PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 18, 2022

Moderator, Barry DeCristofano, declared there being a quorum present (35) and preparation and posting of the warrant and the procedure was accomplished in accordance with the law and, therefore, the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. DeCristofano introduced Brain Wick as the Assistant Moderator in the adjoining room. Mr. DeCristofano welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He reminded everyone to maintain a safe distance. He Introduced Captain John Sjostedt who pointed out exit doors in case of fire. There was a moment of silence for those residents we last this year. He also thanked Dennett Elementary Principal Peter Veneto and the custodial staff for all their hard work to set up for this meeting. Mr. DeCristofano asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. DeCristofano stated that the Annual Town Meeting addresses Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022to June 30, 2023) and at 8:00 p.m. the Special Town Meeting begins to address funding issues in this year’s fiscal spending which ends June 30, 2022. All phones were to be silenced.

Mr. DeCristofano introduced the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Christine Joy, Selectman, Mark Russo, and Selectman John Traynor, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo , Town Clerk Patricia Detterman, Town Accountant Lisa Hart, the Finance Committee Chairperson Nathaniel Sides, Marilyn Browne, Steven Lewis, Kathryn Shepard and Michael Lemieux. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk/Teller Nancy Magnussen and Teller Patricia Mustacaros. Standing vote counters were Nancy Butler, Jaqueline Freitas, Jean Cohen, and Colleen Thompson. The Peace Officers present were Kevin Brower and Nate Christofri and Chief Matt Ah.

There were 103registered voters present and 14 non-registered citizens present.

 Mr. DeCristofano gave an overview of the procedural rules as outlined in the Town Meeting Time book.

The following motion was moved and seconded for the following non-residents of Plympton to be allowed to address the assembly when necessary:

Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, Town Treasurer Christine Kelly, Assistant Town Assessor Wendy Jones Police Chief Matt Ahl, Library Director Mike Slawson, Dennett Elementary School Principal Peter Veneto, Jr., SL Regional School District Superintendent Jill Proux, and SL District Director of Business Services.

**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 other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 1** **VOTE** (On the Motion of Christine Joy, Selectman, 10 Dukes Brook Rd. and seconded) There were no reports given by any Board or Committee members.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 2** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2023 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)**

John Duffy, 392 Main St, asked what this article is for?

John Traynor, Jr., 62 Crescent St., Selectman, said ask Treasurer.

Christine Kelly, Treasurer, said it is a housekeeping article for a basic balance agreement to pay bills.

**ARTICLE 2** **VOTE** (On the motion of John Traynor, Jr., 62 Crescent St., Selectman and seconded), to approve the article as written in the warrant.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2022 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any action relative thereto.

**Wage Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2023**

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|  | **Position** | 2022 Bottom Salary Range | 2022 Top Salary Range | **Proposed Bottom Range 2023****(3.0% COLA)** | **Proposed Top Range 2023****(3.0% COLA)** |
| **Fire Department** |  |  |  |  |
| **\*** | **Firefighter/Paramedic** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Full Time Lieutenant FF/Paramedic | $53,942.25 | $69,897.00 | $55,560.52 | $71,993.91 |
|  | Full Time FF/Paramedic | $51,663.00 | $67,364.50 | $53,212.89 | $69,385.44 |
|  | Part Time FF/Paramedic | $19.49 | $25.25 | $20.07 | $26.01 |
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| **\*** | **Paramedic** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Full Time Captain/Paramedic | $55,715.00 | $72,429.50 | $57,386.45 | $74,602.39 |
|  | Part Time Captain/Paramedic | $21.78 | $28.36 | $22.43 | $29.21 |
|  | Lieutenant/Paramedic | $20.87 | $27.10 | $21.50 | $27.91 |
|  | Paramedic Call |  | $20.51 |  | $21.13 |
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| **\*** | **EMT** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Full Time Captain/EMT | $50,650.00 | $65,845.00 | $52,169.50 | $67,820.35 |
|  | Part Time Captain/EMT | $19.00 | $27.00 | $19.57 | $27.81 |
|  | Lieutenant/EMT | $21.27 | $27.60 | $21.91 | $28.43 |
|  | Firefighter/EMT | $16.71 | $21.78 | $17.22 | $22.43 |
|  | EMT Call |  | $17.80 |  | $18.33 |
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| **\*** | **Firefighter** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Firefighter | $16.71 | $21.78 | $17.22 | $22.43 |
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| **Highway Department** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Highway Superintendent | $68,402.83 | $89,245.30 | $70,454.91 | $91,922.66 |
|  | Working Foreman | $23.30 | $30.39 | $24.00 | $31.30 |
|  | Motor Equip. Repairman | $22.79 | $29.63 | $23.48 | $30.52 |
|  | Equipment Operator | $21.27 | $27.60 | $21.91 | $28.43 |
|  | Truck Driver/Laborer | $20.97 | $27.35 | $21.60 | $28.17 |
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| **Clerical/Election Workers**  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Senior Clerk/Warden | $14.18 | $18.49 | $14.61 | $19.04 |
|  | Constable | $14.18 | $18.49 | $14.61 | $19.04 |
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| **Elder Affairs** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Director Elder Affairs  | $17,000.00 | $22,100.00 | $17,510.00 | $22,763.00 |
|  | Senior Aide | $24,109.40 | $31,403.00 | $24,832.68 | $32,345.09 |
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| **Library** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Library Director | $50,650.00 | $65,845.00 | $52,169.50 | $67,820.35 |
|  | Senior Library Technician | $20.51 | $26.59 | $21.13 | $27.39 |
|  | Circulation Assistant | $15.20 | $19.75 | $15.65 | $20.35 |
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| **Police Other**  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Special Police Officer |   | $20.09 |  | $20.69 |
|  | Police Matron |   | $18.93 |  | $19.50 |

