



## TOWN OF PLYMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

### Finance Committee

May 3, 2010

Citizens of Plympton,

The Finance Committee is faced, once again, with preparing a Town budget with limited resources. The town is faced with an anticipated 4 percent cut in state aid. With our limited resources we worked diligently with the various town departments and the Board of Selectmen in an effort to provide the town with what we feel is a balanced and relatively even-handed budget.

We also ask that you take a few minutes to complete the attached Cable Survey and return it to the Selectmen at the Town House or at Town Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

Max West, Chairman	Jacki Norrie, Vice-Chair
David Peckinovsky, Clerk	Lisa Hart
Thomas Gillespie	

**Town of Plympton  
Cable TV Franchise Renewal Survey**

As part of the Cable Franchise Renewal process between the Town of Plympton and Comcast, the Halifax/ Plympton Cable Television Advisory Committee on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, is conducting this survey. It is one of the mechanisms we have to gather data regarding: A) the needs of the cable TV subscribers; and B) the performance of Comcast and other service providers. This survey should take only a few minutes to complete, and it is very important. We thank you in advance for your efforts to assist us in this important task. Surveys can be mailed or dropped off at Town House (use the white mailbox at front door) or brought to Town Meeting.

A hearing on the renewal of the franchise renewal will be held in the fall of 2010. If you wish to be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing, please watch the public access channels for information or contact the Selectmen's Office at 781-585-2700.

1. Who is your current Cable TV or other service provider?

☐ Comcast      ☐ Satellite      ☐ None      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you satisfied with your cable TV or other service provider?

☐ Very Dissatisfied      ☐ Dissatisfied      ☐ Satisfied      ☐ Very Satisfied      ☐ Wish I had a choice      ☐ Not applicable

3. Have you called your cable or other service provider's customer support/technical support in the past year?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Not applicable

4. If so, were you satisfied with the results?

☐ Very Dissatisfied      ☐ Dissatisfied      ☐ Satisfied      ☐ Very Satisfied      ☐ Not Applicable

5. In regards to your cable or other service provider, what is your opinion of the following:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Picture Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarity of Bill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Currently, Comcast operates a cable **studio** in Halifax that is used by residents to produce programs. Should Comcast be required to continue to run the **studio** in Halifax?

☐ Yes      ☐ No, the Town should run its own      ☐ No, the Town should regionalize with other towns

7. Have you changed cable or other service providers in the last five years?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Not applicable

If so, why?

8. Besides Comcast and satellite, would you like to see other companies or the Town provide cable television services in Plympton?

☐ Yes, other private companies      ☐ Yes, the Town      ☐ Yes, both private and the Town      ☐ No one else

PEG is an abbreviation for the three local access channels: (1) Public, (2) Education, and (3) Government Access channels. These channels cablecast programs produced by Halifax/ Plympton residents, school events, government meetings and public events.

9. Have you watched any programs on the PEG channels during the last year?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

10. If so, which programs:

11. What board or committee meetings or public events, currently not broadcast, would you like to have broadcast on a regular basis?

12. Rate the importance of these PEG Access channels to you:

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Not Applicable
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Do you have any other concerns about cable service in Plympton?

(Reminder: the Town has no control over rates and commercial programming and cannot force any other cable provider to provide service in Plympton)

PUT  
POSTAGE  
HERE

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Selectmen's Office  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton, MA 02367

**Town of Plympton**

**Budget: FY2011**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TM Approved</b>			<b>Requested</b>		<b>Recommended</b>	
	<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY09</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>Budget FY11</b>	<b>% Chg From FY10</b>	<b>Budget FY11</b>	<b>% Chg From FY10</b>
1 Assessors Salaries	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
2 Assessors Expense	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 21,630	\$ 23,866	10.3%	\$ 21,630	0.0%
3 Assistant Assessor	\$ 31,914	\$ 31,000	\$ 26,409	\$ 27,994	6.0%	\$ 26,937	2.0%
4 Accountant/Auditor	\$ 8,320	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 18,360	41.2%	\$ 18,360	41.2%
5 Accountant Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 465	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.0%	\$ 250	0.0%
6 Election & Registration	\$ 7,991	\$ 11,682	\$ 6,719	\$ 13,798	105.4%	\$ 13,798	105.4%
7 Town Clerk Salary	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,750	\$ 28,750	\$ 30,187	5.0%	\$ 29,325	2.0%
8 Certification Compensation	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
9 Town Clerk Expense	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,697	27.0%	\$ 10,000	0.0%
10 Finance Committee	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,878	0.0%	\$ 1,705	-9.2%
11 Moderator Salary	\$ 1	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.0%	\$ 100	0.0%
12 Planning Board	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0.0%	\$ 1,200	0.0%
13 Tax Collector Salary	\$ 26,800	\$ 27,604	\$ 27,604	\$ 28,984	5.0%	\$ 28,156	2.0%
14 Certification Compensation	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
15 Tax Collector Expense	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,450	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,832	23.6%	\$ 14,900	24.2%
16 Selectmen Salaries	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.0%	\$ 600	-60.0%
17 Selectmen Expense	\$ 13,800	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 19,635	19.0%	\$ 16,500	0.0%
18 Computer Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 22,870	\$ 25,170	10.1%	\$ 22,870	0.0%
19 Old Town House	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.0%		0.0%
20 New Town House	\$ 40,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 50,852	15.6%	\$ 44,000	0.0%
21 Street Lights	\$ 6,960	\$ 8,380	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000	30.0%	\$ 13,000	30.0%
22 Town Reports	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,800	7.7%	\$ 2,600	0.0%
23 Town Counsel	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 30,000	15.4%	\$ 26,000	0.0%
24 Treasurer Salary	\$ 21,190	\$ 21,825	\$ 21,825	\$ 22,916	5.0%	\$ 22,262	2.0%
25 Treasurer Expense	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,025	\$ 18,025	\$ 18,480	2.5%	\$ 18,025	0.0%
26 Treas. Banking Services	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	0.0%	\$ 4,500	0.0%
27 Wage & Personnel	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.0%		0.0%
28 Capital Expenditures	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
29 Conservation Commission	\$ 100	\$ 129	\$ 129	\$ 129	0.0%		0.0%
30 Town Forest Committee	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
31 Council on Aging	\$ 10,140	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	0.0%	\$ 9,900	0.0%
32 Recreation Committee	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,545	0.0%	\$ 1,545	0.0%
33 Industrial Committee	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.0%		0.0%
34 Historical Commission	\$ 500	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	0.0%	\$ 550	0.0%
35 Memorial Day	\$ 510	\$ 510	\$ 510	\$ 510	0.0%	\$ 510	0.0%

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Budget: FY2011

DESCRIPTION	TM Approved			Requested		Recommended	
	FY08	FY09	FY10	Budget FY11	% Chg From FY10	Budget FY11	% Chg From FY10
36 County Extension	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	0.0%	\$ 125	0.0%
37 Agriculture Commission	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.0%		0.0%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</b>	<b>\$ 318,208</b>	<b>\$ 345,552</b>	<b>\$ 332,324</b>	<b>\$ 377,963</b>	13.7%	<b>\$ 351,348</b>	5.7%
38 Group Health	\$ 194,027	\$ 211,650	\$ 211,650	\$ 243,911	15.2%	\$ 39,062	-81.5%
39 Blanket Insurance	\$ 81,223	\$ 69,855	\$ 86,175	\$ 92,356	7.2%	\$ 53,952	-37.4%
40 County Pension	\$ 231,252	\$ 248,330	\$ 255,887	\$ 263,564	3.0%	\$ 263,564	3.0%
41 Medicare	\$ 36,500	\$ 48,500	\$ 50,100	\$ 51,854	3.5%	\$ 51,854	3.5%
42 Unemployment	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 20,000	1900.0%	\$ 1,000	0.0%
<b>TOT. INS &amp; PENSION</b>	<b>\$ 543,502</b>	<b>\$ 578,935</b>	<b>\$ 604,812</b>	<b>\$ 671,685</b>	11.1%	<b>\$ 409,432</b>	-32.3%
43 Health Salaries	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	0.0%		0.0%
44 Health Expenses	\$ 174,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	4.0%	\$ 25,000	0.0%
45 Transfer Station	\$ -	\$ 173,550	\$ 173,550	\$ 173,550	0.0%	\$ 143,550	-17.3%
<b>TOT. BOARD OF HLTH</b>	<b>\$ 174,253</b>	<b>\$198,553.00</b>	<b>\$198,553</b>	<b>\$ 199,553</b>	0.5%	<b>\$168,550</b>	-15.1%
46 Surveyor Salary	\$ 50,044	\$ 51,546	\$ 51,546	\$ 54,123	5.0%	\$ 52,577	2.0%
47 Highway Labor	\$ 60,000	\$ 74,256	\$ 74,256	\$ 77,958	5.0%	\$ 75,741	2.0%
48 Snow & Ice	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.0%	\$ 30,000	0.0%
49 General Highway	\$ 65,000	\$ 66,950	\$ 66,950	\$ 89,111	33.1%	\$ 66,950	0.0%
50 Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	25.0%	\$ 4,000	0.0%
51 Park Department	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,460	3.5%	\$ 7,210	0.0%
52 Cemetery Department	\$ 5,871	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,312	5.2%	\$ 6,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$ 222,915</b>	<b>\$239,962</b>	<b>\$239,962</b>	<b>\$ 269,964</b>	12.5%	<b>\$242,478</b>	1.0%
53 Board of Appeals	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
54 Civil Defense(Emerg Mgmt Dir)	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
55 Dog Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.0%	\$ 5,000	0.0%
56 Animal Inspector	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,875	0.0%	\$ 1,875	0.0%
57 Dog Officer Expense	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650	0.0%	\$ 3,650	0.0%
58 Tree Warden Salary	\$ 8,207	\$ 8,453	\$ 8,453	\$ 8,453	0.0%	\$ 8,621	2.0%

