

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 3, 2024

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Beatrice H. Wood Elementary School, 72 Messenger Street on Monday, June 3, 2024. A quorum was present with a total of 112 voters checked in for the evening. Town Moderator, Luke Travis, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The Moderator read the opening of the warrant. The Town Clerk confirmed that the warrant was posted and returned in the proper fashion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 131 and Girl Scout Troop 802, followed by a moment of silence for fallen military personnel and first responders.

Introductions were made of the Town Clerk, Finance Committee, Select Board, Town Administrator, and Town Counsel.

The Town Clerk swore in Ellen Robertson, Justin Alexander, Janet Jannell, and Andrew LaBerge as vote counters for the evening. The Moderator declared the meets and bounds of the hall. He also gave the following information and instructions:

- All voters should have checked in and received a voter's card
- Please silence all cell phones
- The warrant articles are the notice and the motions are what we will vote on so please listen to the motion carefully
- Motion amendment forms may be found upfront at the Town Clerk's table
- The consent agenda covers (4) four articles: 1,5,6 and 22
- Article 2 is the budget
- There will be some articles where we will waive the reading of the article
- At 10:00-10:30 we will take a sense of the meeting to continue

PRIOR TO ARTICLE 1

MOTION: by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. The Select Board recommends, and I so move that the following individuals, who are not registered voters of the Town of Plainville, be authorized to speak at this and subsequent sessions of the Annual Town Meeting:

James S.K. Floyd	Police Chief
J.R. Skinner	Fire Chief
Melissa Campbell	Library Director
Brian Noble	Town Administrator
Julie Hebert	Finance Director
Jeffrey Blake, Esq.	Town Counsel
Joseph Fernandes	Director of Planning & Development
Dennis Morton	Public Works Superintendent

Christine Higgins	Senior Center Director
Deborah Revelle	Health Director
John Teiner	Parks Director
Jennifer Parson	Superintendent of Schools
Gale Clark	Schools Business Manager
Dr. Richard Drolet	KP Regional Superintendent
John Groh	Principal Assessor
Marshall Adams	Building Commissioner
James Marot	Facilities Director

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 1, 5, 6 and 22 and that they be “passed by consent” in accordance with the motions shown on the “2024 Plainville Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda” distributed to Town Meeting attendees this evening.

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2023 Annual Report; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions as printed in the 2023 Annual Report.

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the Fiscal Year 2025, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefore, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant;

FISCAL 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FY2023 ACTUAL	FY2024 APPROPRIATED	FY2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
122	SELECT BOARD				
	PAYROLL	\$ 256,356	\$ 277,563	\$ 323,438	\$ 323,438
	EXPENSES	60,308	78,400	80,200	80,200
	TOTAL	316,664	355,963	403,638	403,638
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	EXPENSES	180	250	250	250
	DEPT TOTAL	180	250	250	250
132	RESERVE FUND				
	EXPENSES	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
	DEPT TOTAL	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
135	FINANCE DIRECTOR/ACCOUNTANT				
	PAYROLL	215,544	273,832	296,579	296,579
	EXPENSES	49,582	51,650	56,150	56,150
	DEPT TOTAL	265,126	325,482	352,729	352,729
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	PAYROLL	151,698	162,620	170,350	170,350
	EXPENSES	36,935	45,257	45,967	45,967
	DEPT TOTAL	188,633	207,877	216,317	216,317
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR				
	PAYROLL	226,650	244,354	259,318	259,318
	EXPENSES	68,823	87,400	87,720	87,720
	DEPT TOTAL	295,473	331,754	347,038	347,038
151	TOWN COUNSEL				
	EXPENSES	42,953	80,000	60,000	60,000
	DEPT TOTAL	42,953	80,000	60,000	60,000
155	TECHNOLOGY				
	PAYROLL	86,700	88,483	93,407	93,407
	EXPENSES	88,044	126,000	149,025	149,025
	DEPT TOTAL	174,744	214,483	242,432	242,432
161	TOWN CLERK				
	PAYROLL	187,963	195,834	214,797	214,797
	EXPENSES	20,134	26,750	26,980	26,980
	DEPT TOTAL	208,097	222,584	241,777	241,777
162	ELECTIONS				
	PAYROLL	24,292	31,500	32,250	32,250
	EXPENSES	12,017	22,325	22,250	22,250
	DEPT TOTAL	36,309	53,825	54,500	54,500
170	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT				
	PAYROLL	104,325	106,657	120,600	120,600
	EXPENSES	955	4,070	5,030	5,030
	DEPT TOTAL	105,280	110,727	125,630	125,630
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,633,459	2,002,945	2,144,311	2,144,311
210	POLICE				
	PAYROLL	2,183,632	2,709,560	2,986,256	2,986,256
	EXPENSES	512,243	574,331	714,763	714,763