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|  **Professional** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Land Use Coordinator | $22.54 | $29.38 | $23.22 | $30.26 |
|  | Assist. Assessor | $30.39 | $39.51 | $31.30 | $40.69 |
|  | Administrative Assessor | $21.48 | $27.86 | $22.12 | $28.70 |
|  | Health Agent | $37.48 | $48.62 | $38.61 | $50.08 |
|  | Conservation Agent | $30.39 | $50.65 | $31.30 | $52.17 |
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| **Town Hall Support** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Asst. Town Accountant | $21.48 | $27.86 | $22.12 | $28.69 |
|  | Asst. Town Clerk | $21.48 | $27.86 | $22.12 | $28.69 |
|  | Asst. Treasurer/Collector | $21.48 | $27.86 | $22.12 | $28.69 |
|  | Administrative Assistant | $20.97 | $27.35 | $21.60 | $28.17 |
|  | Senior Clerk | $18.34 | $23.81 | $18.89 | $24.52 |
|  | Clerk | $14.18 | $18.49 | $14.61 | $19.04 |
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| **Town Labor** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sr. Disposal Attendant | $18.74 | $24.31 | $19.30 | $25.04 |
|  | Disposal Attendant | $17.47 | $22.79 | $18.00 | $23.48 |
|  | Town Custodian | $17.12 | $22.29 | $17.64 | $22.95 |
|  | Laborer | $17.12 | $22.29 | $17.64 | $22.95 |
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| **Veteran Affairs** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Veterans Agent (Stipend) |  | $9,021.01 |  | $9,291.64 |

**Wage & Personnel Board**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

Susan Vetterlein, 192 Main St., asked about the process of job performance evaluations

Alan Wheelock, 10 Center St, Chair of Wage and Personnel, stated working on duties and evaluations.

Elizabeth Dennehy, Town Administrator, stated it’s an imperfect process. TA generally talks to department head and Finance Committee regarding merit increase.

Michell Llanes, 392 Main St., asked why we were amending.

Barry DeCristofano, Moderator stated we were amending to increase for the fiscal year.

John Duffy, 392 Main St., asked what was minimum wage.

Christine Kelly, Treasurer, stated that municipalities are exempt from minimum wage.

