

# Bill as Introduced

HB 558 - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

11-0173

06/09

HOUSE BILL           **558**

AN ACT           relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Major, Rock 8; Rep. Weyler, Rock 8; Rep. Sapienza, Rock 8; Rep. Oigny, Rock 8; Sen. Morse, Dist 22

COMMITTEE:      Public Works and Highways

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ANALYSIS

This bill exchanges Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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Explanation:    Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven*

AN ACT                   relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1           1 Haseltine Street in the Town of Plaistow; Portion of NH 121A in Plaistow; Reclassification.
- 2           I. Haseltine Street in the town of Plaistow shall be reclassified as a class II highway and
- 3 shall be renamed NH 121A. Winter maintenance shall be the responsibility of the state.
- 4           II. The portion of NH 121A (Main Street) in the town of Plaistow, from the intersection with
- 5 Haseltine Street to the Massachusetts state line, shall be reclassified as a Class V highway and shall
- 6 be renamed Border Lane. Maintenance shall be the responsibility of the town of Plaistow.
- 7           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

# Amendments

Rep. Maltz, Hills. 27  
February 22, 2011  
2011-0425h  
06/10

Amendment to HB 558

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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7 Haseltine Street to the Massachusetts state line, shall be reclassified as a Class V highway.

# Speakers



# Hearing Minutes



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 558

**BILL TITLE:** relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.

**DATE:** February 17, 2011

**LOB ROOM:** 201      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:30 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 10:47 a.m.

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. G. Chandler, Seidel, E. Smith, Graham, Gionet, McConkey, Tilton, Waterhouse, Kolodziej, Buxton, Maltz, M. Smith, Ferris, Bouchard, Campbell, Long, Sprague and Ramsey.

**Bill Sponsors:** Rep. Major, Rock 8; Rep. Weyler, Rock 8; Rep. Sapienza, Rock 8; Rep. Oligny, Rock 8; Sen. Morse, Dist 22

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Rep. Norman Major** – introduced and spoke in favor of HB 558. A safety problem has developed due to increased traffic on Rt. 125 and 121A. The state has worked with the town of Plaistow and determined that the intersection should be changed from a Y to a right-angle intersection.

**\*Mr. Michael Dorman** – spoke in favor of the road swap. In response to questions, Mr. Dorman stated that the legislation is correct regarding maintenance and naming the town roads.

**Mr. Caleb Dobbins, DOT** – spoke in favor of HB 558. Developers provided the signal lights and maintenance will be swapped.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Kevin Waterhouse, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 558

**BILL TITLE:** relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts. ~~relative to uniformed presence officers in highway work zones.~~

**DATE:** 2/17/11

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# Testimony



HB 558 file



## Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

### Department of Building Safety

Thank you for the opportunity to make this presentation today and for your thoughtful consideration of this roadway swap between the Town of Plaistow and the State of New Hampshire. I would like to encourage and recommend a vote for approving this request.

This project was initiated with the support of the Town Manger and the Board of Selectmen, in an effort to improve traffic safety in this very congested area on the state line between Plaistow and Haverhill, MA. The Board of Selectmen voted at an early December 2010, meeting, to support the roadway swap we are here to talk about today. Attached you will find a copy of "existing conditions" plan for the area of discussion.

In 2007, Stateline Plaza, located at 4 Plaistow Road and across the street from Haseltine Street, was approved for a major facelift. At that time, NHDOT required the installation of a full set of signal lights to enter/exit the plaza. Those lights were lined up with Haseltine Street, which is opposite the plaza.

Seizing the opportunity to improve access management to Route 125, the Town looked into re-directing Main Street (aka NH Route 121A) traffic to Route 125 via Haseltine. At the Town's request, the developer of the plaza included a right turn only lane from Haseltine Street onto Route 125 in their redevelopment plan. Haseltine Street at that time was too narrow, so 2,200 sq. ft. of land was acquired with cooperation of an abutter.

Working with NHDOT District Six, to insure that construction met all State standards, the road was widened to one-lane traffic from Route 125 to connect with Main Street and a single lane, which widens to include a third lane for right turns only, from Main Street to Route 125. Two stops signs were installed on Main Street northbound at the intersection of Haseltine Street.