	DEPT TOTAL	2,695,875	3,283,891	3,701,019	3,701,019
220	FIRE				
	PAYROLL	2,829,560	2,895,932	3,382,793	3,382,793
	EXPENSES	284,710	295,843	296,509	296,509
	DEPT TOTAL	3,114,270	3,191,775	3,679,302	3,679,302
231	AMBULANCE				
	PAYROLL	57,738	315,300	11,975	11,975
	EXPENSES	127,808	125,489	142,900	142,900
	DEPT TOTAL	185,546	440,789	154,875	154,875
225	CALL FIRE				
	PAYROLL	15,990	10,000	10,000	10,000
	EXPENSES	5,872	7,500	7,500	7,500
	DEPT TOTAL	21,862	17,500	17,500	17,500
230	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY				
	PAYROLL	-	-	10,000	10,000
	DEPT TOTAL	-	-	10,000	10,000
241	INSPECTIONS				
	PAYROLL	225,303	255,738	241,287	241,287
	EXPENSES	3,596	9,500	9,500	9,500
	DEPT TOTAL	228,899	265,238	250,787	250,787
244	SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURE				
	EXPENSES	3,750	3,800	5,500	5,500
	DEPT TOTAL	3,750	3,800	5,500	5,500
292	ANIMAL CONTROL				
	EXPENSES	-	-	25,000	25,000
	DEPT TOTAL	-	-	25,000	25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		6,250,202	7,202,993	7,843,983	7,843,983
300	LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET				
	EXPENSES	8,313,013	9,400,000	9,696,038	9,696,038
	DEPT TOTAL	8,313,013	9,400,000	9,696,038	9,696,038
350	REGIONAL SCHOOLS				
	KP REGIONAL	7,145,435	7,262,856	8,048,435	8,048,435
	KP 2 1/2 EXCLUD. DEBT	431,849	391,480	385,004	385,004
	TRI-COUNTY	1,476,951	1,869,554	1,854,732	1,854,732
	NORFOLK AGRICULT.	16,976	34,496	54,084	54,084
	TOTAL	9,071,211	9,558,386	10,342,255	10,342,255
TOTAL EDUCATION		17,384,224	18,958,386	20,038,293	20,038,293
294	TREE WARDEN				
	EXPENSES	3,855	5,500	5,500	5,500
	DEPT TOTAL	3,855	5,500	5,500	5,500
422	HIGHWAY				
	PAYROLL	250,665	411,958	382,600	382,600
	EXPENSES	142,838	225,400	230,900	230,900
	DEPT TOTAL	393,503	637,358	613,500	613,500
423	SNOW/ICE CONTROL				
	PAYROLL	23,019	33,825	33,825	33,825
	EXPENSES	220,055	258,300	258,300	258,300
	DEPT TOTAL	243,074	292,125	292,125	292,125
424	STREETLIGHTS				
	EXPENSES	110,720	156,250	130,878	130,878
	DEPT TOTAL	110,720	156,250	130,878	130,878

