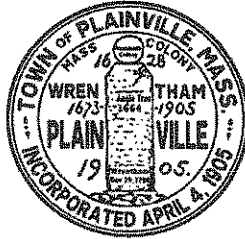


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**TOWN OF PLAINVILLE**  
**WARRANT**  
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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015**  
**AT 7:00 P.M.**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the action of the June 2, 2014 Town Meeting, Article 6, and by doing so, amend the appropriation and transfer of \$272,257 authorized thereunder and instead appropriate and transfer \$408,385 from funds received by the Town of Plainville for Fiscal Year 2015 as so called "Chapter 90" monies for costs associated with road resurfacing, restoration, maintenance, and land or easement purchases or takings, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the amount of \$272,257 be appropriated and transferred at the June 2, 2014 Town Meeting under Article 6 be amended to \$408,385. Leading up to the 2014 Town Meeting, the Town had been informed that it would receive \$272,257 in Chapter 90 funds in Fiscal Year 2015. It was not until January 8, 2015 that the Town was notified that "the Town of Plainville's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal Year 2015 has been increased from \$272,257 to \$408,385". Action on this Article will adjust the action of last year's Town Meeting to reflect the reality that the Town received the higher amount and plan accordingly.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$270,270 or any other sum from funds received by the Town of Plainville as so called "Chapter 90" monies for costs associated with road resurfacing, restoration, maintenance, and land or easement purchases or takings, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$270,270 be so appropriated and transferred. These are monies collected by the State primarily through gasoline taxes and earmarked for Plainville road maintenance. Approving this Article will authorize the acceptance and usage of the funds by the Plainville Highway Department for specific purposes with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Mass. Highway.*

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or to transfer from available funds, \$4,680 or any other sum to pay for services rendered to citizens of Plainville by South Norfolk County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., such payment to be made in accordance with a fee for services agreement to be entered into by the Board of Health on behalf of the Town of Plainville, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Health*)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$4,680 be so appropriated. This is an annual appropriation which pays for a small portion of the services which are delivered to affected citizens and family members residing in Plainville.*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or to transfer from available funds, \$30,000 or any other sum for the payment of fees associated with the collection of ambulance billings, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Fire Department)

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$30,000 be so appropriated.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$21,000 or any other sum for the purpose of conducting an audit of Fiscal Year 2015, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$21,000 be so appropriated.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$20,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund to provide for the extraordinary or unforeseen expenses as authorized by Sect. 6, Chap. 40 of Mass. General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Finance Committee)

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$20,000 be so appropriated.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or to transfer from available funds, \$4,100 or any other sum to fund Plainville's participation in the programs and services of the Southeastern Regional Services Group, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$4,100 be so appropriated. This funds Plainville's participation in a buying consortium of 19 cities and towns which procures such things as office supplies, highway paving supplies, gasoline and more at significant savings.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish revolving accounts pursuant to Section 53E1/2, of Chapter 44 of Massachusetts General Law. Funds credited to said revolving accounts shall be only those identified below under "Source of Funds", expended for purposes only as authorized under Section 53E1/2, of Chapter 44 of Massachusetts General Law and as identified below under "Use of Funds", and shall be expended under the direction of those so indicated. Until later changed through the action of a subsequent Town Meeting, the annual amount expended from each revolving account shall not exceed the amount indicated below under "Annual Expenditure".

<i>Source of Funds</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Expended Under Direction of:</i>	<i>Annual Expenditure</i>
1. Dog Licenses & Fines	Costs associated with the enforcement of the Animal Control By-Law	Board of Selectmen	\$15,000
2. Senior Center Rental Fees	Costs associated with the use of the Senior Center by those other than the Council on Aging	Council on Aging	\$10,000
3. Assessor's Map & Record Copying Fees	Costs associated with the copying and provision of Assessor's maps and records.	Board of Assessors	\$ 5,000
4. Fire Alarm Fees	Costs associated with the provision of Fire Alarm services	Fire Chief	\$55,000
5. Police Report Copying & Printing Fees	Costs associated with the copying and provision of Police Reports	Police Chief	\$10,000
6. Firearm Licenses	Costs associated with the provision and Production of firearms licenses	Police Chief	\$10,000
7. Use of Police Cruisers On Private Details	Costs associated with the maintenance of Police Cruisers	Police Chief	\$10,000
8. Use of Traffic Citations	Costs associated with the purchase of Police Cruisers	Police Chief	\$45,000