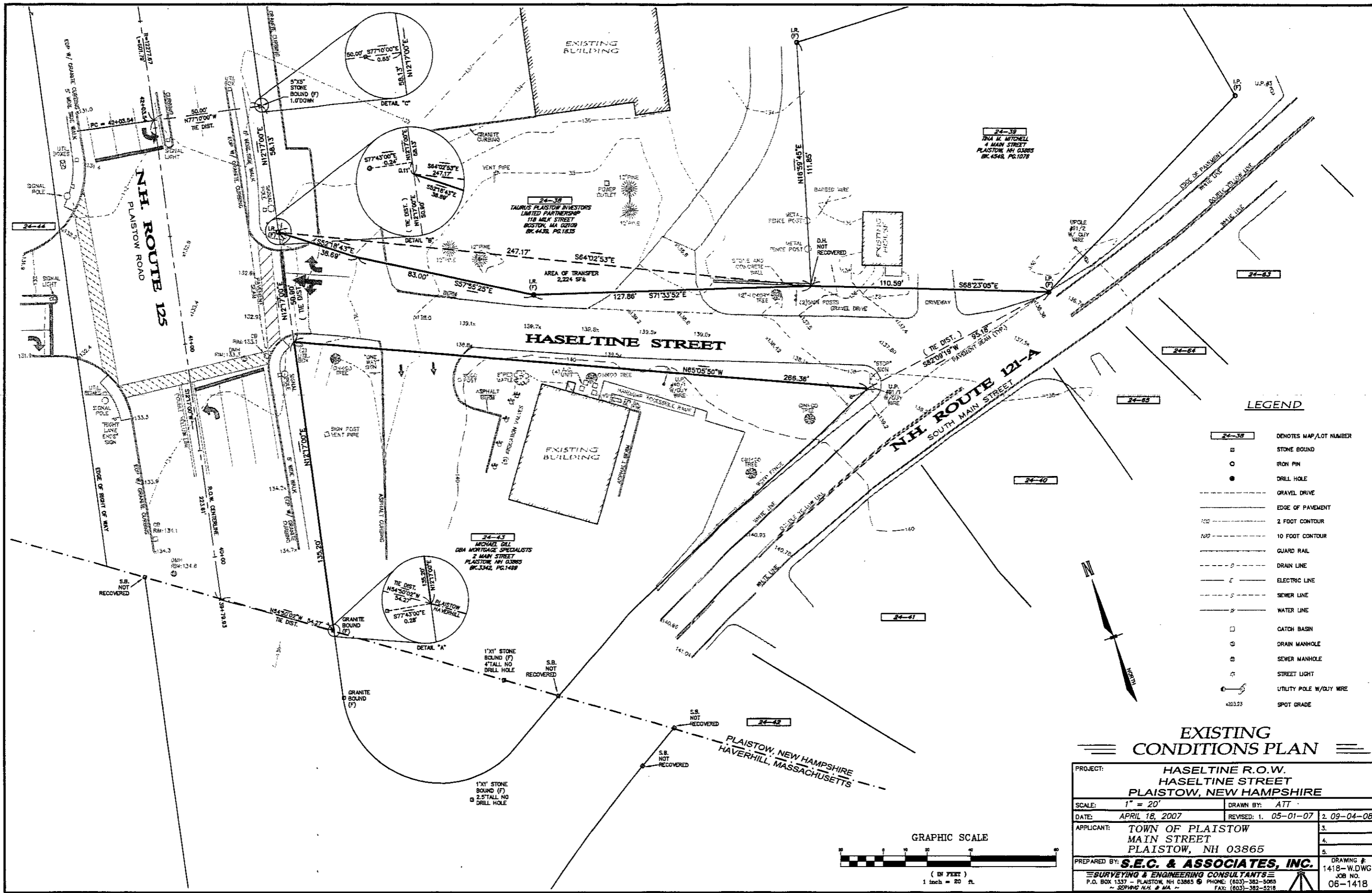
The intent of all this work was to direct southbound traffic on NH Route 121A to access Route 125 from a controlled intersection, as opposed to very dangerous stop-sign access point just over the state line in Haverhill MA. Haverhill cooperated with our efforts by prohibiting left turns off Route 121A onto Route 125.

At this time the Town is seeking to have Haseltine reclassified as a Class 2 highway and swapped for a portion of lower Main Street, from the current intersection with Haseltine Street to the state line with Haverhill, MA, and reclassified to a Class 5 roadway and appropriately renamed Border Lane. The former Haseltine would then be part of Route 121A and belong to the State of New Hampshire. Border Lane would be owned by the Town of Plaistow. All corresponding road maintenance would swap as well.