492	FACILITIES			
	PAYROLL	223,830	306,680	370,383
	EXPENSES	378,605	423,000	401,500
	DEPT TOTAL	602,435	729,680	771,883
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,353,587	1,820,913	1,813,886
510	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	PAYROLL	114,495	149,674	155,283
	EXPENSES	12,572	35,905	31,105
	DEPT TOTAL	127,068	185,579	186,388
541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	PAYROLL	176,573	211,249	244,522
	EXPENSES	19,480	38,800	34,900
	DEPT TOTAL	196,053	250,049	279,422
543	VETERANS' SERVICES			
	EXPENSES	107,814	143,000	128,000
	DEPT TOTAL	107,814	143,000	128,000
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	430,934	578,628	593,810
610	LIBRARY			
	PAYROLL	157,487	177,774	191,827
	EXPENSES	93,698	86,017	84,145
	DEPT TOTAL	251,185	263,791	275,972
650	PARK & RECREATION			
	PAYROLL	69,005	70,536	106,600
	DEPT TOTAL	69,005	70,536	106,600
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	EXPENSES	6,996	8,191	8,191
	DEPT TOTAL	6,996	8,191	8,191
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	327,186	342,518	390,763
710/750	DEBT SERVICE			
	DEBT SRV	2,358,903	2,018,849	2,062,556
	PRINCIPAL			
	DEBT SRV INTEREST	1,179,801	1,122,780	1,040,142
	DEPT TOTAL	3,538,704	3,141,629	3,102,698
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	3,538,704	3,141,629	3,102,698
914	INSURANCE & BENEFITS			
	NORFOLK COUNTY RETIREMENT	2,567,956	2,567,956	2,567,956
	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,377,214	3,016,750	3,069,320
	MEDICARE TAXES	244,859	229,500	245,000
	UNEMPLOYMENT	41,472	50,000	40,000
	GENERAL LIABILITY	255,156	322,000	322,000
	COMPENSATED BALANCES	20,395	20,000	15,000

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING	15,713	7,000	7,000	7,000
TOTAL	5,522,765	6,213,206	6,266,276	6,266,276
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED/ EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	5,522,765	6,213,206	6,266,276	6,266,276
TRANSFER TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR INDIRECT COSTS (USAGE)	86,833	121,454	122,733	122,733
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 36,527,894	\$ 40,382,672	\$ 42,316,753	\$ 42,316,753

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

Moderator	\$25 per meeting	Town Clerk	\$94,340
Select Board		Board of Health	
Each Member	\$120	Each Member	\$120
Library Trustees		Planning Board	
Each Member	\$120	Each Member	\$120
School Committee		Constable	\$15/hour
Each Member	\$120		\$5/posting
Board of Assessors			
Each Member	\$120		

Or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Committee

MOTION: by Mark Johnson and seconded by Brian Kelly. *I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the Fiscal Year [2025] and appropriate funds for the payment of said salaries and compensation, including the approval and funding of the Town's obligations under the Collective Bargaining Agreements completed in the fiscal and calendar year, the payment of debt and interest, provide for a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; all as set forth in the budget presentation by the Finance Committee as evidenced in the final total in the column entitled, "Finance Committee Recommends," and as funding therefore, to appropriate as follows:*

*\$32,090,805 raised from Taxation
3,328,840 raised from Projected State Revenue
4,099,680 raised from Estimated Local Receipts
368,185 transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund Usage Fees
204,413 transferred from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Usage Fees*

*63,992 transferred from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Usage Fees
\$2,160,838 transferred from the Gaming Stabilization Fund*

\$42,316,753 GRAND TOTAL

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay for the Town Departments, as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Assessors	Required Certification Review	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Overlay Surplus
Finance	Financial Software Upgrade	300,000	300,000	Free Cash
Technology	Computer & Network Refresh Cycle	50,000	50,000	Free Cash
Technology	Security Camera Expansion	10,000	10,000	Free Cash
Police	Police Cruisers (2)	166,582	166,582	Free Cash
Police	Outer Gear	32,600	-0-	-
Fire/EMS	Ambulance	478,000	478,000	Capital Stabilization
EMA	Building Generator	50,000	50,000	Free Cash
EMA	Trailer	10,000	10,000	Free Cash
Senior Center	Siding Replacement	30,000	30,000	Free Cash
Facilities	Truck or Van	65,000	65,000	Free Cash
Highway	6 Wheel Dump truck	250,000	-0-	Free Cash
Highway	One Ton Pick-up with plow	75,000	-0-	Free Cash
Highway	Hot Box Trailer	45,000	45,000	Free Cash
Highway	Split Deck Tilt Trailer	11,500	11,500	Free Cash
School	Replace Host Servers	14,000	14,000	Free Cash
School	Student Chromebooks	58,500	58,500	Free Cash
School	Staff Computer Replacement	39,000	39,000	Free Cash
School	Classroom Interactive Panels	56,000	56,000	Free Cash
School	Roof(s) Assessment	25,000	25,000	Free Cash
		\$1,796,182	\$1,438,582	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Committee

This Article provides for some of the capital requests in the budget. The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article as stated in the “Finance Committee’s Recommendation” column.