**ARTICLE 3** **VOTE** (On the motion of John Traynor, Jr., 62 Crescent St., Selectman and seconded), to approve the article as written in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**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 take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**Please see attached**

**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Wage and Personnel By-law by voting to delete the current “Wage & Personnel Board Bylaws,” in their entirety, and replacing them with the draft dated July 1, 2022, entitled “Wage and Personnel By-Law,” a copy of which is on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk’s office, and further, to authorize the Town Administrator to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the By-Laws, as necessary, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Wage and Personnel Board**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 5** **VOTE** (On the motion of Alan Wheelock, Wage and Personnel Chair and seconded), to approve the article as written in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $37,000.00 to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Treasurer**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 6 VOTE** (On the motion of John Traynor, Jr., 62 Crescent St., Selectman and seconded), to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $37,000.00 to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2023.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend such sums of money allotted or to be allotted to the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for the Fiscal Year 2023 and borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement such sums as may be available as the State’s share of the cost of work said Chapter 90, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Department**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 7** **VOTE** (On the motion of Robert Firlotte, 93 Maple St., Highway Superintendent and seconded, to see if the Town will vote to accept and expend $165,761.00 allotted or to be allotted to the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for the Fiscal Year 2023 and borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement such sums as may be available as the State’s share of the cost of work said Chapter 90.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of $200,000.00 for road construction, resurfacing and top coating, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Department**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 8** **VOTE** (On the motion of Robert Firlotte, 93 Maple St., Highway Superintendent and seconded), to approve the article as written in the warrant.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, s.21C for a period of four years for the lease and purchase and to fully equip a 2022 Ford F-550 or similar vehicle and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $27,417.25 to cover the first-year payment of such agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Department**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 9** **VOTE** (On the motion of Robert Firlotte, 93 Maple St., Highway Superintendent and seconded) to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, s.21C for a period of four years for the lease and purchase and to fully equip a 2022 Ford F-550 or similar vehicle and to transfer from The Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of $27,417.25 to cover the first-year payment of such agreement.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $105,327.58 to make annual lease payments as part of lease purchase programs previously authorized, as shown below, or take any other action relative thereto.

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| **Lease-Purchase Program** | **Amount** |
| Town-wide fiber optic buildout equipment | $22,000.00 |
| Highway Dept. Truck | $17,700.30 |
| Fire Dept. Vehicles | $48,903.05 |
| Fire Dept. Command Vehicle | $16,724.23 |

**Board of Selectmen**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 10** **VOTE** (On the motion of Mark Russo, 140 Palmer Rd., Selectman and seconded)**,** to see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of $105,327.58 to make annual lease payments as part of lease purchase programs previously authorized.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $13,600.00 for the purchase and installation of four solar-powered, pole-mounted speed limit signs, and anything incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen/Police Department**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 11** **VOTE** (On the motion of Mark Russo, 140 Palmer Rd., Selectman and seconded)**,** to see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of $13,600.00 for the purchase and installation of four solar-powered, pole-mounted speed limit signs, and anything incidental or related thereto.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses $5000.00

Reserves:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve $10,000.00

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve $10,000.00

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve $10,000.00

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve $65,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Plympton Community Preservation Committee**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 12** **VOTE** (On the motion of Mark Russo, 140 Palmer Rd., Selectman and seconded)**,** to see if the Town will approve the article as written in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 13** 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 the Fiscal Year 2023 real and personal property interim valuation of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

John Doyle, 193 Main St. asked what was the difference from to raise and appropriate and Free Cash.

Lisa Hart, 7 Marie Elain Dr., Town Accountant stated the Free cash is from last year’s unused balance.

John Duffy, 392 Main St. asked what is real and personal property.

Ethan Stiles, 85, West St., Board of Assessor stated real refers to real estate; residential, commercial, and open space. Personal property is owned by businesses. For example, “gas station pumps.”

Robert Durbin, 113 Prospect St., asked if it’s captured in a report to the state to return to the town.

Lisa Hart stated the use of free cash helps lower taxes to raise and appropriate.

**ARTICLE 13** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded)**,** to see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of $5,000.00 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2023 real and personal property interim valuation of the Town.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 14** 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 GIS map subscription hosted by Applied Geographics, Inc., or other similar service, and to update Assessors maps/GIS annually, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 14** **VOTE** (On the motion Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded), to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $5,000.00 for the purpose of GIS map subscription hosted by Applied Geographics, Inc., or other similar service, and to update Assessors maps/GIS annually.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $8,000.00 for the purpose of real property data recollection, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 15** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded) to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $8,000.00 for the purpose of real property data recollection.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to designate the Town of Plympton Board of Selectmen, the Town of Plympton Board of Assessors, and the Town Administrator of the Town of Plympton, collectively, as the “authorized officer” to negotiate Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements for solar or wind powered energy systems and co-located energy storage systems, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45th, as amended by Section 61 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, and after approval by Town Meeting of any respective Solar PILOT Agreement that has been so negotiated, to execute on behalf of the Town said Solar PILOT Agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

Deborah Anderson, 49 Elm St., asked what is PILOT.