Over the year and a half since Main Street traffic has been re-directed and encouraged to use Haseltine Street to access Route 125, there has been a great improvement in motorist safety and traffic flow in the area. Plaistow invested just over \$100,000 to improve conditions in the challenging area and your support of the roadway swap would be would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Michael Dorman  
Chief Building Official  
Town of Plaistow, NH

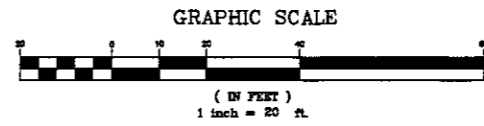


**LEGEND**

- 24-38 DENOTES MAP/Lot NUMBER
- STONE BOUND
- IRON PIN
- DRILL HOLE
- GRAVEL DRIVE
- EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- 100 2 FOOT CONTOUR
- 100 10 FOOT CONTOUR
- GUARD RAIL
- DRAIN LINE
- ELECTRIC LINE
- SEWER LINE
- WATER LINE
- CATCH BASIN
- ⊙ DRAIN MANHOLE
- ⊙ SEWER MANHOLE
- ⊙ STREET LIGHT
- ⊙ UTILITY POLE W/GUY WIRE
- ⊙ SPOT GRADE

**EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN**

PROJECT:		HASELTINE R.O.W. HASELTINE STREET PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE	
SCALE:	1" = 20'	DRAWN BY:	ATT
DATE:	APRIL 18, 2007	REVISED:	1. 05-01-07 2. 09-04-08
APPLICANT:	TOWN OF PLAISTOW MAIN STREET PLAISTOW, NH 03865		3. 4. 5.
PREPARED BY:	S.E.C. & ASSOCIATES, INC.	DRAWING #:	1418-W.DWG
SURVEYING & ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS P.O. BOX 1337 - PLAISTOW, NH 03865 ~ SERVING NH & MA ~		PHONE:	(603)-382-5065 FAX: (603)-382-5218
		JOB NO.:	06-1418



# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 558

**BILL TITLE:** relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.

**DATE:** March 1, 2011

**LOB ROOM:** 201

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep. Smith/Waterhouse OLS Document #: 2011 0425h

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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**Motions:** OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Edwin Smith

Seconded by Rep. Kevin K. Waterhouse

Vote: 12-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**Motions:** OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

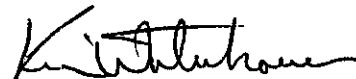
Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 12-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Kevin Waterhouse, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 558

**BILL TITLE:** relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.

**DATE:** 3/1/11

**LOB ROOM:** 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. *Smith / Waterhouse* OLS Document #: *(2011-0425h)*  
Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #: *2011-2058*  
Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. *Smith*

Seconded by Rep. *Waterhouse*

Vote: *12-0* (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: *yes 12-0*

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted, *Kevin Waterhouse*

Rep. Kevin Waterhouse, Clerk



**PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts relative to uniformed presence officers in highway work zones.

Bill #: HB 558 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

PH Date: 2 / 17 / 11

Exec Session Date: 3 / 1 / 11

Motion: OTR/A

Amendment #: 2011-200-8

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Chandler, Gene G, Chairman	✓	
Seidel, Carl W, V Chairman		
Smith, Edwin O	✓	
Graham, John A	✓	
Gionet, Edmond D	✓	
McConkey, Mark E	✓	
Tilton, Franklin T	✓	
Waterhouse, Kevin K	✓	
Kolodziej, Walter		
Buxton, Michael P		
Maltz, Jonathan S	✓	
Smith, Molly J		
Terrio, Ross W		
Bouchard, Candace C W	✓	
Campbell, David B	✓	
Long, Patrick T	✓	
Sprague, Dale R	✓	
Ramsey, Peter E		

TOTAL VOTE: 12-0  
 Printed: 1/4/2011

# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 16, 2011**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

The Committee on PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS to  
which was referred HB558,

**AN ACT** relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in  
Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection  
of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with  
Haverhill, Massachusetts. Having considered the same,  
report the same with the following amendment, and the  
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH  
AMENDMENT.

**Rep. Edwin O Smith**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB558</b>
Title:	<b>relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts.</b>
Date:	<b>March 1, 2011</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>YES</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee heard testimony from the Town of Plaistow and NH DOT both in support of this legislation. This eliminates a bad intersection and all of the parties affected agree with this solution. The amendment removes any mention of maintenance as this is typically done by agreement between the town or city and DOT, so this would put maintenance into statute and the committee did not want to start that practice.

Vote 12-0.

Rep. Edwin O Smith  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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**Rep. Edwin Smith  
For the Committee  
OTP/A 2011-2058 12-0 CC**



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HB 558

The committee heard testimony from the Town of Plaistow and NH DOT both in support of this legislation. ~~In conjunction with a developer~~ This eliminates a bad intersection and ~~with~~ all of the parties affected agree with this solution. ~~This changes street names, however - ~~it~~ it does not require anyone to change addresses because no one has a driveway on this small exchange.~~

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*Ellen Smith*

# COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

BILL NUMBER: HB 558

TITLE: relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A from the intersection of Haseltine and Main Streets to the border with Haverhill, Massachusetts relative to uniformed presence officers in highway work zones.

DATE: March, 2011 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES  NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennium)

Amendment No.  
2011-2058  
2011-0425h

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

See attached insert

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Edwin Smith  
For the Committee (SS)