MOTION: by Mark Johnson and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$930,582 from Free Cash, \$478,000 from Capital Stabilization, and \$30,000 from Overlay Surplus to fund the Capital Budget Requests as specified in the “Finance Committee Recommends” column of Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 3, 2024.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
DECLARED PASSED BY THE MODERATOR***

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum recommended, or any other sum or sums, to be expended under the direction of the DPW Superintendent for roadway resurfacing and related construction, maintenance of public ways, engineering, installation and/or maintenance of street drainage, tree planting, trimming or removal or any other necessary and proper expense related to the public ways of the Town; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the DPW Superintendent

This Article provides for the additional needs of our roads in repair, maintenance, drainage planning, construction, and maintenance, traffic calming, and tree work.

The Finance Committee endorses this Article with a proposed allocation of \$500,000. This investment aligns with the Town's broader commitment to infrastructure development, which currently exceeds \$600 million in value. Sustaining and enhancing this infrastructure demands ongoing maintenance, funded through a combination of state and town resources.

MOTION: by Jeffrey Johnson and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$500,000 from Free Cash to fund roadway resurfacing and related construction, maintenance of public ways, engineering, installation and/or maintenance of street drainage, tree planting, trimming or removal or any other necessary and proper expense related to the public ways of the Town to be expended under the direction of the DPW Superintendent.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

The Town Meeting must authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and use any funds that may be available to the Town under state or federal grants.

The Finance Committee endorses this Article. The acquisition of funds through grants serves to alleviate the strain on the General Fund.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant applications.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for Chapter 90 type construction, improvements, and/or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the DPW Superintendent

This article permits the Town to accept and spend money appropriated to the Town by the Commonwealth for road repairs and related expenses.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article as it enables the Town to accept and utilize funds provided by the Commonwealth, specifically designated for the maintenance, improvement, and reconstruction of public roads and associated infrastructure under Chapter 90. This vital allocation not only facilitates essential repairs and enhancements but also signifies a collaborative effort between the state and the Town to ensure the safety and efficiency of our municipal roadways. Therefore, we urge the Town Meeting to vote in favor of this article, recognizing its significance in bolstering our community's infrastructure.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90 type construction improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment, further to authorize the Town to enter into contracts relative thereto and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to enter into an alternative energy power purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreement for a term or terms up to thirty years, on such other terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Select Board to take all actions necessary or appropriate to administer and implement such agreement(s); or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

This article authorizes the Select Board to purchase alternative energy power or net metering credits to further reduce the cost of electricity in municipal buildings.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously approval of this Article as it grants authority to the Town to negotiate alternative energy power purchase agreements or net metering credit purchases, extending up to thirty years, with the aim of lowering electricity expenses for municipal buildings. Embracing alternative energy solutions aligns with the Town's commitment to sustainability while simultaneously offering potential cost savings in the long term. Therefore, we urge the Town to support this forward-thinking initiative, recognizing its potential benefits for both the environment and the fiscal health of our community.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. I move Article 7 as written in the Warrant.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund as shown below:

	FY24	FY25
Salaries & Benefits	455,350	\$ 476,350
Operation & Maintenance	840,080	890,580
Debt Service	1,037,532	1,253,945
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$2,332,962</i>	<i>\$2,620,875</i>

And that this sum be raised as follows:

	FY24	FY25
Water Revenue (usage fees)	\$2,301,556	\$2,589,469
Tax Levy (Town usage)	31,406	31,406
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$2,332,962</i>	<i>\$2,620,875</i>

or take any other action relative thereon in relation thereto.

Requested by the Director of Public Works

The Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Water Department. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Water Department.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Jeffrey Johnson and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,620,875 to operate the Water Enterprise Fund authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, as set forth in Article 8 of the June 3, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay for the Water Enterprise Fund, as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by transfer from Retained Earnings,

Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Messenger Street Booster Station Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Article Re-purpose
Water Meter Replacement	100,000	100,000	Retained Earnings
Water Meter Replacement	150,000	150,000	Article Re-purpose
Asset Management	0	0	Article Re-purpose
	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the DPW Superintendent

This article pertains to the capital requirements of the Water Enterprise, suggesting the reallocation of funds from past Town Meeting articles to advance the next phase of the asset management program. Specifically, for meter replacement, any surplus funds from completed articles unrelated to meter replacement will be redirected accordingly.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article which funds crucial capital projects for the Water Enterprise Fund. These projects include vital infrastructure upgrades such as Messenger Street Booster Station Rehabilitation, Water Meter Replacement, and the continuation of the Asset Management project. Funding will continue from a mix of Retained Earnings and repurposed funds from prior authorizations. Some funds are also matched with State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans at no cost to the ratepayers. Leveraging existing resources enables the Town to maintain and improve its water infrastructure efficiently. We urge approval of this article to ensure ongoing reliability and efficiency in our water supply system.