9. Library Fines	Costs associated with the Public Library	Board of Library Trustees	\$8,000
10. Cable Television Franchise Fees	Costs associated with the provision of Local Cable Access Programming	Cable Advisory Committee	\$30,000
11. Council on Aging Advertising	Costs associated with the printing of the Council on Aging Newsletter	Council on Aging	\$10,000

Or, to see if the Town will vote to do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that this Article be approved as printed. We are seeing a growing trend by Departments to divert generated revenues to specific revolving accounts which allows the Department to utilize these funds for the above stated purposes. In increasingly difficult financial times, this is a way for a Department to match use of funds with a specifically related revenue source.***

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$170,000 or any other sum to meet the Town's obligations for Medicare Taxes, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Town Treasurer)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$170,000 be so appropriated.***

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendments to the Personnel Bylaws within the Code of the Town of Plainville:

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***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the amendments to the Personnel Bylaw be approved as printed. Generally, the listed ranges were increased by 3% over last year. The Finance Committee has used as a guideline 3% as a maximum compensation increase. Given that most employees are covered under a collective bargaining agreement, the practical effectiveness of that guideline is generally limited to those employees whose positions are covered under this Article and the Article which follows.***

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended as follows:

	Authorized FY 15	Recommended FY16
Moderator	\$25. per meeting	\$25. per meeting
Town Clerk	\$65,689. Annually	\$ 67,615. Annually
Town Treasurer	\$58,500. Annually	\$ 59,670. Annually
Tax Collector	\$42,653. Annually	\$ 43,506. Annually
Selectmen, Each member	\$ 1,200. Annually	\$ 1,200. Annually
Board of Health, Each member	\$ 500. Annually	\$ 500. Annually
Assessors, Each member	\$ 1,500. Annually	\$ 1,500. Annually
Water – Sewer Commissioners, Each Member	\$ 1,000. Annually	\$ 1,000. Annually
Planning Board, Each Member	\$ 500. Annually	\$ 500. Annually
Library Trustees, Each Member	\$ 500. Annually	\$ 500. Annually
School Committee, Each Member	\$ 500. Annually	\$ 500. Annually
Tree Warden	\$ 7.50/hour	\$ 7.50 /hour
Constable	\$ 7.50/hour or \$3.00/posting	\$7.50 /hour or \$3.00 per posting

or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that this Article be passed as requested.***

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by borrowing, or otherwise, the following sums of money, or any other such sums as may be required to defray Town charges for the financial year beginning July 1, 2015, and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

***THIS ARTICLE IS THE TOWN BUDGET***

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE BUDGET AS PRINTED BELOW***

*Over the past several years Plainville, like most communities, has faced financial challenges to its ability to deliver services. As a consequence, the Town was forced to make difficult cuts in a number of areas during this period. As an overall observation, Department Heads have been judicious in their requests over these past years. Some of the budgets below restore some of those cuts made over the past. Additionally, with the pending opening of Plainridge Park, departments such as Police and Fire are being budgeted to better prepare them for not only the demands they currently face but also what can be expected once Plainridge opens.*

