

Bill as Introduced

CHAPTER 80
HB 558 – FINAL VERSION

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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

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.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven

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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 80:1 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.
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.
6 80:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
7 Approved: May 16, 2011
8 Effective Date: July 15, 2011

Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
TRANSPORTATION**

- ✓ Senator Jim Rausch Chairman
- ✓ Senator David Boutin V Chairman
- ✓ Senator James Forsythe
- ✓ Senator Molly Kelly
- ✓ Senator Nancy Stiles

*start: 10:03
end: 10:44 recess
10:52
end: 11:00*

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Date: March 24, 2011

HEARINGS

Thursday

3/31/2011

TRANSPORTATION	LOB 103	9:00 AM
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

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| 9:00 AM | HB72-FN-A | establishing a state aeronautical fund. |
| 9:15 AM | HB134 | relative to eligibility for walking disability plates. |
| 9:30 AM | HB335-FN-A | establishing multi-use number plates. |
| 10:00 AM | HB347 | exempting from nondisclosure the records of accidents involving and violations by county, city, and town employees and officials. |
| 10:15 AM | HB397 | relative to image display devices in motor vehicles. |
| ✓ 10:30 AM | HB558 | 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. |
| 11:00 AM | HB218 | repealing the New Hampshire rail transit authority. |

Sponsors:

HB72-FN-A

Rep. Chris Nevins	Rep. David Campbell	Rep. Lynne Ober	Rep. Kenneth Weyler
Rep. Beverly Rodeschin	Sen. Jeb Bradley	Sen. Sharon Carson	Sen. Nancy Stiles

HB134

Rep. Carol McGuire

HB335-FN-A

Rep. Brian Rhodes	Rep. Richard Hinch	Rep. Karen Umberger	Rep. Robert Williams
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HB347

Rep. Neal Kurk

HB397

Rep. Sherman Packard	Rep. John Hikel	Rep. Kevin Waterhouse	Sen. Jim Rausch
Sen. David Boutin			

HB558

Rep. Norman Major	Rep. Kenneth Weyler	Rep. Marie Sapienza	Rep. Jeffrey Oigny
Sen. Chuck Morse			

HB218

Rep. Dan McGuire	Rep. Jon Richardson	Rep. Daniel Itse	Rep. Gregory Sorg
Rep. Mark Warden			

Danielle Barker 271-3091

Sen. Jim Rausch

Chairman

Transportation Committee

Hearing Report

TO: Members of the Senate

FROM: Danielle Barker, Legislative Aide

RE: Hearing report on HB 558 – 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.

HEARING DATE: March 31, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Sen. Rausch, Sen. Boutin, Sen. Kelly and Sen. Stiles

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: Sen. Forsythe

Sponsor(s): Rep. Major, Rock 8; Rep. Weyler, Rock 8; Rep. Sapienza, Rock 8; Rep. Oigny, Rock 8; Sen. Morse, Dist 22

What the bill does: 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.

Who supports the bill: Rep. Major, Rep. Chandler, Sen. Morse, Michael Dorman representing the Town of Plaistow and Caleb Dobbins representing the New Hampshire Department of Transportation

Who opposes the bill: No one

Summary of testimony received:

Senator Rausch opened the public hearing on House Bill 558 and recognized Senator Morse to introduce the bill on behalf of Representative Major who was not in attendance.

Senator Morse is in support of the bill. Senator Morse read Representative Smith's blurb from the House Calendar, "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”.

Senator Rausch recognized Michael Dorman to speak.

Mr. Dorman is in support of the bill. He represents the Town of Plaistow. He told the Committee that in 2007 the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) improved the area of Stateline Plaza across from Haseltine Street in Plaistow, New Hampshire by installing stop signs and traffic signals. After construction, it was determined the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, the Town of Haverhill, Massachusetts and the DOT would work together to redirect southbound traffic on NH Route 121A to access Route 125 from a controlled intersection. He told the Committee the Town of Plaistow is now seeking to have Haseltine Street reclassified as a Class II Highway and swapped for a portion of lower Main Street, from the current intersection with Haseltine Street to the State line with Haverhill, Massachusetts. Therefore this section would be reclassified to a Class V road, renamed Border Lane and would be owned by the Town of Plaistow. The former Haseltine Street would then be part of Route 121A and belong to the State. He stated all corresponding road maintenance would be swapped as well.

Senator Rausch recognized Caleb Dobbins to speak.

Mr. Dobbins is in support of the bill. He is the State Maintenance Engineer from the DOT and the DOT fully supports the bill. They view this as a benefit to all parties involved. He said the State gets a portion of road rebuilt by the Town and it betters access.

Senator Boutin asked if the DOT wanted the effective date to be changed.

Mr. Dobbins and Mr. Dorman said there was no preference.

Senator Rausch asked if the Town of Plaistow had taken a vote on this bill.

Mr. Dorman said yes and that they had voted in 2010 to fully support the bill.

With no one else wishing to speak Senator Rausch closed the public hearing.

Action: The Committee took action on the bill on April 14, 2011. Senator Stiles moved Ought to Pass with a second from Senator Boutin. Senator Rausch called the vote and the Committee voted OTP 3-0.

DCB

[REDACTED]
Date: April 5, 2011

Speakers

Testimony



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.