MOTION: by Jeffrey Johnson and seconded by Dawn Denizkurt. *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of*

- \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and
- \$150,000 by re-purposing an existing balance in the June 6th, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9 for water main replacement design for water meter replacement;
- and re-purpose \$100,000 from existing balances in the June 6th 2022 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9 water pump rehabilitation & replacement and water pump housing, and from the June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9 water building repairs and water pump rehabilitation for the Messenger Street booster station rehabilitation; and further
- to re-purpose any remaining unspent funds from the June 6, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Article 9 for water asset management phase 2 to cover all phases of the water asset management plans.

VOTE REQUIRED: ***MAJORITY***
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below:

	FY24	FY25
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 278,122	\$ 272,950
Operation & Maintenance	632,640	727,640
Debt Service	324,029	308,593
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$ 1,234,791</i>	<i>\$ 1,309,183</i>

And that this sum be raised as follows:

	FY24	FY25
Sewer Revenue (Usage Fees)	\$ 1,213,912	\$ 1,288,304
Tax Levy (Town usage fees)	20,879	20,879
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$ 1,234,791</i>	<i>\$ 1,309,183</i>

or take any other action relative thereon in relation thereto.

Requested by the Director of Public Works

The Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Sewer Department. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Sewer Department.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article as outlined above.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,309,183 to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, as set forth in Article 10 of the June 3, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$445,724 for sewer pipe lining & rehabilitation for the inflow & infiltration (I&I) remediation project and to appropriate that sum from the Sewer I & I Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto in relation thereto.

Requested by the DPW Superintendent

This Article intends to fund the I & I rehabilitation and remediation project(s) for the Sewer Department.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article which proposes an expenditure of up to \$445,724 for sewer pipe lining & rehabilitation to address inflow & infiltration (I&I) issues from the Sewer I & I Stabilization Account. Combined with additional funds from ARPA (The American Rescue Plan Act), the Town will ensure the dedicated resources for essential infrastructure remediation. By investing in sewer pipe lining and rehabilitation, the Town can effectively mitigate I&I concerns, improving the efficiency and reliability of our sewer system and reducing our sewage treatment expense. This article safeguards the integrity of our sewer infrastructure and enhances environmental protection measures.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$445,724 from the Sewer I & I Stabilization Account to fund the sewer lining, rehabilitation, and remediation project including all costs related to the necessary and proper execution of the project as outlined in Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 3, 2024.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of \$25,000 to cover the excess sewer costs incurred in FY24, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

The Town incurred higher expenses than anticipated due to unanticipated increases in monthly volume. This transfer covers the current year deficit that would otherwise be raised on the tax recap.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article unanimously.

***MOTION:** by Brian Kelly and seconded Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay for excess sewer costs incurred in FY24.*

VOTE REQUIRED: *MAJORITY*
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to operate the Cable Enterprise Fund as shown below:

	FY24	FY25
Operations & Maintenance (North TV)	\$45,000	\$40,000
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>

And that this sum be raised as follows:

	FY24	FY25
Cable Revenue (Cable fees)	\$38,000	\$32,000
Cable Retained Earnings	7,000	8,000
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>

or take any other action relative thereto in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

The Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of Public Access, and Educational Cable Access. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Cable Enterprise. The revenue is provided by a 1% surcharge on Comcast Xfinity™ subscriptions.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to operate the Cable Enterprise Fund authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, as set forth in Article 13 of the June 3, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE REQUIRED: *MAJORITY*
DECLARED PASSED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, from Cable Enterprise Retained Earnings for an unpaid invoice from a prior year, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

This Article authorizes the payment of an overlooked invoice from March 2023, totaling \$8,803.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article in the amount of \$8,803.

MOTION: by Maggie Clarke and seconded Jeffrey Johnson. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,803 from the Cable Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to pay a prior year unpaid invoice.