Ethan Stiles, 85, West St., Board of Assessor stated it is Payments in Lieu Taxes. The payments give the town a steady income rather than the taxes upfront. It’s beneficial for both the town and the solar company

**ARTICLE 16** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded), to move that the town vote to approve the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE** **17** To see if the Town will vote to approve, the Solar PILOT agreement with Plympton Main Street Solar, LLC, 718 W. Business Highway 60, P.O. Box 639, Dexter, Missouri, 63841 for a Solar Facility located on Plympton Assessors Map 17 as Lot 5-8 and Lot 5-11, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45th, as amended by Section 61 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, and to authorize Town of Plympton Board of Selectmen, the Town of Plympton Board of Assessors, and the Town Administrator of the Town of Plympton, collectively, as the “authorized officer” the execute said Solar PILOT Agreement on behalf of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 17** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded), to move that the town vote to approve the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will vote to approve, the Solar PILOT agreement with Plympton Lake Street Solar, LLC, 718 W. Business Highway 60, P.O. Box 639, Dexter, Missouri, 63841 for a Solar Facility located on Plympton Assessors Map 3 as Lot 2-8 and Lot 2-13, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45th, as amended by Section 61 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, and to authorize Town of Plympton Board of Selectmen, the Town of Plympton Board of Assessors, and the Town Administrator of the Town of Plympton, collectively, as the “authorized officer” the execute said Solar PILOT Agreement on behalf of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 18** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded), to move that the town vote to approve the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 19** To see if the Town will vote to join PowerOptions, a program organized and administered pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 164, Section 137, and to ratify all actions taken by the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Town Administrator, and Board of Assessors pursuant to Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 12, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors/Board of Selectmen/Plympton School Committee**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 19** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., School Committee Chair and seconded), to move that the town vote to approve the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass 2/3 Majority**

**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.59, s. 5N, which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish a Veteran Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program whereby a veteran or spouse of a deceased or disabled veteran may volunteer his or her services to the Town and earn a reduction in his or her property tax bill; said program will be available as of January 1, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors/Board of Selectmen**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 20 VOTE** (On the motion of Ethan Stiles, 85 West St., Board of Assessors and seconded), to move that the town vote to approve the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $10,000.00 for the purchase of new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to replace aging PPE, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Department**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 21 VOTE** (On the motion of Stephen Silva, 24 Pope’s Farm, Fire Chief and seconded), to move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $10,000.00 for the purchase of new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to replace aging PPE, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $8,000.00 for the purchase, repair and/or replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Department**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 22 VOTE** (On the motion of Stephen Silva, 24 Pope’s Farm, Fire Chief and seconded), to move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $8,000.00 for the purchase, repair and/or replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $5,000.00 for the required 5% match for the Fiscal Year 2023 anticipated award of the FEMA AFG Safe Grant for hose replacement and communications equipment replacement for the Fire Department, and anything incidental or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Department**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 23 VOTE** (On the motion of Stephen Silva, 24 Pope’s Farm, Fire Chief and seconded), to move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $5,000.00 for the required 5% match for the Fiscal Year 2023 anticipated award of the FEMA AFG Safe Grant for hose replacement and communications equipment replacement for the Fire Department, and anything incidental or related thereto.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the General Consultant and Preliminary Design Services Article, as voted pursuant to Article 26 at the May 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Properties Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 24** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., Town Properties Committee Chair and seconded), to move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the General Consultant and Preliminary Design Services Article, as voted pursuant to Article 26 at the May 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $25,000.00 to cover any remaining cost of the replacement and/or repair of the middle and rear portions of the roof on the Town House, including all necessary work and improvements related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Properties Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 25** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., Town Properties Committee Chair and seconded), to move that the town vote to transfer from the Capitol Stabilization Fund the sum of $25,000.00 to cover any remaining cost of the replacement and/or repair of the middle and rear portions of the roof on the Town House, including all necessary work and improvements related thereto.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $11,500.00 for upgrades to the Plympton Public Library, including all necessary to design, construct, furnish and equip such upgrades and anything incidental or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Properties Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 26** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., Town Properties Committee Chair and seconded), to move that the town vote to transfer from the Capitol Stabilization Fund the sum

of $11,500.00 for upgrades to the Plympton Public Library, including all necessary to design, construct, furnish and equip such upgrades and anything incidental or related thereto,

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $8,500.00 for exterior refurbishment, repairs and upgrades to the Old Town House, including all necessary work and improvements related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Properties Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 27** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., Town Properties Committee Chair and seconded) to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of $8,500.00 for exterior refurbishment, repairs and upgrades to the Old Town House, including all necessary work and improvements related thereto.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $300,000.00 for a feasibility study, programmatic design, schematic design and planning services, including generation of cost estimates, geotechnical services and evaluation of current and future utilities and infrastructure for the future construction of a new fire station and anything incidental or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Properties Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., Town property Committee Chair addressed the issues of the Town’s 50-year-old fire station being inadequate for climate-controlled storage for safety vehicles and fire personnel.

Jason Lewis, 268 Main St., agrees with Mr. Wilhelmsen but wants to hold off due to the economy.

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**ARTICLE 28 VOTE** (On the motion of Jon Wilhelmsen, 255 Main St., Town Properties Committee Chair and seconded)to see if the Town will transfer the sum of $210,000.00 from the General Stabilization Fund the sum of $90,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for a feasibility study, programmatic design, schematic design and planning services, including generation of cost estimates, geotechnical services and evaluation of current and future utilities and infrastructure for the future construction of a new fire station and anything incidental or related thereto.

**Pass 2/3 Majority**

**ARTICLE 29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $9,500.00 to cover the purchase and installation, including any equipment and/or services related thereto of fire and burglar alarm systems at the Highway Barn and a fire alarm system at the Plympton Public Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 29 VOTE** (On the Motion of Christine Joy, Selectman, 10 Dukes Brook Rd. and seconded) to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $9,500.00 to cover the purchase and installation, including any equipment and/or services related thereto of fire and burglar alarm systems at the Highway Barn and a fire alarm system at the Plympton Public Library.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 30** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $18,500.00 for the purchase and installation, including any equipment and/or services related thereto of information technology equipment, including replacement of a 2012 documents server and purchase and installation of updated security software, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 30** **VOTE** (One the motion of John Traynor, Jr., 62 Crescent St., Selectman and seconded),

to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,500.00 for the purchase and installation, including any equipment and/or services related thereto of information technology equipment, including replacement of a 2012 documents server and purchase and

installation of updated security software,

**Pass Unanimous**

**Barry DeCistofano, Moderator asked if the next seven Articles could be summarized rather than being read word for word. They all have to with Bylaw changes.**

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 31** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton General Bylaws, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, Penalties and Enforcement, Section 1.3, by inserting into said Section a new Clause C-1, which will read as follows:

C-1. Board of Health violations. All regulations enacted by the Board of Health may be enforced through non-criminal disposition by Board of Health members or its designee(s). Violations shall be subject to a written warning for the first offense, and shall be subject to payment of the following fines:

 $50.00 for 2nd offense

 $75.00 for 3rd offense

 $100.00 for 4th and all subsequent offenses

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board/Bylaw Review Committee**

**Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

Bradford Cronin, Board of Heath Chair, stated that it being able to ticket is a tool for compliance rather than going to court.

John Duffy, 392 Main St., asked if this is in line with other fine amounts.

Bradford Cronin stated they closely mirrored other communities.

**ARTICLE 31** **VOTE** (On the motion of Alan Wheelock, 10 Center St. and seconded), to see if the Town

will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 300, Article V Intensity of Use Regulations, §300-5.8, Retreat lots, as follows:

To delete Section 300-5.8, A in its entirety and replace it with:

A. Minimum lot size shall be 120,000 square feet, exclusive of the Access Area serving the lot. The Access Area is the portion of the lot between the street and the point where the lot width equals 100 feet or more.

To delete Section 300-5.8B in its entirety and replace it with:

B. The frontage must be at least 40 feet, and the width of the Access Area serving the retreat lot must remain a minimum of 40 feet throughout its entire length. Fee simple title to such Access Area shall be held in the same name as the owner of the retreat lot, not separate and distinct.