GOVERNMENT	DEPARTMENT #		
Selectmen	122		\$ 268,662
Salaries .....		\$ 241,362	
Expenses.....		\$ 27,300	
Finance Committee	131		\$ 300
Expenses.....		\$ 300	
Town Accountant	135		\$ 78,291
Salaries .....		\$ 75,991	
Expenses.....		\$ 2,300	
Assessors	141		\$ 115,625
Salaries .....		\$ 105,750	
Expenses.....		\$ 9,875	
Treasurer	145		\$ 115,982
Salaries .....		\$ 89,882	
Expenses.....		\$ 26,100	
Tax Collector	146		\$ 101,380
Salaries .....		\$ 87,080	
Expenses.....		\$ 14,300	
Legal	151		\$ 56,400
Expenses.....		\$ 56,400	
Data Processing	155		\$ 30,480
Expenses.....		\$ 30,480	
Town Clerk	161		\$ 122,061
Salaries .....		\$ 116,566	
Expenses.....		\$ 4,595	
Out of State Travel.....		\$ 900	
Election	162		\$ 15,200
Expenses.....		\$ 15,200	
Board of Registrars	163		\$ 17,456
Salaries .....		\$ 12,456	
Expenses.....		\$ 5,000	
Land Use Coordination	170		\$ 58,204
Salaries .....		\$ 52,004	

Expenses.....		\$ 6,200	
Conservation Commission	171		\$ 11,000
Salaries .....		\$ 10,000	
Expenses.....		\$ 1,000	
Planning Board	175		\$ 2,700
Salaries .....		\$ 2,500	
Expenses.....		\$ 200	
Zoning Board	176		\$ 3,200
Salaries .....		\$ 3,000	
Expenses.....		\$ 200	
Building Maintenance	192		\$ 21,100
Expenses.....		\$ 21,100	
Town Insurance	193		\$ 164,750
Expenses.....		\$ 164,750	
Police Department	210		\$ 2,207,733
Salaries .....		\$1,928,633	
Expenses.....		\$ 184,100	
Capital.....		\$ 95,000	
Communications	215		\$ 421,234
Salaries .....		\$ 308,334	
Expenses.....		\$ 112,900	
Fire & Ambulance	220		\$ 2,325,383
Salaries .....		\$2,086,438	
Expenses.....		\$ 246,945	
Out of State Travel .....		\$ 2,000	
Call Fire Department	225		\$ 18,500
Salaries .....		\$ 14,000	
Expenses.....		\$ 4,500	
Building Inspection	241		\$ 88,138
Salaries .....		\$ 51,898	
Inspection Fees.....		\$ 27,500	
Expenses.....		\$ 8,740	
Plumbing & Gas Inspection	242		\$ 62,700
Inspection Fees.....		\$ 60,000	
Expenses.....		\$ 2,700	
Sealer of Weights & Measurers	244		\$ 5,000
Expenses.....		\$ 5,000	
Wiring Inspection	245		\$ 80,020
Inspection Fees.....		\$ 75,000	
Expenses.....		\$ 5,020	
Animal Control Officer	292		\$ 12,000
Salaries.....		\$ 9,380	
Expenses.....		\$ 2,620	
Tree Warden	294		\$ 3,000
Expenses.....		\$ 3,000	
Local Schools	300		\$ 8,446,096
Salaries & Expenses.....		\$8,446,096	