VOTE REQUIRED: *4/5ths MAJORITY*
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund as shown below:

	FY24	FY25
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 71,415	\$ 77,255
Operation & Maintenance	837,884	847,320
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$ 909,299</i>	<i>\$ 924,575</i>

And that this sum be raised as follows:

	FY24	FY25
Solid Waste Revenue (Usage Fees)	\$ 773,640	\$ 775,048
Tax Levy (Town Usage)	69,169	70,448
Water Revenue (Water \$1,660/Sewer \$1,312)	2,915	2,972

Solid Waste Retained Earnings	63,575	76,107
	\$ 909,299	\$ 924,575

or take any other action relative thereon in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Solid Waste program. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of the solid waste program.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$924,575 to operate the Solid Waste (“Trash”) Enterprise Fund authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, as set forth in Article 15 of the June 3, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund the Special Education Reserve Fund (85-300-3590-0000-0000) as established at the Annual Town Meeting of June 2017, subject to the terms and conditions as voted by Town Meeting at that time; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board and School Committee

In June of 2017, the Town Meeting adopted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 13E which permitted the establishment of a reserve fund to mitigate special education costs. The intent of the article is to fund the Special Education Reserve Fund at a level that is realistic to the need and to allow the School Department access to funds by authorization of the School Committee and the Select Board should the need arise. Massachusetts General Law limits the contribution to this account at 2% of “Net School Spending.”

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article in the amount of \$180,000.

MOTION: by Justin Alexander and seconded by Dawn Denizkurt. I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$180,000 to the Special Education Reserve Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 13E.

VOTE REQUIRED:

*MAJORITY
DECLARED PASSED BY THE MODERATOR*

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 to rescind the vote taken under Article 27 of the June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting creating a Special Purpose Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicating 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town to such fund pursuant to G.L. c.40, §5B; and further to transfer the sum of \$32,633 from the Special Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and Free Cash to a special revenue fund approved by the Director of Accounts pursuant to said Chapter 77, and for such funds henceforth received to be placed in such special revenue fund, to be expended without further appropriation for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid litigation settlement documents; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

In FY23, the Town received \$32,633 from the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit Settlement before the Department of Revenue (DOR) issued guidance on accounting and appropriating funds collected through class action litigation. The Legislature authorized a special revenue account, enabling the Town to approve expenditures without further appropriation. Moving the original balance of \$32,633, along with any additional deposits to the former stabilization account (currently totaling \$35,565), allows for the proper reclassification of these funds in accordance with DOR rules.

The Finance Committee also unanimously recommends this Article.

***MOTION:** by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. I move Article 17 as printed in the June 3, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and further to transfer \$32,633 from Free Cash and \$35,564.67 and any other funds received between now and the close of the fiscal year from the Special Purpose Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to the newly created Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund.*

VOTE REQUIRED:

*MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money 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/Collector; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director and
Treasurer/Collector

This Article transfers money from Overlay Surplus to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article in the amount of \$50,000.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly seconded by Dawn Denizkurt. I move that the Town transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$50,000 to the Town's OPEB Trust Fund as outlined in Article 18.

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, will reserve from FY25 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$13,275 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$26,550) for open space purposes; 10% (\$26,550) for historic preservation; 10% (\$26,550) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$172,575 to the FY25 Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article follows Massachusetts General Law that requires the reserving of certain percentages of the Community Preservation Act funds for specific purposes. This is done annually at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Dawn Denizkurt and seconded by Stanley Widak. I move the Article as written in the Warrant.

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, will vote to transfer and appropriate the following amounts from the Community Preservation Fund, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act:

- a. The sum of \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve to build a restroom and/or a snack booth at the Town-owned "Field of Dreams" complex located at 80 School Street. Said sum is to be administered under the jurisdiction of the Plainville Park and Recreation Department.

- b. The sum of \$125,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve for the proper construction of a parking lot at Telford Park, 142 South Street. Said sum is to be administered under the direction of the Town Administrator.

All funding is subject to the approval of the Community Preservation Committee prior to disbursement to any other administerial agency; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee manages the Community Preservation Act Funds, which are being requested to finance two projects that benefit the Town.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Dawn Denizkurt and seconded by Stanley Widak. I move Article 20 as written in the Warrant.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
DECLARED PASSED BY THE MODERATOR***

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept the generous donation of land from the family of Dorothea J. Kettell located "...on the westerly side of School Street, being Lot 19 on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Plainville, MA prepared for Dorothea J. Kettell, April 17, 1986, by SMR Surveying & Engineering Company" which plan is recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 342, Plan No. 1308 (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan.") Lot 19 contains 6,017 +/- square feet according to said Plan. The acceptance of this donation aligns with the Town's strategic needs and goals for inclusion in the "Field of Dreams" and/or the location of future infrastructure needs for town utilities.

Furthermore, to authorize the Select Board to decide upon any terms, conditions, or restrictions associated with this donation that may be proposed by the donor or required by law and to execute any and all agreements and documentation required for the acceptance of this gift of land or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

Approval by the Town Meeting is necessary to accept this generous land donation. This approval will also empower the Select Board to represent the Town in signing all required documents to finalize the acceptance of this donation. This action ensures that all legal and administrative procedures are correctly followed, facilitating a smooth transition of the land into the Town's stewardship.

MOTION: by Jeffrey Johnson and seconded by Stanley Widak. I move Article 21 as written in the Warrant.

VOTE REQUIRED: *MAJORITY*
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during FY25 beginning on July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in Town By-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½;

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY25 Limit</i>
Dog Licenses & Fines	Select Board	Expenses related to animal control	Licenses & Fees	\$65,000
Senior Center Rental	Council on Aging	Expenses related to the operation of the Senior Center	Rental Fees	\$10,000
Assessor's Map and Record Copying Fees	Board of Assessors	Expenses related to the operation of the Assessing Department	Fees for copies of Assessor's maps and records	\$5,000
Fire Alarm Fees	Fire Chief	Expenses related to the fire alarm system	Fees associated with the provision of the fire alarm system	\$100,000
Police Report Copy & Printing Fees	Police Chief	Expenses related to the Police Department Records Division	Fees for copies of police records and reports	\$0
Firearms Licenses	Police Chief	Expenses related to the Police Department	Fees for firearms licenses	\$25,000
Use of Police Cruisers on Private Details	Police Chief	Expenses related to the maintenance of police cruisers	Fees charged for the use of police vehicles or equipment on private details	\$35,000
Use of Traffic Citations	Police Chief	Expenses related to the purchase of police cruisers	Fines and fees associated with traffic citations	\$70,000
Library Fines	Board of Library Trustees	Expenses related to the Public Library	Fines issued by the Public Library	\$3,500
Passport Fees	Board of Library Trustees	Expenses related to the Public Library	Fees paid for passport-related services	\$25,000
Council of Aging Advertising	Council on Aging	Costs associated with the printing of the Council on Aging Newsletter	Fees or payments received from advertising	\$10,000
Parks and Recreation Fees and Funds	Park & Recreation Commissioners	Costs associated with Parks & Recreation projects	Funds received by the Parks and Recreation Department	\$300,000
Planning and Development Fees & Funds	Director of Planning & Development	Costs associated with Planning and Development projects	Funds received by the Planning and Development Department	\$150,000
Wetlands Protection	Conservation Commission	Costs associated with the operation of the Conservation Commission	Fees received by the Conservation Commission in relation to WPA claims and approvals	\$50,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

This Article seeks to renew the authorization to use the funds collected through fees for the support of that department's activities. The funds are established under the Bylaws of the Town, however, Town Meeting still needs to authorize the spending limit each fiscal year.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during the fiscal year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as presented in Article 22 of the June 3, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaw §515 Personnel Policies and Compensation by amending "Appendix A" as follows:

FY25 Wage & Compensation Plan

		Range		
		Minimum	Maximum	Salary/Hourly
A. Director Level	Principal Assessor	\$ 63,266	\$ 100,500	Salary
	Park & Recreation Director	\$ 61,430	\$ 82,000	Salary
	Council on Aging Director	\$ 65,000	\$ 85,000	Salary
	Director of Planning & Development	\$ 85,000	\$ 117,091	Salary
	Public Works Director	\$ 118,065	\$ 142,902	Salary
	Library Director	\$ 67,315	\$ 78,540	Salary
	Building Commissioner	\$ 89,760	\$ 107,100	Salary
	Facilities Director	\$ 86,700	\$ 110,160	Salary
	IT Director	\$ 86,700	\$ 110,160	Salary
	Treasurer/Collector	\$ 96,900	\$ 122,400	Salary
	Health Director	\$ 81,600	\$ 94,500	Salary
	Health Agent	\$ 52,500	\$ 83,640	Salary
B. Library	Page	\$ 16.32	\$ 16.83	Hourly
	Library Technician I	\$ 16.83	\$ 17.60	Hourly
	Library Technician/Passport Agent	\$ 16.83	\$ 17.60	Hourly
	Library Technician II	\$ 17.85	\$ 20.09	Hourly
	Associate Librarian	\$ 25.30	\$ 26.83	Hourly
	Children's Librarian	\$ 22.44	\$ 27.54	Hourly
C. Council on Aging	Departmental Assistant	\$ 27.54	\$ 34.68	Hourly
	Administrative Assistant	\$ 24.99	\$ 31.82	Hourly
	Outreach Coordinator	\$ 24.99	\$ 31.82	Hourly
	Transportation/Dispatch/Driver	\$ 20.66	\$ 26.19	Hourly
	Maintenance/Custodial Person	\$ 16.32	\$ 18.72	Hourly

D. Park & Recreation					
Lifeguard	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	Hourly		
Water Safety Instructor	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	Hourly		
Recreation Aide	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	Hourly		
Program Aide	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	Hourly		
Laborer	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	Hourly		
E. Facilities					
Facilities - Supervisor	\$ 22.95	\$ 32.64	Hourly		
Facilities - Laborer	\$ 20.40	\$ 30.60	Hourly		
F. Other					
Custodian	\$ 16.32	\$ 22.44	Hourly		
Traffic Control Officer	\$ 20.40	\$ 25.50	Hourly		
Public Health Nurse	\$ 22.44	\$ 35.70	Hourly		
Health Part-time Assistant	\$ 22.44	\$ 35.70	Hourly		
Departmental Assistant - Administration	\$ 30.32	\$ 42.85	Hourly		
Departmental Clerk – Administration	\$ 16.50	\$ 30.32	Hourly		
G. Inspector(s)					
Building Inspector/Alternate	\$ 40	Per Hour or Per Inspection whichever is higher			
Wiring Inspector/Alternate	\$ 40	Per Hour or Per Inspection whichever is higher			
Plumbing & Gas Inspector/Alternate	\$ 40	Per Hour or Per Inspection whichever is higher			

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

The Personnel Policies and Compensation By-Law should be reviewed and adjusted annually as necessary. This by-law sets forth the wage and compensation policy for non-union town employees.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article.

MOTION: by Jeffrey Johnson seconded by Stanley Widak. I move Article 23 as written.

***VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain Town-owned property located at 171 East Bacon Street, Plainville, and described in a deed filed with the Norfolk Registry of District of the Land Court as Certificate of Title No. 15213, shown on Land Court Plan No. 14380A (Assessor's Parcel 11C-39), from the purposes for which said property is currently held to the Select Board for said purposes and the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Select Board to grant to Massachusetts Electric Company, also known as National Grid, a permanent utility easement on a portion of said property, which portion or portions are approximately shown on the sketch plan entitled "171 E. Bacon St. Easement," dated January 31, 2024, on file with the Town Clerk, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate; and further, to authorize the Select Board to execute such instruments and documents to carry out the purposes of this article; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

National Grid is requesting an easement across the town-owned property to lay powerlines and/or equipment to service a customer who wishes to upgrade their service.

MOTION: by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Stanley Widak. I move Article 24 as written.

***VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of funding future capital purchases or debt service for capital expenses, effective beginning on July 1, 2024 or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

The purpose of this Article is to transfer available funds into the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Account. Any future appropriations from this account will require a majority vote at the Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this Article in the amount of \$500,000 by transferring \$234,730 from Free Cash and \$265,270 from Overlay Surplus.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Jeffrey Johnson. I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$234,730 from Free Cash and \$265,270 from Overlay Surplus to the Capital Stabilization Account.

***VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the General Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

The General Stabilization Fund is Plainville's "savings account" for the future needs of the Town.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$250,000 by transferring the funds from Overlay Surplus.

MOTION: by Brian Kelly and seconded by Maggie Clarke. I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$250,000 from Overlay Surplus into the General Stabilization Account.

VOTE REQUIRED: **MAJORITY**
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO DISSOLVE: by Stanley Widak and seconded by Dawn Denizkurt. The Annual Town Meeting was declared dissolved by the Moderator at 8:21 PM.

A true record, Attest:

Cynthia J. Bush
Town Clerk