15) feet in height and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in width;

- D. No wall sign shall extend beyond the corners of a building or that portion of the building occupied by the allowed use, business, industry or firm advertised, nor above the roof line (peak) of the building.
- E. No projecting or hanging sign shall extend for more than five (5) feet away from the building, nor into any street right-of-way, nor shall a projecting or hanging sign have its bottom edge less than eight (8) feet above the grade of land, or its upper edge higher than the top of the wall to which the sign is attached;
- F. Illumination of signs may be allowed during business hours and for thirty (30) minutes prior to and after regular posted (or permitted) business hours. Illumination of signs shall comply with Section 6.9 (Lighting Systems and Fixtures) of the Plympton Zoning By-law. Internally illuminated signs shall be allowed by special permit.

6.1.3.3 Industrial District

- A. The display of not more than two (2) signs pertaining to each existing establishment or occupancy in a building or office, shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that the total area of the resulting signage shall not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) square feet, and provided further that:
 - i. Only one (1) of the signs may be free standing and it shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the area of the building face or sixty (60) square feet, whichever is smaller;
 - ii. In the case of an unimproved lot, one (1) free standing sign not exceeding sixty (60) square feet shall be allowed to advertise the sale of the property;
- B. Illumination of signs may be allowed during business hours and for thirty (30) minutes prior to and after regular posted (or permitted) business hours. Illumination of signs shall comply with Section 6.9 (Lighting Systems and Fixtures) of the Plympton Zoning By-law. Internally illuminated signs shall be allowed only allowed by special permit.

6.1.4 Window Signs

Window signs shall not exceed more than 30% of the total area of a window.

6.1.5 Temporary Sign: Allowed uses of an identification sign, which is associated with an activity of a temporary nature.

- A. One “for sale” or “for rent” sign, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area per side and advertising only the premises on which the sign is located;
- B. One contractor’s sign, per contractor, advertising only the premises on which the sign is located while the same is actually under construction,

not exceeding six (6) square feet in area per side, provided that not more than five (5) number of contractor's signs are displayed at the same time;

- C. Special Event Signs. Temporary signs for special events, including fairs, carnivals, holiday celebrations shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that they are erected in a safe manner with the permission of respective property owners and are displayed not more than a total of thirty (30) calendar days before or five (5) days after the event. Special event signs shall conform in size to the provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed. Special event signs shall not be counted towards the total allotment provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed, provided that only one (1) sign per event shall be displayed. The Board of Selectmen may issue a special permit to allow special event signs or signs promoting community interest events and activities, to be posted on Town property for periods longer than those specified above and for sizes not to exceed thirty two (32) square feet for one sign or a combined total of fifty (50) square feet for two, or a banner;
- D. Temporary signs pertaining to the primary agricultural, horticultural and floriculture use of the premises for seasonal purposes (e.g. farm stands and similar products for sale) may be displayed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, §3.

6.1.6 Exemptions

The following signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit.

- A. Multiple displays of No Trespassing, Hunting, Fishing and similar signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit in any district, provided that any such sign so displayed shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area;
- B. Street numbers (used to identify the physical location of the property), shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, in any district, provided that no such number shall exceed two (2) square feet in area;
- C. An unlimited number of directional signs for traffic and safety purposes shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, provided that no such sign shall exceed three (3) square feet per sign and no such sign shall contain advertising or information other than for traffic and safety purposes and provided that each sign shall be safely displayed and shall not hinder safe traffic;

- D. Any sign owned by the Town of Plympton and located on town property shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, provided that any such sign shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen;
- E. An historical marker shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit and shall not count against the total number of signs or the sign square foot limit allowed within the zoning district of which the sign is mounted, provided that said sign has been approved for display and placement by the Historical Commission. The Historical Commission reserves the right to adopt regulations or policies in regard to historical markers;
- F. Political signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, in any district, provided that they conform in size to the provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed, are displayed not more than a total of thirty (30) calendar days before or five (5) days after the event and provided that only one sign per candidate and per issue shall be allowed on any one premises;
- G. Any Traffic Flow Sign, as defined above, shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit.

6.1.7 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts and on all property in the Town of Plympton:

- A. Any sign that is placed so as to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise impair public safety is expressly prohibited;
- B. No sign shall be placed on or in a public way except for Traffic Flow Signs as defined above and any such signage shall be safely placed and maintained;
- C. Animated or flashing signs, LED signs, exposed illuminated gas tube (such as neon), signs containing moving parts or moving lights, and non-safety signs containing reflective elements;
- D. Illuminated features other than approved signs, on the exterior of a building that call attention to the building, product or services available within the building;
- E. Canopies illuminated from behind in such a way that light shines through canopy material creating the effect of an internally illuminated sign;
- F. Any sign advertising or identifying a business or organization which is either defunct or no longer located on the premises;
- G. Off Premises signs;

- H. Streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners or other similar devices that are designed to attract attention and have the capacity to distract motorists and hinder public safety, provided, however, that such devices shall be allowed by special permit in conjunction with the grand opening of a business and for twenty (20) days thereafter;
- I. When visible from a public way, a sign on any permanently located and/or on any mobile unit, including a trailer regularly located for fixed display, a storage tank or any similar type of container. This prohibition shall not apply to a properly registered van, panel truck, trailer or any other business vehicle that is used on a regular basis on public ways;
- J. Any sign painted on or affixed to any tree, fence or utility pole;
- K. Any sandwich board sign (such as A-frame or similar style).

6.1.8 Non-conforming Signs

- A. Any sign that received a permit prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011) and is now out of compliance, shall not need a new permit until said permit has expired or an alteration to the sign is made, as noted in Section C below;
- B. Any sign that was in existence on or before May 18, 2001 and was compliant with section 6.1 of the zoning by-laws prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011), may be continued, even though not conforming to the provisions of the Section of this revised by-law. Any future alteration to the sign as noted below in Section C below shall then require a permit under the provisions of this by-law;
- C. Nonconforming signs shall not be altered by changing the design, wording, lighting or moving it or replacing it, except due to casualty loss and then replacement shall be identical to the original sign. Doing any of the aforementioned alterations shall trigger the immediate need for said sign to come into compliance with the provisions of this by-law.

6.1.9 Procedure for Sign Permits/Special Permit Approval

6.1.9.1 Measurement of Sign Area

- A. Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface;
- B. For a sign painted on or applied to a building, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs or symbols together with any background of a different color than the natural color or finish material of the building;
- C. For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to, painted, or carved or engraved on a surface, building wall, or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle or

other shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols;

- D. The area of supporting framework (for example brackets, posts, etc.) shall not be included in the area if such framework is incidental to the display;
- E. When a sign has two (2) or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than one (1) foot from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.

6.1.9.2 Sign Permits

- A. No sign, unless otherwise exempted above, shall be erected, displayed, altered or enlarged until a sign zoning permit for such action has been issued by the Planning Board. Applications shall be on forms prescribed by the Planning Board. At a minimum, all applications shall include a scale drawing specifying dimensions, materials, illumination, letter sizes, color, support systems, and location on land or buildings with all relevant measurements. Sign Permits shall be issued only if the Planning Board determines that the sign complies with all applicable provisions of this Sign By-Law;
- B. The Planning Board shall act on any sign permit application by majority vote within 30 days of receipt of such an application without holding a public hearing
- C. A fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be imposed and failure to pay the required fee shall be a basis upon which to deny the sign permit

6.1.9.3 Duration of Permits

The Planning Board may limit the duration of any sign permit and may condition said permit upon continued ownership or operation of the business advertised upon the sign.

6.1.9.4 Enforcement

The Zoning Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to enforce this by-law. The Zoning Enforcement Officer is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is judged dangerous, or in disrepair or which is erected or maintained contrary to this by-law.

6.1.9.5 Removal of Signs

Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or which is abandoned or discontinued, shall be removed by the owner of the property within thirty (30) days of written notice to remove. Any sign not removed within the time limit shall be deemed a public nuisance. The Town of Plympton may seek the lawful removal of the sign and the cost of said removal, including legal fees and costs, and/or

storage costs shall be borne by the property owner and may be recovered by the Town, if necessary, in an action in the appropriate court. A sign or structure removed by the Town shall be held for not less than thirty (30) days by the Town during which period it may be recovered by the owner upon payment to the Town of the cost of removal and storage, and upon payment of any fine which may have been imposed. If not recovered within said thirty (30) day period, the sign or structure shall be deemed abandoned and title thereto shall be vested in the Town for disposal in any manner permitted by law.

6.1.9.6 Penalties

Violation of any provision of this by-law or any lawful order of the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall be subject to a fine of \$300.00 per offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

6.1.9.7 Special Permit to Exceed Requirements for Signs

The Plympton Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, may issue a Special Permit to exceed the number, size, and/or illumination of signs within the zoning districts of the town. The Board's decision shall be based upon the following criteria:

- Any such signs shall be compatible with surrounding neighborhood, structure or buildings on the premise;
- Any such signs shall not cause visual pollution;
- There shall be no obstruction by the signs to traffic and no hazard to public safety.

6.1.9.8 Existing Signs

Any sign that was in existence prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011) shall come into compliance with this by-law by January 1, 2012, unless otherwise exempted as noted in Section 6.1.6 or satisfies the non-conforming provisions as noted in Section 6.1.8.

Sign By-law Review Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 32. 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 5 palmer Road, Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

Article 33. To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 21, 2011. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Board of Selectman: one for 3 years; Assessor: one for 3 years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 2 years; Planning Board: one for 5 years; Planning Board one for 4 years; School Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: one for 3 years; Library Trustee: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustee: one for 2 years; Constable: two (2) for three years.

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, The Village Cafe and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of April, 2011

John P. Henry, Chairman
Plympton Board of Selectmen

Joe Freitas, Clerk

Barry DeCristofano