King Philip Regional School	350		\$ 5,455,047
Salaries & Expenses. ....		\$4,838,229	
Debt Excluded from Prop 2 ½ .....		\$ 616,818	
Tri-County Vocational School	350		\$ 1,192,311
Salaries & Expenses. ....		\$1,192,311	
Highway Department	422		\$ 494,656
Salaries .....		\$ 377,516	
Expenses.....		\$ 117,140	
Snow Removal	423		\$ 52,000
Salaries .....		\$ 22,000	
Expenses.....		\$ 30,000	
Street Lights	424		\$ 98,500
Expenses.....		\$ 98,500	
Sewer Department	440		\$ 693,322
Salaries .....		\$ 176,767	
Expenses.....		\$ 506,555	
Equipment.....		\$ 10,000	
Water Department	450		\$ 962,074
Salaries .....		\$ 312,374	
Expenses.....		\$ 637,700	
Equipment.....		\$ 10,000	
Out of State Travel .....		\$ 2,000	
Board of Health	510		\$ 128,390
Salaries .....		\$ 100,151	
Expenses.....		\$ 28,239	
Council on Aging	541		\$ 155,594
Salaries .....		\$ 119,354	
Expenses.....		\$ 36,240	
Veteran's Benefits	543		\$ 166,340
Salaries .....		\$ 5,440	
Expenses.....		\$ 900	
Benefits.....		\$ 160,000	
Library	610		\$ 205,610
Salaries .....		\$ 128,651	
Expenses.....		\$ 76,959	
Park Department	650		\$ 53,626
Salaries .....		\$ 49,841	
Expenses.....		\$ 3,785	
Historical Commission	691		\$ 5,750
Expenses.....		\$ 5,750	
Memorial Day	692		\$ 1,000
Expenses.....		\$ 1,000	
Maturing General Debt	710		\$ 111,000
Principal Expense.....		\$ 111,000	
Maturing Water Dept. Debt	710		\$ 268,214
Principal Expense.....		\$ 268,214	
Sewer Dept. Debt Due to N. Attleboro	710		\$ 176,372
Principal Expense.....		\$ 176,372	

Sewer Dept. Debt Due to N. Attleboro			
Excldd from Prop 2 ½	710		\$ 176,372
Principal Expense.....		\$ 176,372	
West Side Sewer Excldd from Prop 2 ½	710		\$ 173,460
Principal Expense.....		\$ 173,460	
Maturing Debt Excldd from Prop 2 ½	710		\$ 630,000
Principal Expense.....		\$ 630,000	
Interest on General Debt	751		\$ 33,675
Expenses.....		\$ 33,675	
Interest on Water Dept. Debt	751		\$ 59,922
Expenses.....		\$ 59,922	
West Side Sewer Excldd from Prop 2 ½	751		\$ 53,561
Interest Expense.....		\$ 53,561	
Interest on Debt Excldd from Prop 2 ½	751		\$ 131,694
Expenses.....		\$ 131,694	
Norfolk County & State Retirement	911		\$ 1,234,888
Expenses.....		\$ 1,234,888	
Group Insurance	914		\$ 2,173,606
Expenses.....		\$ 2,173,606	

Or, to see if the Town will vote to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, \$11,992 or any other sum for the purpose of proportionally funding a portion of the fifty third week of payroll for all municipal departments, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$11,992 be so appropriated.***

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$11,208 or any other sum for the purpose of funding the tuition of Plainville students attending the Norfolk County Agricultural High School during the 2015 – 2016 school year, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$11,208 be so appropriated.***

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to appropriate \$439,825 or any other sums for the purpose of operating a household waste collection, recycling, and disposal program; \$389,395 of such appropriation to be funded from Fiscal Year 2016 Trash Enterprise Revenue, \$47,445 to be funded from Trash Enterprise Retained Earnings, and \$2,985 to be raised as part of general revenue to cover the costs of refuse collection for school and municipal buildings, such sums to be expended as follows by and under the direction of the Board of Health:

Salaries.....	\$ 42,896
Expenses.....	\$396,929

Or, to see if the Town will vote to do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Health*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that this Article be approved as printed. This Funds the Trash program which has not increased rates to users for more than eleven years and continues that same trend.***

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$5,350 or any other sum for the purpose of funding the Assessor's Appraisal Software License Agreement for Fiscal Year 2016, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Board of Assessors)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$5,350 be so appropriated.***

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$2,600 or any other sum for the purpose of funding the second year cost of a GIS database and software, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Board of Assessors)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$2,600 be so appropriated. (As a correction, this will fund the third of the contract)***

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$10,000 or any other sum to be used in conjunction with funds previously appropriated under Article 20 of the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of updating Fiscal 2016 valuations, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Board of Assessors)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$10,000 be so appropriated. At last year's Town Meeting, \$50,000 was appropriated to perform the FY 2016 valuation update. However, since that time, the Town's Principal Assessor has retired and the Board of Assessor's expanded the scope of work that valuation contractor would need to now perform as the result of that retirement.***