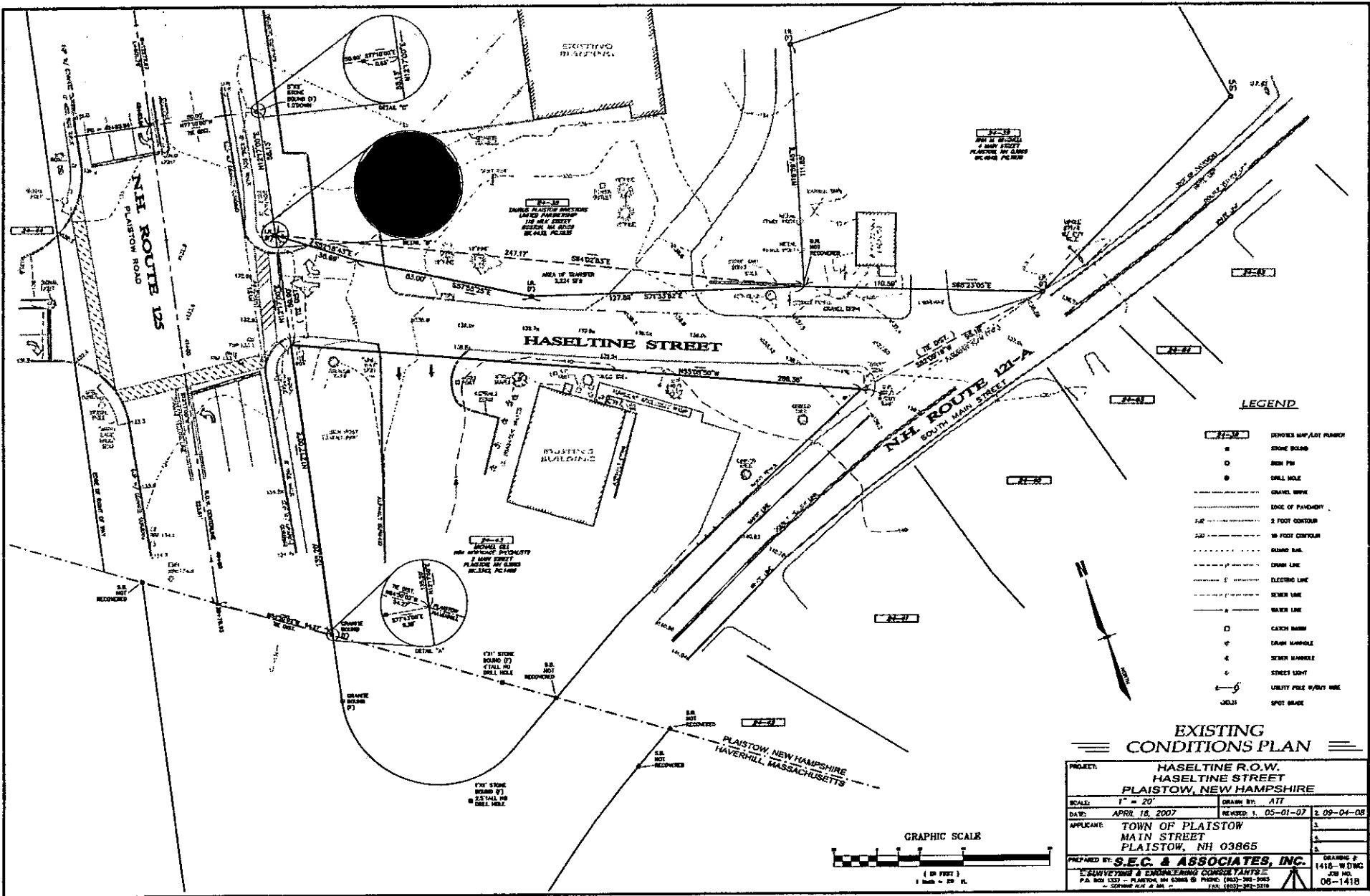
The intent of all this work was to direct southbound traffic on NH Route 121A to access Route 125 from a controlled intersection, as opposed to very dangerous stop-sign access point just over the state line in Haverhill MA. Haverhill cooperated with our efforts by prohibiting left turns off Route 121A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



Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: April 14, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred 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.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 3-0

AMENDMENT # s

Senator Nancy Stiles
For the Committee

Danielle Barker 271-3091

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of HB558

Docket Abbreviations

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.

Official Docket of HB558:

Date	Body	Description
1/24/2011	H	Introduced 1/6/2011 and Referred to Public Works and Highways; HJ 11 , PG. 191
2/1/2011	H	===CANCELLED=== Public Hearing: 2/15/2011 1:00 PM LOB 201
2/2/2011	H	==RESCHEDULED== Public Hearing: 2/17/2011 10:30 AM LOB 201 ==Executive Session to Follow==
3/1/2011	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0425h for Mar 15 (Vote 12-0; CC); HC 22 , PG.538-559
3/1/2011	H	Proposed Committee Amendment #2011-0425h ; HC 23 , PG.642
3/15/2011	H	Amendment #0425h Adopted, VV; HJ 26 , PG.734
3/15/2011	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment #0425h: MA VV; HJ 26 , PG.734
3/23/2011	S	Introduced and Referred to Transportation; SJ 11 , Pg.193
3/24/2011	S	Hearing: 3/31/11, Room 103, LOB, 10:30 a.m.; SC17
4/14/2011	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 4/20/11; SC20
4/20/2011	S	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 13 , Pg.269
4/20/2011	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 13 , Pg.270
5/4/2011	S	Enrolled; SJ 16 , Pg.318
5/4/2011	H	Enrolled
5/20/2011	H	Signed by Governor 05/16/2011; Effective 07/15/2011; Chapter 0080

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

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ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED _____ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE
 FINAL VERSION _____ AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

_____ OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): _____

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