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	FY08	FY09	FY10	Budget FY11	% Chg From FY10	Budget FY11	% Chg From FY10
59 Tree Warden Expense	\$ 4,784	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	0.0%	\$ 5,500	0.0%
<b>TOT. PROTECT PERSL PRPTY</b>	<b>\$ 24,416</b>	<b>\$ 25,402</b>	<b>\$ 25,378</b>	<b>\$ 25,378</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 24,646</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
60 Building Inspector/Dept.	\$ 24,000	\$ 23,400	\$ 23,156	\$ 22,736	-1.8%	\$ 18,000	-22.3%
61 Building Clerical	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,920	7.6%	\$ 5,500	0.0%
62 Zoning Administrator	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	0.0%	\$ 3,600	0.0%
63 Plumbing & Gas Inspector	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	0.0%	\$ 4,800	-20.0%
64 Wiring Inspector	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	0.0%	\$ 6,000	-20.0%
<b>TOTAL BIDG. DEPT.</b>	<b>\$ 43,620</b>	<b>\$ 46,000</b>	<b>\$ 45,756</b>	<b>\$ 45,756</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 37,900</b>	<b>-17.2%</b>
65 Fire Chief Salary	\$ 54,078	\$ 55,700	\$ 55,700	\$ 49,200	-11.7%	\$ 50,184	-9.9%
66 Fire Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 61,800	\$ 61,800	\$ 77,000	24.6%	\$ 61,800	0.0%
67 Fire/EMS	\$ 55,200	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 60,000	5.3%	\$ 60,000	5.3%
68 Fire Equipment	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 14,000	300.0%	\$ 10,000	185.7%
68A Insurance						\$23,230	
<b>TOTAL FIRE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 172,778</b>	<b>\$ 178,000</b>	<b>\$ 178,000</b>	<b>\$ 200,200</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>\$ 205,214</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
69 Police Chief Salary	\$ 60,000	\$ 63,220	\$ 66,381	\$ 66,381	0.0%	\$ 66,381	0.0%
70 Police Services	\$ 375,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 429,425	\$ 589,425	37.3%	\$ 444,008	3.4%
71 Police EMT	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.0%	\$ 1,500	0.0%
72 Police Department	\$ 55,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 63,700	\$ 98,700	54.9%	\$ 63,700	0.0%
73 Motor Vehicles	\$ 25,000	\$ 31,150	\$ 50,000	\$ 65,000	30.0%	\$ 50,000	0.0%
73A Insurance						\$77,116	
<b>TOT. POLICE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 516,500</b>	<b>\$ 556,870</b>	<b>\$ 611,006</b>	<b>\$ 821,006</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>\$ 702,705</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
74 Fire & Police Communications	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.0%	\$ 2,000	0.0%
<b>TOT. AMB. &amp; COM.</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
75 Veterans Agent	\$ 2,972	\$ 3,062	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	0.0%	\$ 7,500	0.0%
76 Veterans Administration	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
77 Veterans Benefits	\$ 27,500	\$ 28,000	\$ 20,500	\$ 34,200	66.8%	\$ 34,200	66.8%
78 Veterans Graves	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	0.0%	\$ 350	0.0%

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	FY08	FY09	FY10	Budget FY11	% Chg From FY10	Budget FY11	% Chg From FY10
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>	\$ 31,722	\$ 32,412	\$ 29,350	\$ 43,050	46.7%	\$ 42,050	43.3%
79 Library Director	\$ 31,730	\$ 34,861	\$ 34,861	\$ 34,861	0.0%	\$ 35,558	2.0%
80 Library Expenses	\$ 68,389	\$ 70,440	\$ 70,440	\$ 71,303	1.2%	\$ 71,303	1.2%
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	\$ 100,119	\$ 105,301	\$ 105,301	\$ 106,164	0.8%	\$ 106,861	1.5%
81 Elementary Schl Costs	\$ 1,828,242	\$ 1,904,417	\$ 1,929,452	\$ 1,909,196	-1.0%	\$ 1,894,196	-1.8%
82 Special Education	\$ 278,820	\$ 269,620	\$ 276,296	\$ 481,751	74.4%	\$ 456,751	65.3%
83 Vocational Education	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 70,500	50.0%	\$ 70,500	50.0%
83A Insurance						\$127,231	
<b>TOT. LOCAL SCHOOL</b>	\$ 2,195,062	\$ 2,262,037	\$ 2,252,748	\$ 2,461,447	9.3%	\$ 2,548,678	13.1%
84 Reg. School Assessment	\$ 1,913,069	\$ 1,847,307	\$ 1,759,843	\$ 1,643,545	-6.6%	\$ 1,643,545	-6.6%
85 Debt & Interest - Reg. School	\$ 308,322	\$ 205,714	\$ 203,243	\$ 188,840	-7.1%	\$ 188,840	-7.1%
<b>TOT. Regional SCHOOLS</b>	\$ 2,221,391	\$ 2,053,021	\$ 1,963,086	\$ 1,832,385	-6.7%	\$ 1,832,385	-6.7%
<b>TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS</b>	\$ 4,416,453	\$ 4,315,058	\$ 4,215,834	\$ 4,293,832	1.9%	\$ 4,381,063	3.9%
<b>86 RESERVE FUND</b>	\$ 40,000	\$ 35,178	\$ 41,569	\$ 55,000	32.3%	\$ 59,540	43.2%
87 Int/Loan/Refunds	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.0%	\$ 2,000	0.0%
88 Principal & Interest	\$ 72,150	\$ 47,511	\$ 90,482	\$ 87,274	-3.5%	\$ 87,274	-3.5%
89 Dennett Debt Exclusion	\$ 106,100	\$ 98,657	\$ 97,319	\$ 94,000	-3.4%	\$ 94,000	-3.4%
<b>RF, Int, P&amp;I, Debt Exclusion (86-89)</b>	\$ 180,250	\$ 183,346	\$ 231,370	\$ 238,274	3.0%	\$ 242,814	4.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 6,746,736	\$ 6,807,391	\$ 6,819,646	\$ 7,294,825	7.0%	\$ 6,917,061	1.4%

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	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	Budget <u>FY11</u>	% Chg From <u>FY10</u>	Budget <u>FY11</u>	% Chg From <u>FY10</u>
<b>Requests/Recommended vs. Revenue</b>							
Revenue Projection				\$ 7,080,474		\$ 7,080,474	
Budget Requests/Recommendations				\$ 7,294,825		\$ 6,917,061	
Warrant Articles				\$ 599,013		\$ 163,413	
Net Shortage (Revenue-(Budget+Warrant))				\$ (813,364)		\$ 0	



## Town of Plympton

## Warrant Articles &amp; Balance Sheet - FY-2011

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended From FY11 Revenue</u>	
<b><u>Special</u></b>					
1-S	PPD prior year unpaid bill		\$ 166.48	\$ 166.48	Recommend
2-S	Transfer of money (PPD Veh. to PPD Exp.)		\$ 6,000.00		
3-S	59 Parsonage Rd. Trailers removal		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	Recommend
4-S	Transfer of money (Elem.and Voc. to Special Ed)		\$ 35,122.00		
5-S	Fire excess lease payment & penalties		\$ 14,101.38	\$ 14,101.38	Recommend
6-S	Police Chief accrued vacation, sick time		\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	Recommend
7-S	Transfer of money (Various to Reserve Fund)		\$ 47,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	Recommend
7-S1	Transfer from other lines			\$ 33,500.00	
<b><u>Annual</u></b>					
6	Tax Collection	Treasurer	20,000.00		Not Recommended
7	2009 Financial Audits	Treasurer	29,000.00	29,000.00	Recommend
15	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles	Fire Dept.	18,384.00	18,384.00	Recommend
16	Fire Dept. Tanker Truck	Fire Dept.	297,478.00		Not Recommended
17	Fire Dept. 4WD	Fire Dept.	30,000.00		Not Recommended
18	Fire Vehicle Leases - Pumper	Fire Dept.	39,422.00	39,422.00	Recommend
19	Fire Vehicle Leases - EMS	Fire Dept.	17,839.00	17,839.00	Recommend
23	Town House Building Maintenance	Selectmen	10,000.00		Not Recommended
28	Harry Jason, Jr. Park	Selectmen	3,000.00		Not Recommended
Total Warrant Articles:			\$ 599,012.86	\$ 163,412.86	

## Projected Revenue for FY11:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,485,441.18	Stabilization Start	\$ 177,742.00
New Growth	\$ 37,000.00	Changes at TM	
State Aid	\$ 811,156.00	Stabilization Final	\$ 177,742.00
Local Receipts	\$ 530,000.00		
Estimated Available Free Cash	\$ 2,712.00		
Ambulance Fund	\$ 100,000.00	As recommended by FinCom	
Other Sources	\$ 91,600.00		
Debt Exclusions Schools	\$ 282,840.00	Budget	
Reductions (snow & ice, cherry sht charges, overlay,	\$ (260,275.00)	Warrant Articles	
Total Revenue	\$ 7,080,474.18	Total Budget	

Voted

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 12, 2010**

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 12, 2010 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 \$166.48 for an unpaid bill 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 \$6,000.00 from the May, 2009 Annual Town meeting budget Line 71 police vehicles to Line 68, Police Department Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Chief of Police: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**Article 3-S** to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$15,000.00 to pay for removal of trailers at 59 Parsonage Road, Plympton, MA 02367, or take any action relative thereto.

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

**Article 4-S** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from May 2009, Annual Town Meeting Line 81 Elementary School the sum of \$12,122 and transfer from line 83, Vocation Education the sum of \$23,000 both to be added to line 82 Special Education or take any action relative thereto.

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

**Article 5-S** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$14,101.38 to cover the lease of the two fire truck payments for FY10 or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**Article 6-S** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$16,000.00 to pay the accrued sick time for the Police Chief's contract or take any other action in relation thereto.

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

**Article 7-S** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$12,500.00 from the May, 2007, Annual Town Meeting, article 17 Blanchard Estates and transfer from available funds \$35,000.00 to be added to the 2009 May Annual Town Meeting budget line 86, Reserve Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

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

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Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010

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Barry DeCristofano, Chairman  
Plympton Board of Selectmen

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Joe Freitas

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John P. Henry, Clerk

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 12, 2010**

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 12, 2010 at 7:00 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.** 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 2011 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, 2010 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto

**WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2011**

**A. Firefighters (Part Time)**

Deputy Chief	\$22.00
Captain	\$20.50
Lieutenant	\$19.50
Firefighter	\$18.50
Certified EMT	\$18.50
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	\$25.00

**B. Highway Labor**

Working Foreman	\$17.38 to \$19.08
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$16.61 to \$17.30

Laborer \$13.54 to \$14.21

**C. Town Labor**

Laborer \$13.54 to \$14.21

Sr. Disposal Attendant \$15.65 to \$16.35

Disposal Attendant \$13.94 to \$14.63

**D. Clerical**

Junior Clerk – 1 year \$8.85 to \$9.55

Senior Clerk – 2 years \$11.35 to \$12.05

Senior Clerk – 5 years \$12.81 to \$13.49

**E. Accounting/Assessor**

Jr. Accounting Clerk \$11.81 to \$12.50

Sr. Accounting Clerk – 1 year \$13.13 to \$13.81

Sr. Accounting Clerk – 3 years \$15.00 to \$15.67

Sr. Accounting Clerk – 5 years \$16.35 to \$16.98

Asst. to Collector/Treasurer \$17.10 to \$19.13

**F. Selectmen's Office**

Junior Secretary – 1 year \$11.35 to \$12.05

Senior Secretary – 2 years \$13.25 to \$13.95

Senior Secretary – 5 years \$14.54 to \$15.23

Assistant to Board \$17.10 to \$19.13

**G. Library**

Senior Library Technician \$13.93 to \$16.89

Library Technician \$13.29 to \$15.11

Circulation Clerk \$10.90 to \$12.62

Library Clerk \$ 9.09 to \$11.15

**H. Police Department**

Police Administrative Clerk \$13.29 to \$15.11

**I. Town Clerk's Office**

Assistant Town Clerk \$17.10 to \$19.13

**J. Salaried Employees**

Fire Chief \$ 49,154.40 to \$63,306.93

Police Chief \$ 49,154.40 to \$63,306.93

Police Sergeant \$ 42,947.98 to \$49,555.33

Police Matron \$15/hour

Special Police Officer	\$13/hour		
Librarian/Director	\$ 30,677.31	to	\$34,861.00
Asst. Assessor – 1 year	\$ 23,232.94	to	\$25,646.80
Asst. Assessor – 3 years	\$ 26,408.60	to	\$28,947.89
Asst. Assessor – 5 years	\$ 29,000.00	to	\$41,000.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 3,060.56	to	\$ 3,091.90

**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 thereto.

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

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will authorize the establishment 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 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from stabilization fund the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of collecting and foreclosing on tax title properties or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**Not recommended by Finance Committee**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$29,000 to conduct financial audits of FY 2010 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 petition the General Court, through its local Representative, for the passage of an Act establishing the office of Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Plympton. Section 1: The office of Treasurer-Collector of Taxes in the Town of Plympton is hereby established. Said Treasurer-Collector of Taxes shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of said Town of Plympton for a term not to exceed three years and shall perform all duties hereinbefore performed by the Treasurer and Tax Collector of said Town and shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be established. Said Town may establish by By-law such qualifications for such office as deemed necessary and appropriate or take any other action in relation thereto.

Section: 2: This act shall take effect on April 01, 2012

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

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow under Chapter 44 Section 7, Sub-section 1 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of rehabilitation of the New Town House or take any action in relation thereto.

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

**Article 10. Transfer Station**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Samantha Lane, a subdivision duly approved by the Planning Board and inspected by the Highway Department that will be legally maintained for the residents that reside there.

**Planning Board: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law, Section 6.1 Signs, by the following:

**6.1.2.2**

- 1) Add the two words **“up to”** to the first sentence. It will now read, Display of **“up to”** two (2) signs to identify a permitted non-residential use of the premises. The total combined area of both is not to exceed fifty (50) square feet in area including wall, roof, projecting or hanging and free-standing signs.
- 2) No wall or roof sign shall (delete this following phrase,) **“exceed twenty-five (25) feet square in area nor”** extend beyond corners of building or that portion of the building occupied by the permitted use, business, industry or firm advertised, nor above the roof line of the building.

It will now read: No wall or roof sign shall extend beyond corners of building or that portion of the building occupied by the permitted use, business, industry or firm advertised, nor above the roof line of the

building.

Add new section to read:

**6.1.2.3 Signs permitted in All Districts:**

- 1. Any sign erected by the Town, State or Federal Government. Illumination of such sign, if any, must meet the provisions of section 6.1.2.2 paragraph 5 of this by law.**
- 2. A marker not to exceed two (2) square feet identifying a historic building.**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 2-1**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law, Section 6.1.2.2 Business, light manufacturing, Industrial Districts-Lighted and unlighted, located in subsection 4. Add as follows “(1), free standing, entire.” Removal of the letter “a” with new wording as follows. Display of (1) lighted free standing sign not attached to the building, pertaining to the use of the entire premises shall not exceed (12) square feet in area. Such signs shall not be more than (15) feet tall.

**Timothy Dempsey and Others: Not Recommended by BOS 2-1**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law, Section 6.1.2.2 Business, light manufacturing, Industrial Districts-Lighted and unlighted, located at subsection 5 Illumination part b. Add the words “and LED” as follows. Illumination shall not be animated, traveling, or flashing type. Exposed illuminated gas tube and LED signs are prohibited. No sign shall be illuminated so as to confuse or distract traffic, create glare, or shine onto residential properties.

**Deborah Dempsey and Others: Not Recommended by BOS 2-1**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,384 to purchase 24 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief: 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 \$297,478 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 \$30,000 to purchase and equip a new fire command SUV vehicle Truck or take any other action relative there to.

**Fire Chief: Not Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**Not 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 \$39,422.00 to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

**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 thereto.

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

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40U, enacted as Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2010, an Act Relative to Unpaid Municipal Fines, or takes any other action relative thereto.

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

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to amend as recommended by the Attorney General, Article XXI of the Plympton Municipal Bylaws, *Rules and Regulations Relative to the Control of Dogs* as follows:

Section 1.

**DEFINITIONS**

“License Late Fee” changes the word Fee to Fine and to read:

**“License Late Fine”, a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in addition to the license fee will be imposed after August 31<sup>st</sup> following to June 30<sup>th</sup> for any overdue license.”**

**Section 5.**

Paragraph 1, lines 2 & 3

Change “Late Fee” to “Late Fine.” To read:

**“Whoever violates any provision of Article XX1 s2 or s3 of these Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a late fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be paid to the Town. After October 1<sup>st</sup> violators shall be subject to a Non-Criminal Citation (21-D) with a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid to the town in addition to the license fee and any late fines.”**

**Town Clerk: Not Recommended by BOS 2-1**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of property from Ms. June Lydon located off Prospect Road being described as a certain piece of fresh meadow lying in Plympton on the south side of the Winnetuxet River, and containing by estimation one (1) acre, more or less and bounded as follows.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

BEGINNING at a stake and stone at the Southerly end of a ditch in the range of the land formerly belonging to Joel Ellis, which is the Southeasterly corner: THENCE Northerly in the range of a said ditch until it comes to said River: THENCE downstream on the Southerly side of said River until it come to the meadow formerly known as "Cushman's Meadow"; THENCE Southerly until it comes to the upland; THENCE to the bound first mentioned.

Said premises are conveyed together with all rights of ways, for all purposes that a right of way may be given, from Prospect Road.

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

**Article 23.** To see if the town will raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for Town Building Maintenance Account.

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

**Not recommended by Finance Committee**

**Article 24.** To see if the town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$125,181.00 as the states 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 25.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Highway Surveyor to apply for a Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP) grants or takes any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Department: 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§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 27.** To see if the Town will establish a Priority Development Site as provided for under provisions of MGL Chapter 43D, the Expedited Permitting Program, adopted by the Town at the 2009 Town Meeting, by designating the following Plympton Assessors' parcels:

Sheet 19, Block 1, lots 3A, 5B, 10C, 3D, and 9A, as such a Priority Development Site or take any action relative thereto.

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

**Article 28.** To see if the Town of Plympton will 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 29.** 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 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 2011, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses  
\$3,900

Reserves:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$7,800  
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$7,800  
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$7,800  
From FY 2011 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 appropriate \$5,000 from the Historic Resources Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund to fund a preliminary survey and to produce a detailed project plan to document the town's historic assets in an effort to preserve the historic character of the town; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Historical Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,000 to purchase and install a fire proof vault in accordance with Massachusetts General

Laws Chapter 66: Section 11 in order to preserve historic town records; including all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to fund such purchase and installation, \$16,200 shall be appropriated from the Community Preservation Committee Historic Resources Reserve and \$41,800 shall be appropriated from the Community Preservation Committee undesignated fund balance; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Clerk and the Community Preservation Committee; or take any action relative thereto.

**Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**Article 35.** To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. At a subsequent meeting as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws to be held at the Plympton Town House on Palmer Road Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

**Article 36.** To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 15, 2010. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Moderator: one for 3 years; Board of Selectman: one for 3 years; Tax Collector: one for 3 years; Assessor: one for 3 years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Planning Board: one for 5 years; Planning Board: one for 2 years; School Committee: one for 3 years; Library Trustee: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustee: one for 1 year

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