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$5,000 or any other sum for the payment of fees associated with the collection of Medicaid Reimbursement for services provided by the Plainville School Department to eligible students, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that this Article be approved as printed. This covers the cost of billing for reimbursement from Medicaid for services the Plainville School Department provides to program eligible students.***

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$6,000 or any other sum for the purpose of administering employee physicals and/or psychological screenings for new hires or for such other employment purposes as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$6,000 be so appropriated.***

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$1,345,000 or any other sum, for the purchase and equipping of a new ladder truck, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Fire Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the Town vote to approve the purchase of a new ladder truck and authorize the borrowing of \$1,345,000 to pay for it. As one can imagine, deciding to support such a significant investment was not made lightly. Nevertheless, we are unanimous in our recommendation. The "life expectancy" of a ladder truck is typically twenty years. The Town's current ladder truck is nearly 18 years old and is the primary piece of equipment in the Fire Department. If this article were to be approved, the lead time for build-out and delivery of a new truck would be an additional year. Despite reaching the end of its expected life, this is not what is prompting this recommendation. The reality is that the truck has recently experienced repeated bouts of unreliability and inoperability stemming from electrical failures. The movement and extension of the ladder often is not possible. The extension of the truck's outriggers has occasionally not been possible, requiring the truck to be moved and turned around at a recent fire so that the ladder could be extended over the side of the truck on which the outriggers did work. At another fire, the nozzle at the tip of ladder would not move, requiring a firefighter to climb to the end of the ladder and physically force the nozzle into position. These and other electrical problems are directly related to a***



*myriad of aging wiring harnesses. Additionally, the onboard emergency area lighting generator no longer works, the pumper portion of the truck is beginning to “whine”, an indication of impending pump gear failure, and the truck’s engine and drivetrain performance has degraded noticeably when climbing inclines such as East Bacon Street.*

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$151,000 or any other sum, for the repairing and equipping of the existing Plainville Fire Department ladder truck, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Fire Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.*** *As discussed above, the Finance Committee is in support of the purchase of a new truck. Should Article 25 fail, this Article would simply be a one year “stop-gap” to address some, but certainly not all of the known problems discussed above. The primary focus of this repair approach would be electrical in nature, leaving structural, mechanical, and other issues yet to be addressed. The Fire Chief has been clear that if Article 25 fails and Article 26 is favored, he fully anticipates the need to once again look to seek funding for a ladder truck at next year’s Annual Town Meeting, or face an even larger repair bill as an alternative. We feel that this is throwing good money after bad. Worse yet, it attempts to keep an already unreliable front line vehicle online, when reliability needs to be the cornerstone of our responses to fire emergencies.*

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$10,400 or any other sum, for the purchase of a new computer server and associated peripherals for the Plainville Fire Department, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Fire Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** *that \$10,400 be so appropriated. This Article and the next, will allow for the utilization of incident and reporting software compatible with that being or to be used in Wrentham, Norfolk, and Franklin as a step in developing the anticipated regional dispatch center.*

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$10,400 or any other sum, for the purchase of a new computer server and associated peripherals for the Plainville Police Department, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Police Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** *that \$10,400 be so appropriated. (See comments above)*

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$7,500 or any other sum, to fund the third year payment of a four (4) year lease for the Police Chief’s vehicle, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Police Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** *that \$7,500 be so appropriated.*

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$10,000 or any other sum, for the purchase of upgraded Police Tasers and related equipment for the Plainville Police Department, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Police Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** *that \$10,000 be so appropriated.*

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$11,680 or any other sum, for the replacement of winter jackets and safety vests within the Plainville Police Department, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Police Chief, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Police Chief)*

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** *that \$11,680 be so appropriated.*

