Actions taken by the voters at Town Meeting: March 13, 2010

Note: This is an <u>unofficial</u> report of the votes and actions taken.

ARTICLE 3. YES:205 NO:11 ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,885,544 to defray town charges for the 2010 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

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1. Executive	\$163,325
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	8,080
3. Financial Administration	62,100
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	10,100
6. Personnel Administration	10,950
7. Planning and Zoning	2,200
8. General Government Buildings	5,850
9. Cemeteries	28,000
10. Insurance	36,030
11. Regional Associations	5,100
12. Police Department	283,439
13. Ambulance Service	30,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	43,000
-Meriden	38,000
15. Building Inspection	6,800
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	6,900
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	18,000
19. Highway Administration	23,800
20. Highways and Streets	591,400
21. Road Projects	109,539
22. Street Lights	9,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	150,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	52,110
25. Health Agencies	20,785
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	6,250
28. Recreation Commission	18,925
29. Libraries - Plainfield	59,608
- Meriden	40,253
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	8,250
Total:	\$ 1,885,544

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. YES:209 NO:14 ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,500 to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$0 Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

\$15,000 Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

\$50,000 Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.

\$60,000 Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.

\$5,000 ADA Access Fund created in 2003

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.

\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund and the transportation improvement fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. YES:200 NO:20 ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,000 for the purchase of a new dump truck to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw up to the sum of \$131,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the selectmen to sell or trade the town's existing 1994 dump truck. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. YES:223 NO:7 ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be used by the town's 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee which was appointed at the 2009 town meeting. Said funds to be used for the planning and implementation of the upcoming anniversary celebration. A second appropriation is likely for the 2011 annual meeting. All revenues from the celebration and grants awarded will be returned to the town's general fund to offset the appropriations for this event. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 7. BY VOICE VOTE: ADOPTED

To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-e, will vote to authorize that the office of Town Treasurer be a Selectboard appointed office replacing the current procedure of electing a Town Treasurer every three years.

ARTICLE 8. YES:164 NO:75 ADOPTED

To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning in 2011, a unified library department for the town by merging the two existing boards of trustees. The resulting library department shall be administered by a library board of five members each to serve three-year terms; and further, to authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article.

ARTICLE 9. YES:89 NO:154 FAILED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,800 to upgrade the Librarian/Director's part-time position at the Philip Read Memorial Library to a full-time position. This upgrade is necessitated by the need to manage growth brought on by the increasing library services and demand. This change will allow the library to be open to the public an additional 9 hours per week. This amount represents the cost of increased salary and the addition of a benefits package from April 1st 2010 through December 31, 2010, after which, if approved, subsequent years will be funded through the library's regular operating budget. The cost of a full year of theses additional hours and benefits at 2010 rates is \$20,565. This article is by request and is recommended by the Philip Read Memorial Library Trustees. The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. YES:134 NO:59 ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

ARTICLE 11. BY VOICE VOTE: ADOPTED

To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 12. BY VOICE VOTE: ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectmen and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

ARTICLE 13. AMENDED BY VOTE: YES:185 NO:56

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". Article by petition.

ARTICLE 13 AS AMENDED: YES:185 NO:40 ADOPTED

To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the Governor, our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate commending them for passing and signing into law legislation affirming marriage equality for all New Hampshire residents.

ARTICLE 14. BY VOICE VOTE: REPORTS ACCEPTED

To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 15. NO OTHER BUSINESS

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.