In Sections 300-5.8D and 5.8E, to delete the word “accessway” and substitute it with the words “Access Area.”

In Section 300-5.8F, to capitalize the words “access area”.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board**

Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair, moved to amend the Article to read, (To delete”the first sentence’: 300-58…Written change made on the floor was approves and signed.

Ms. Sobolewski gave report that the Planning Board recommended to approve at a May 10, 2022 hearing.

**ARTICLE 32** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair and seconded), to see if the Town will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass 2/3 Majority**

**ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 300, Article VII, Special Permits, §300-7.2, Uses authorized by special permit, by amending it as follows:

In Section 300-7.2B, to delete the words “Adult entertainment” and substitute the words “Adult Uses”

In Section 300-7.2C, to delete the words “Boat or Canoe Livery” and substitute the words “Boat Livery”

In Section 300-7.2E, to delete the words “Club or Lodge, not for profit” and substitute the words “Private Club”

In Section 300-7.2F, to delete the words “Commercial riding stable: site plan showing sufficient parking area, entrance and exit; provision for on-site storage of manure; notice to Board of Health by applicant” and substitute the words “intentionally omitted”.

In Section 300-7.2L, to delete the words “Golf course: site plan showing drainage, driveways, entrances and exits, location of water supply and septage disposal; said plan to be consistent with Planning Board subdivision control rules and regulations.[1] Application of fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides will be in conformance with manufacturers' instructions and subject to the requirements of § 300-8.3 Groundwater Protection Districts. The Planning Board is the SPGA” and substitute the words “intentionally omitted”

In Section 300-7.2N, to delete the words “Guest House/Tourist Home” and substitute the words “Guest House” and to add the word “special” before the word “permit”

In Section 300-7.2Q, to delete the words Light Manufacturing District” and substitute the words “Light Manufacturing Intensive”

To delete Section 300-7.2R in its entirety and replace it with:

Outdoor Commercial Recreation: In considering any application for a special permit for Outdoor Commercial Recreation uses, the Zoning Board of Appeals, with due regard to the nature and condition of all adjacent structures and uses and the district within which the same is located, shall find all of the following conditions to be fulfilled: 1. Adequate screening from the street and abutting properties is provided; 2. Safe entrances and exits are provided and sufficient off-street parking spaces are provided to meet the needs of all employees and invitees and 3. Any aboveground sewage disposal facilities and any provisions for disposition of surface water are such that no pollution or nuisance will be caused directly or indirectly.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board**

Ms. Sobolewski gave report that the Planning Board recommended to approve at a May 10, 2022 hearing.

**ARTICLE 33** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair and seconded), to see if the Town will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 34** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 300, Article VI, §300-6.4A.(3) pertaining to Off-street parking, by deleting said §300-6.4A.(3) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

(3) Relief by Special Permit

The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a special permit which provides relief from portions of these regulations, if it finds (1) that it is impracticable to meet these standards, (2) that a waiver of these regulations will not result in or worsen parking and traffic problems on the surrounding streets or adversely impact the value of abutting lands and buildings and (3) that such parking spaces will not be needed for the proposed use, subject to the condition that the area necessary for those spaces is available on the lot for development as parking spaces, if necessary, in the future and such area is designated on the approved plan of record. If any time after the special permit is granted and the Building Inspector determines that a need exists for the additional spaces, the Building Inspector may require that the spaces be added. The Zoning Board of Appeals may impose appropriate time, use or dimensional conditions on the granting of such a special permit.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board**

Ms. Sobolewski gave report that the Planning Board recommended to approve at a May 10, 2022 hearing.

**ARTICLE 34** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair and seconded), to see if the Town will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 300, Article VI, § 300-6.7, pertaining to Site plans, as follows:

To delete the numeral “60” from Section 300-6.7, B.3 and replace it with “65” days.

To Delete the first sentence of Section 6.7.E in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Fees. The Planning Board shall require an application fee of $200 dollars per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area per building or square feet within the boundaries of a ground-mounted photovoltaic project or $1,000 dollars, whichever is greater.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board**

Ms. Sobolewski gave report that the Planning Board recommended to approve at a May 10, 2022 hearing.

**ARTICLE 35** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair and seconded), to see if the Town will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 36** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 300, Article XI, § 300-11.1, pertaining to Terms defined, as follows:

Delete the existing definition of Retail Store and replace it with the following definition:

RETAIL STORE: A Retail establishment selling general merchandise, including, but not limited to dry goods, apparel and accessories, food, drugs, furniture and home furnishings, home equipment, small wares and hardware, within a building, to the general public for personal or household consumption with not more than 10,000 square feet in net floor area. More than one Retail Store may be allowed as a principal use, but in the aggregate, all Retail stores located on a property shall not exceed 10,000 square feet in net floor area. A Retail Store may have one or more vendors within it. A garden center, florist or commercial green house may have open-air display of horticultural products.

To add, inserting each one at its proper place in the alphabetical listing, the following new definitions:

BASEMENT That portion of a building which is partly or completely below the Lower Elevation.

STORY That portion of a building included between the upper surface of a floor and the upper surface of a floor or roof next above.

STORY ABOVE GRADE Any Story having its finished floor surface entirely above the Lower Elevation, except that a Basement shall be considered as a story above grade where the finished surface of the floor above the Basement is: a) More than six (6) feet above the Lower Elevation for more than 40% of the total building perimeter; or b) More than twelve (12) feet above the Lower Elevation at any point,

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board**

Ms. Sobolewski gave report that the Planning Board recommended to approve at a May 10, 2022 hearing.

**ARTICLE 36** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair and seconded), to see if the Town will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass 2/3 Majority**

**ARTICLE 37** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 300, Article, III, §300-3.6 pertaining to the Zoning Map and the “Town of Plympton Zoning Map” by changing the area along Grove Street currently zoned Light Manufacturing (LM), consisting of eleven residential parcels and the railroad tracks along the entire length of Grove Street between Plympton’s East boundary line at the Town of Kingston to its West boundary line at the Town of Halifax, to Agricultural-Residential (AR), all as shown on the reference map entitled Town of Plympton, MA, dated January 10, 2022, a copy of which is on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk’s office.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board**

Ms. Sobolewski gave report that the Planning Board recommended to approve at a May 10, 2022 hearing and all homes in that area were in favor.

**ARTICLE 37** **VOTE** (On the motion of Ann Sobolewski, 255 Main St. Planning Board Chair and seconded), to see if the Town will vote for the Article as printed in the warrant.

**Pass 2/3 Majority**

**ARTICLE 38** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $3,500.00 for Bylaw Codification, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Clerk/Bylaw Review Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 38** **VOTE** (On the motion of Alan Wheelock, Wage and Personnel Chair and seconded), o see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $3,500.00 for Bylaw Codification.

**Pass Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 39** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $14,000.00 to support a part-time school resource officer for the Silver Lake Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Silver Lake Regional School Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (5-0); Recommended by BOS (3-0)**

**ARTICLE 39** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jason Fraser, 66 Maple St.), to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $14,000.00 to support a part-time school resource officer for the Silver Lake Middle School

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 40** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stabilization Fund for the Town of Plympton’s share of costs related to capital projects undertaken by the Silver Lake Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

**Silver Lake Regional School Committee**

**Recommended by Finance Committee (2-3)**

**ARTICLE 40** **VOTE** (On the motion of Jason Fraser, 66 Maple St.), to see if the Town will vote to establish a Stabilization Fund for the Town of Plympton’s share of costs related to capital projects undertaken by the Silver Lake Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

**Pass Majority**

**ARTICLE 41** To see if the Town will vote to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 8:00 a.m. on May 21, 2022 in the Plympton Town House for the sole purpose of conducting the Annual Town Election and further that this Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be dissolved immediately upon the closing of the polls on that date. The polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and shall be continuously open for voting until 6:00 p.m.

To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years

One (1) Board of Assessor member for three (3) years

One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years

Two (2) Finance Committee members for three (3) years

Two (2) Library Trustee for three (3) years

One (1) Library Trustee for two (2) years

One (1) Moderator for three (3) years

One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years

One (1) Planning Board member for three (3) years

One (1) Plympton School Committee member for three (3) years

One (1) Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for three (3) years

Question 1:

Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**ARTICLE 41 VOTE** (On the Motion of Christine Joy, Selectman, 10 Dukes Brook Rd. and seconded) to move to vote to adjourn this Town Meeting to the Annual Town Election as printed in the Warrant

**Pass Unanimous**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:53 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Patricia L. Detterman**

**Town Clerk**