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote accept the provisions of G.L. c.60, s.15B and to establish a Tax Title Revolving Fund for the Treasurer and or Tax Collector or any successor position(s), to which fund shall be credited any fees, charges and costs incurred by such officer under sections G.L. c.60, §§15, 55, 62, 65, 68 or 79 and collected upon the redemption of

tax titles and sales of real property acquired through foreclosures of tax titles, and which amounts may be expended for expenses incurred under G.L. c.60 in connection with a tax taking or tax title foreclosure, including, but not limited to, fees and costs of recording or filing documents and instruments, searching and examining titles, mailing, publishing or advertising notices or documents, petitioning the land court, serving court filings and documents and paying legal fees, with said fund to be effective July 1, 2015, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that this Article be passed. Passage of this Article would allow the Town to take advantage of recently passed legislation which would create a revolving account wherein fees generated from liens and fees associated with delinquent tax properties could be placed into a dedicated revolving account. Legal costs associated with those delinquent tax properties could then be paid from the established revolving account.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$25,000 or any other sum to fund foreclosure costs of Tax Title properties, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Town Treasurer*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.*** It is hoped that Article 32 will pass making this appropriation unnecessary.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$100,000 or any other sum to further fund the Town of Plainville's OPEB Trust Fund (Other Post-Employment Benefits), such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Town Treasurer*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that \$100,000 be so appropriated. Two years ago at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, the Town voted to establish an OPEB Trust fund and to appropriate \$15,000 into it. No funding was approved last year. For several years now, municipalities have been required to calculate their financial obligations surrounding retiree non-pension benefits (primarily health insurance). Plainville's OPEB obligation was approximately \$14,300,000 as of June 30, 2013. Currently, municipalities are not required to fund their OPEB obligations but will soon be required to show them on their balance sheets. It is simply a matter of time before there will be financial consequences if a community has not taken steps to address their OPEB obligation. The Finance Committee recommends that we appropriate \$100,000 into our OPEB Trust. Coincidentally, the Town has begun to receive and will continue to receive an annual "Community Impact Payment" of \$100,000 from Plainridge under our Host Community Agreement. We feel that annually earmarking this "found money" now and in the future before it finds its way into other budgets would be its most prudent use.

**ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$149,050, or any other sum, from the Fiscal Year 2015 Maturing Debt due to North Attleboro Account to the Fiscal Year 2015 Maturing Debt West Side Sewer Debt Account, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Town Treasurer*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that this Article be passed.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 42A to 42F, inclusive, (water rates) and the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 83, Sections 16A to 16F, inclusive, (sewer rates), which statutes provide for a method of collection of water and sewer rates; or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Tax Collector*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that this Article be passed.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$75,000 or any other sum, for the purchase or construction of an additional salt storage shed and for repairs as may be needed to the existing salt storage shed, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Highway Superintendent*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that the Town vote to appropriate \$75,000 for the construction of an additional Salt Shed and to fund that appropriation through borrowing. This past winter not only set records for snowfall but also illustrated how vulnerable we are if we cannot acquire salt for road treatment. Every area community had difficulty in getting salt delivered. Those communities with larger storage capacities were able to “ride out” that salt shortage. Unfortunately Plainville was not as fortunate and at times had to restrict road salting due to lack of salt. This appropriation will allow the Highway Department to expand its storage capacity.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$120,000 or any other sum, for the purchase of a truck chassis and cab onto which will be mounted a sander, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Highway Superintendent*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that the Town vote to appropriate \$120,000 for this purchase and to fund that appropriation through borrowing.

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$165,000 or any other sum, for the purchase of a front end loader to replace the sixteen (16) year old loader currently be used in the Plainville Highway Department, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Highway Superintendent*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.*** Although there is a need to replace the loader in question, we feel that it would be better funded through the use of Chapter 90 funds.

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$23,000 or any other sum, for the purchase of a snow blower attachment to be attached to existing equipment currently in use in the Plainville Highway Department, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Highway Superintendent*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.*** Once again, we do not quarrel with the benefit of acquiring this attachment. It is simply an item that we cannot currently afford during this budget year given some of our other needs.

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$65,000 or any other sum, for the purchase and equipping of a small dump truck and plow for in use in the Plainville Highway Department, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Highway Superintendent*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS*** that the Town vote to appropriate \$65,000 for this purchase and to fund that appropriation through borrowing. This would allow for the replacement of a front line piece of equipment which is more than 20 years old.

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$50,000 or any other sum, for the purchase and equipping of a pickup truck and plow for use in the Plainville Highway Department, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (*Sponsor: Highway Superintendent*)

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.*** Here again, we are not opposed to this purchase. It is simply an item that we cannot currently afford during this budget year given some of our other needs.

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,007,000 or any other sum, for the rehabilitation of the East Bacon Street/Highland Street 1.5 million gallon water storage tank; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,007,000 for the rehabilitation of this tank and to fund that appropriation through borrowing.*

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 or any other sum from Water Surplus to fund the necessary engineering and administrative costs associated with the East Bacon Street/Highland Street 1.5 million gallon water storage tank rehabilitation project, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the Town vote to appropriate \$50,000 for the engineering costs associated with the rehabilitation of the East Bacon Street tank that we are supporting under Article 43.*

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$80,000 or any other sum to be used in conjunction with funds previously appropriated under Article 30 of the June 3, 2013 Annual Town Meeting for the replacement of water mains, services, valves, and hydrants on Maple Street and that the combination of those funds be used also for the replacement of water mains, services, valves, and hydrants on Cottage Street as well, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the Town vote to appropriate the additional \$80,000 to be used with previously appropriated funds to replace water mains on both Maple and Cottage Streets. We are pleased that the projects have been combined to gain "buying power". We are also pleased that we now have firm bids so that this Article can be voted on with an added degree of certainty.*

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$100,000 or any other sum from Water Surplus to fund the necessary engineering and administrative costs associated with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection review of the existing and future permits granted to the Town of Plainville under the Massachusetts Water Management Act as such may pertain to the Taunton River Basin and the Ten Mile River Basin; the existing permits to expire during Fiscal Year 2016, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the Town vote to appropriate \$100,000 for the engineering costs associated with the review and renewal of withdrawal permits under the Water Management Act. These permit reviews are increasingly burdensome and complicated for communities. With that complication comes expense and we see no other alternative but to recommend this expenditure..*

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$26,852 or any other sum to fund Plainville's participation in the Metacomet Regional Communications District, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: Board of Selectmen)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that \$13,500 be so appropriated. Earlier this year \$13,500 was already appropriated and remains unused. The combination of these two appropriations will be sufficient to cover Plainville's share of the anticipated startup costs of the regional dispatch center.*

**ARTICLE 50:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the King Philip Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of designing and constructing of an artificial turf athletic field, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Sponsor: King Philip School Committee)

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that this Article be passed. If passed this would allow the King Philip School Committee to borrow \$576,473 to be used along with funds raised by*

*donations and pledges to construct an artificial turf field at the High School. Plainville's share of that borrowing would be \$150,690 which would be paid over a 3 to 5 year timeframe. The King Philip School Committee made a compelling case concerning the advantages of the new field along with added revenue that could be raised by renting out its use. Our recommendation is contingent upon the KP School Committee's pledge to establish a separate account for those rental revenues to be used for the future replacement of the field after its 10 to 12 year expected life cycle.*

**ARTICLE 51:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of an additional sum of \$13,005 by the King Philip Regional School District from the District's own funds, being whatever source, including its excess and deficiency fund, which represents the Town of Plainville's share (constituting 25.66 percentage) of the additional \$50,000 cost of a sewer improvement repair project at the King Philip Regional Middle School within the King Philip Regional School District, said total cost having been previously estimated to be \$150,000 and approved under Article 61 of the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, but now having been determined to be a total cost of \$200,000, said amount to be expended at the direction of the King Philip Regional School District School Committee, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. *(Sponsor: King Philip School Committee)*

*THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that this Article be passed.*

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE PLAINVILLE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE***