









Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire  
2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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OF THE  
OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AGENTS,  
COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR  
2010





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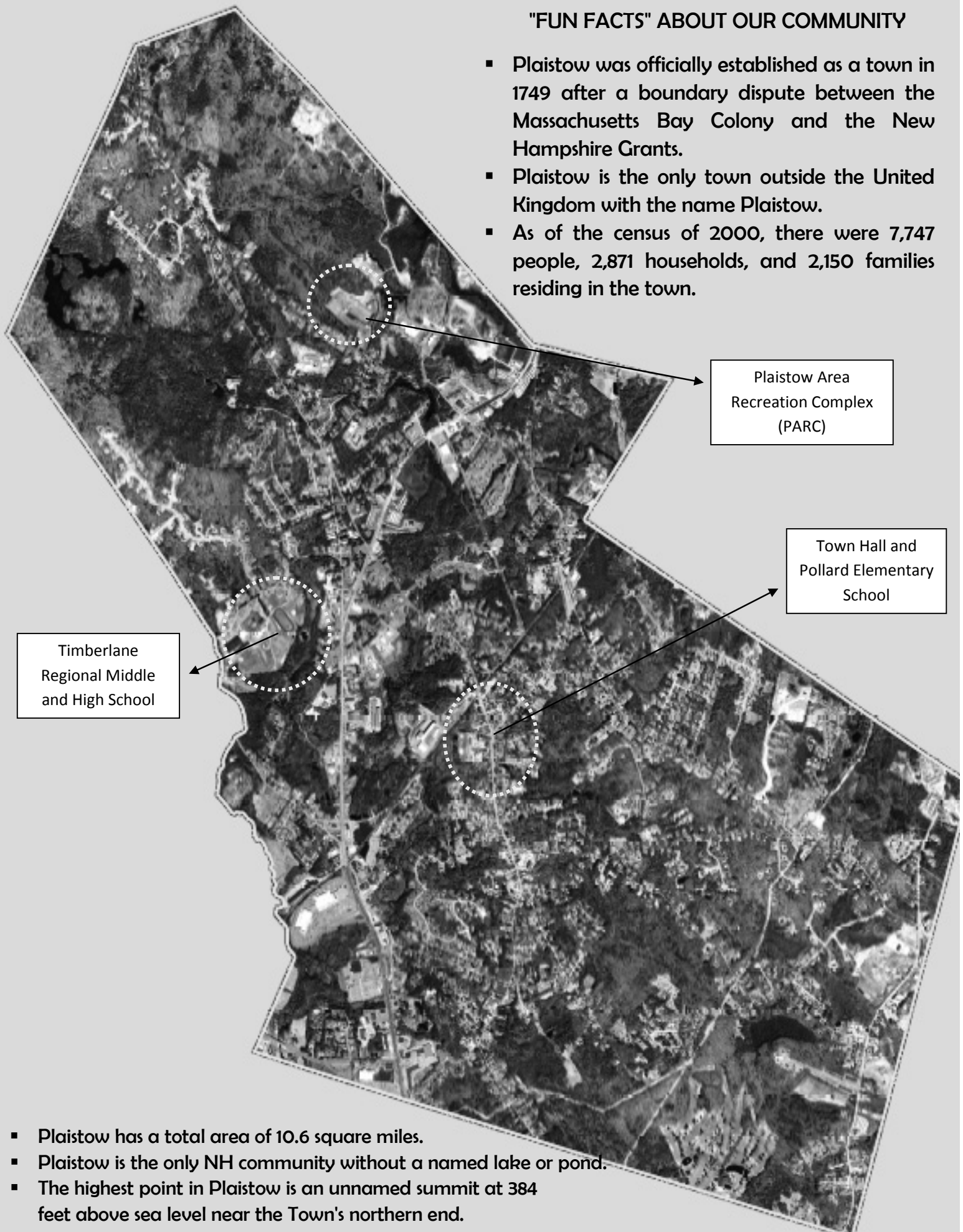
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## "FUN FACTS" ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

- Plaistow was officially established as a town in 1749 after a boundary dispute between the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the New Hampshire Grants.
- Plaistow is the only town outside the United Kingdom with the name Plaistow.
- As of the census of 2000, there were 7,747 people, 2,871 households, and 2,150 families residing in the town.



- Plaistow has a total area of 10.6 square miles.
- Plaistow is the only NH community without a named lake or pond.
- The highest point in Plaistow is an unnamed summit at 384 feet above sea level near the Town's northern end.



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### *Plaistow, New Hampshire "Our Community"*

Falling in love with Our Community is easy—as the Town of Plaistow is a very special place, with special people who have a deep appreciation for Our Community's history and tradition. Plaistow is a community where a diversity of ideas, people, and opportunities converge. It is a place where our citizens foster a powerful patriotism rooted in the heart of our own Congressional Medal of Honor winner Daniel George—a Plaistow native.



Our Community's vitality and civic pride also stem from Plaistow's long history, traditions, and unique characteristics. Our community's history is rich—Plaistow was officially established as a Town in 1749 after a boundary dispute between the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the New Hampshire Land Grants. It is the only Town outside the United Kingdom with the name Plaistow. Plaistow celebrates one of the best "Old Home Day" parades in New Hampshire with a carnival-type atmosphere on the Town Hall Green each year.

Our Community is diverse—people from all over the world have come to Plaistow to find a home and there are quite a few native Plaistownians. Because of our proximity to the busy life of the New England's cities, many Plaistow residents found the urge to leave the hustle and bustle of city life behind, and have settled in Plaistow. Residents of the Town are able to enjoy all the advantages of small town living: quiet lifestyle, safety for children, volunteer organizations, and activities for enhanced quality of life—without being too far from all that New England has to offer — the ocean, the lakes and the mountains.



The Town's transformation from a small, relatively rural, turn-of-the-century village to a thriving, regional center has occurred over the last 30 years, largely in concert with corresponding growth and change in the Southern New Hampshire region. In response to the demands of the rapidly growing population, Town government has undergone a thrust toward modern professionalism to meet the higher levels of service needed. Present day reminders of Plaistow's history are cherished by its citizens and admired by its visitors; quiet winding streets, wonderful neighborhoods and open space, along with the small shops along Main Street add to the charm, and "small-town" atmosphere.



Much of the character of Plaistow is due to its great natural beauty including our Town Forest, small streams, and tree-covered vistas. New residents and natives alike, unite to foster a community that prides itself with a tradition of "old-time" community values.



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### TRIBUTE TO RUTH JENNE

*In December of 2010, to everyone's surprise and deep sadness, Ruth Jenne, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, passed away. Ruth was 87 years young at the time of her passing and spent 52 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Plaistow. As her colleagues in public service, we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to Ruth's family.*

*There are many words and phrases that begin to describe our friend and beloved colleague Ruth Jenne: Kind; Caring; Loyal; Compassionate; Brilliant; Lived to Serve others; All-American; Care Giver; Loved Deeply; Person of Faith; and Foundation of Our Community.*

*Her parents, Maude and John Duston, were business people in Town, and both Ruthie and her sister, Chris, knew almost every resident of Plaistow. Ruth was a strong, independent and an attentive woman who loved her Town and her Country. She was so proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and often shared stories of their accomplishments. She enjoyed the day to day of Town government, always diligently assisting Selectmen, the Town Manager, her colleagues, and Plaistow citizens. She was passionate about the issues important to Plaistow.*



**Ruth Jenne--Ms. Plaistow**

*Ruthie was the first face you would see when you walked into Town Hall, and the last face you would see when you left. Having been born and raised in Plaistow, Ruthie was able to answer nearly any question regarding her hometown. Not a day goes by that we don't think about her and what she contributed to our Town. She was integral in the daily operations of Town Hall and to every Department within Town government. Ruthie was truly a special person who represented the best of the Town of Plaistow. She "never forgot where she came from". Ruthie never asked for recognition or credit, for medals or awards. She simply sought to fulfill her duty to serve our Town, and foster the efforts to build a brighter future for Plaistow's citizens with our shared values, and common ideals.*



**Ruth Jenne & Senator Jeanne Shaheen enjoying a good laugh**

*Her activities and participation in our community and church events were legendary and she was recognized by the Professional Business Women's Club when they named her "Woman of the Year". She would have us remember that as*

*citizens of Plaistow, we each have the power and the responsibility to make a positive difference while we are alive, knowing that what we set in motion today will make a difference long after we are gone. She would want us to remember to keep working at things every day if possible. We will miss her hand written notes, kind words, wonderful laughter, and powerful commitment to public service.*

*She has now joined her good friends and family that she enjoyed so much who are now buried in the good earth of Plaistow Cemetery. Her memory will be a continuing inspiration to us to enjoy the time we have together. Sadly, however, we are left to consider our lives without her, and ponder how we will measure up to her powerful legacy of public service, love, compassion, and spirit of generosity.*





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### *DEDICATION*

The Plaistow Board of Selectmen are pleased to dedicate the 2010 Annual Report to Laurie Ellen (Mortenson) Houlihan. Laurie has provided extraordinary service as Our Community's Library Director for the past thirty (30) years and retired at the end of 2010. Over the course of her inspired career with the Plaistow Library, Laurie has become one of the most well-known citizens of Plaistow.

A native of Albert-Lea Minnesota, Laurie attended Albert Lea High School before heading on to Coe College, located in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Laurie would go on to earn a degree in English, spending a lifetime engaged in a fondness for literature and books. One fond memory of her college years was her legendary introduction to a star—injury prone athlete—Ted Houlihan. After attending “A Grave Affair” Halloween dance with Ted—much to Ted’s good fortune—and to everyone’s great surprise, Laurie would go on to marry Ted in August of 1969. Together they moved to Plaistow in 1973, where they raised two wonderful children, John and Molly, and have shared a lifetime of love, smiles and cherished memories on Sweet Hill Road.



**Laurie Houlihan**

In 1980, Laurie began her life’s work when she accepted a position at the Plaistow Library. Immediately, Laurie engaged herself into serving the citizens of Plaistow as a beacon of kindness and a powerful champion of the Plaistow Library. She was immediately recognized by her colleagues as a

powerful example of how to get things done with a smile—spending a career helping Plaistow’s citizens understand that a library is about more than just books. Laurie’s selfless devotion to Plaistow citizens and as an employee has been demonstrated time and time again throughout the years. Through her community leadership, planning, advocacy, and support, the efforts to raise funds for the construction of the new Plaistow Library—considered by many to be one of the finest public libraries in New Hampshire—passed on the first attempt at Town Meeting in 1999.



**The Board of Selectmen Honor Retiring  
Library Director Laurie Houlihan**



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### ***DEDICATION (Continued)***

Over Laurie's decades of service, her kind, thoughtful, and determined principles have helped to make Plaistow's Library work for all our citizens. She is simply one of Plaistow's kindest and powerfully engaged citizens, consistently pouring her heart and soul into making the Town of Plaistow an extraordinary place to live and learn. Laurie willingly and humbly shared her time, talents, and administrative expertise ensuring that the many programs and initiatives of the Library touched and enriched the lives of all of Plaistow's citizens.

It is fitting that the Town of Plaistow should recognize Laurie for her lifelong commitment to service, her hard work, and her selfless dedication to the highest ideals of public service, charity and civic involvement. We urge others to join us in extending to Laurie and her family our sincere congratulations, gratitude and best wishes upon her retirement of dedicated service to Our Community, and for making a positive difference in the lives of Our Community.

***Best Wishes to You,  
Laurie!***



**Laurie with Her Husband  
and Daughter**





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### ***PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS***

**1979**

*Clifton E. Cook*

**1980**

*John & Maude Duston*

**1981**

*John A. Palmer*

**1982**

*LeRoy S. Dube*

**1983**

*Irving S. Gilman*

**1984**

*George B. Peabody*

**1985**

*Mildred L. Palmer*

**1986**

*Helen A. Hart*

**1987**

*Annie Mae Schwaner*

**1988**

*Ruth E. Jenne*

**1989**

*Thomas H. Cullen*

**1990**

*Stanley T. Herrick*

**1991**

*Norman L. Major*

**1992**

*David C. Hart*

**1993**

*Lyman W. Hill*

**1994**

*John McSheehy*

**1995**

*Don & Judy Sargent*

**1996**

*Jerry Assad*

**1997**

*Robert Chooljian*

**1998**

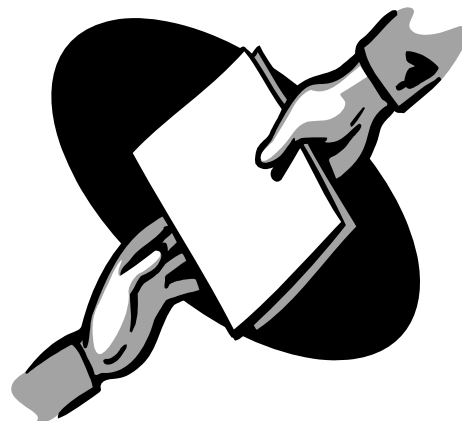
*Agnes Dube*

**1999**

*Volunteerism*

**2000**

*Ruth E. Palmer*



**2001**

*Donald E. Petzold*

**2002**

*George & Eleanor Peabody*

**2003**

*J. Alden Palmer, Jr.*

**2004**

*Merilyn P. Senter*

**2005**

*Plaistow Lions Club*

**2006**

*Bernadine Fitzgerald*

**2007**

*T. Richard Latham*

**2008**

*Barry A. Sargent*

**2009**

*Timothy E. Moore*





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### *IN MEMORIAM*

This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2010. They have served the Town of Plaistow in many exemplary ways as residents, elected or appointed officials, or as volunteers serving in a variety of positions in Town.

*Ruth E. Jenne, 87*  
1923 - 2010

*Gerald P. Guilfoyle, 87*  
1923-2010

*Edward A. Rothwell, 66*  
1944 - 2010

*Shirley A. Fortier, 74*  
1936 - 2010

*Helen M. Ayers, 91*  
1919 - 2010

*Pearl M. Frazier-Hoyt, 96*  
1914 - 2010

*Frederick E. Teague, 84*  
1926 - 2010

*Helen M. Sawyer, 47*  
1963 - 2010

*William H. Sanborn, 91*  
1918 - 2010

*F. Donald Cegelis, 73*  
1937 - 2010

*Charles E. Crockett, 80*  
1929- 2010

*Norman E. Ray Jr., 84*  
1926 - 2010

*Donald E. Wood, 80*  
1930 - 2010

*Maxine N. Guscora, 90*  
1920-2010





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#### ***BOSTON POST CANE***

Dena DiPietro Carbone was born in Bisegna, Italy in 1913 and emigrated with her parents and siblings to Haverhill, MA in 1916 after a devastating earthquake destroyed her family home and their many businesses. Her father died when Dena was young and to help her family, she left school and went to work. She worked at Nelson's Department Store and then H.D.Green's where she rose to office manager at the age of 19. At the same time, she started her own dressmaking business evenings and weekends. To improve her skills, she attended Boston Girl's Trade School after being awarded a grant from the city of Haverhill. In 1932 she completed her studies and continued her dressmaking business until 1968. Her clients included many from Bradford College with names such as Bekin, Rockefeller, Dupont, and several of Princess Grace's bridesmaids. During that time she married Raymond Carbone and raised 2 sons, Gerry and Raymond.

After retiring from her dressmaking in the 1960's, she answered an ad for a volunteer to teach sewing skills to low-income women enrolled in a Community Action Program. What began as a volunteer effort turned into her next career as she started working for Community Action and became the Executive Director in 1974. Some of her accomplishments included a program for battered women, organizing a pre-school for Hispanic children, developing Tenants' Associations, expanded the Summer Youth Work Program, established a low income coalition for a food commodity program and reorganizing the area Council on Aging.



**Boston Cane Recipient  
Dena DiPietro Carbone**

After retiring from Community Action, Dena decided to fill a lifelong dream and in 1979 at the age of 66 entered the Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA. In 1980, she became involved in the Greater Haverhill Arts Association and filled the role as activities director, including organizing trips to Museums for people to expand their knowledge of the arts. Her own works began to receive recognition and she was to win many titles and honors in local exhibitions. At Northern Essex Community College, Dena would present topics as part of the Life Long Learning Program. A few of the topics included a six week course on China - its history, people, art and human rights and a course on three artists; Georgia O'Keefe (who continued to paint into her 90's), Frieda Kahlo and Mary Cassatt. Dena also studied Spanish at Merrimac College and attended Bradford College's summer session in San Miguel Allende, Mexico.



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#### ***BOSTON POST CANE (Continued)***

Dena has always been involved as a community activist. Her skills have benefitted the Upward Bound Program at Bradford College in the late 1960's when she taught sewing to inner-city teens and helped them stage a fashion show of their own creation. She has been a member of the Soroptomists for 60 years, also the Women's City Club, the Haverhill Business and Professional Women and the Holy Angels Women's Guild.

Dena has been a resident of Plaistow for over 20 years. If you ask her for advice on life, she will tell you "Every day is golden, don't waste it". Dena may be 97 but she continues each and every day to be involved with her family, her Art, her gardens, her church and with whoever needs her help. We are most fortunate to have Dena DiPietro Carbone in our life here in Plaistow.



**Board of Selectmen and Town Manager  
Honor Boston Cane Recipient Dena DiPietro Carbone**





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### ***VETERAN'S SPECIAL REPORT***

#### **WORLD WAR II**

**December 7, 1941 – August 14, 1945**

The year 2010 marked the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. The town of Plaistow honored its veterans throughout the year. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2010, a special ceremony was held in the Town Hall. Fifty-three World War II veterans were found living in Plaistow. Official “Pride of Plaistow” citations to honor the men and women for their service to the citizens of Plaistow and the state of New Hampshire were presented to the veterans before a standing room crowd of over 300 family, friends, and residents. The citations were signed by Gov. John H. Lynch, State Representative Norman Major, Plaistow Town Selectmen and Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald. The annual Memorial Day parade was followed with a prayer and salute by the American Legion at the Elm Street Cemetery. A wreath was placed on the World War II Monument and plaque for Daniel George, a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient was unveiled.



**Plaistow Veterans Ride a Float at the 2010 Memorial Day Parade**

Plaistow Old Home Day was celebrated June 26, 2010, sponsored by the Town and the Lions Club. The parade is one of the many events. People lined the parade route waving from the shade of yard trees and front porches. Bob Chooljian, a fifty year fireman, was the Grand Marshall. Governor John Lynch and local officials followed. Fire trucks rolled by, color guards marched and Miss New Hampshire and Miss Greater Plaistow smiled and waved to the crowd. Bands included the Clan McPherson Pipes and Drums of Andover. Ten pipers and drummers belted out traditional musical fare. World War II

Veterans were given a place of honor in the parade. Two Boy Scouts carried a WW II Veteran Banner followed by an old army truck carrying six WW II Veterans who threw lollipops to the kids.



**Dedication of the Garden Road Bridge**





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### ***VETERAN'S SPECIAL REPORT (Continued)***

On Veteran's Day November 11, 2010 the newly constructed Garden Road Bridge was dedicated to the men and women of Plaistow, New Hampshire, who nobly and honorably served their country between December 7, 1941 and August 14, 1945. Nearly 20 veterans of WW II walked across the new bridge now named in honor of their years of service. Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald introduced a number of speakers including Representative Norman Major and Selectmen John Sherman and Bob Gray who thanked the veterans for their service to provide us with the freedoms that we enjoy today.



Roy Jeffrey, a World War II Veteran cut the red ribbon officially opening the bridge.



**World War II Veteran's Gather at the Dedication of the Garden Road Bridge**

A three volley salute by Carl G. Davis Legion Post #34, Rick Bickerstaff, Gerry Parziale and Eddie Linscot was sounded as the Plaistow Police Guard, MPO Alec Porter, MPO Brett Morgan and Officer Jason Mazza presented the colors. Trumpet Player Andrew Psarris, Timberlane Regional High School played taps. Thanks and appreciation is also extended to Administrative Assistant Audrey DeProspero, Plaistow Highway Department employees Dan Garlington and Dana Rabito and Plaistow Maintenance Supervisor David Bowles.

**A Special Ceremony was Held for the World War II Veteran's on Memorial Day**

World War II, Korean and Iraq war veterans visited the Timberlane Regional High School in November to share their stories with the school's Historical Honor Society. The society has 40 members- half seniors and half juniors- who excel in history. In the school library three or four students sat at each table listening to veterans talk about their training, injuries, and triumphs of their war experiences. The students video-taped the interviews and plan to create a documentary of these stories.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year ended with the placing of Christmas wreaths on each of the seven veteran monuments on the Pollard Green.



**A Presentation at the World War II Veteran's Ceremony**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*William Hallahan*  
*Thomas Cullen*  
*Roy Jeffrey*



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<b>Auditor</b> Tyler Simmons <i>Open</i>	<b>Term</b> 2011	<b>Capital Improvement Program Committee</b> Timothy E. Moore, <i>Chairman</i> Steven Ranlett, <i>Planning Board</i> Normand Bouchard, <i>Bud. Comm.</i> Martha Sumner, ( <i>Alt. Rep. Bud. Com.</i> ) John A. Sherman, ( <i>Sel. Rep.</i> ) Daniel J. Poliquin, ( <i>Sel. Rep.</i> ) Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, ( <i>Alternate Selectman's Rep.</i> )	<b>Term</b> N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A
<b>Board of Selectmen</b> Daniel J. Poliquin, <i>Chairman</i> Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, <i>Vice Chairman</i> John A. Sherman Robert J. Gray Michelle Curran	<b>Term</b> 2012 2013 2013 2011 2012		
<b>Budget Committee</b> Kristin Lewis Savage, <i>Chairman</i> Martha Sumner, <i>Vice Chairman</i> Daniel Hooper Normand Bouchard Michele Conte Patricia Holt Joyce Ingerson Benjamin Sadewicz Gayle Hamel Catherine R. Willis Neal Morin Leona Stevens John Sherman, ( <i>Selectman's Rep.</i> )	<b>Term</b> 2011 2011 2011 2013 2012 2013 2011 2012 2012 2013 2013 N/A	<b>Cemetery Advisory Board</b> Francis Berube Bernadine A. FitzGerald Daniel Garlington, <i>Highway Sup.</i> Eleanor Peabody Ruth Jenne ( <i>deceased</i> ) Herbert "Topper" Reed James Thornton Sean Fitzgerald, <i>Town Manager</i>	<b>No Term</b>
<b>Cable TV Advisory Committee</b> Dean Zanello, <i>Interim Coordinator</i> Daniel Bush Michelle Conte Susan Sherman John "Jay" Deroche, <i>Chairman</i> Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, ( <i>Selectman's Rep.</i> )	<b>Term</b> N/A N/A N/A 2012 N/A	<b>Conflict of Interest Committee</b> Kathryn JH Jones, <i>Chairman</i> Dennis Naffah, <i>Vice Chairman</i> Therese Chouinard, <i>Secretary</i> Harry Birmingham Gary Erickson	<b>Term</b> 2012 2013 2012 2011 2011
		<b>Conservation Commission</b> B. Jill Senter, <i>Chairman</i> David Averill Steve Curran Timothy Moore Jeffrey Nenart Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, ( <i>Sel. Rep.</i> ) Michelle Curran, ( <i>Alternate Sel. Rep.</i> )	<b>Term</b> 2012 2011 2013 2011 2013 N/A N/A
		<b>Family Mediation</b> Barbara Tavitian Michelle Curran ( <i>Selectman's Rep.</i> )	<b>Term</b> 2011 N/A





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### ***ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES - 2010*** ***(Continued)***

#### **Highway Safety Committee**

Stephen C. Savage, *Police Chief, Chair*  
John McArdle, *Fire Chief, Vice Chair*  
Sean Fitzgerald, *Town Manager*  
Daniel Garlington, *Highway Supervisor*  
P. Michael Dorman, *Chief Building Official*  
Leigh G. Komornick, *Town Planner*  
Daniel Poliquin, *(Selectman's Rep.)*  
Ernie Sheltry, *Citizen Rep.*  
Lisa Withee, *Citizen Rep.*  
T. Richard Latham, *Citizen Rep.*  
Sarah Gibbs, *Recording Secretary*

**No Term**

#### **Plaistow First Committee**

Robert Harb, *Chairman*  
David Hansbury  
Charlie Lanza  
T. Richard Latham  
George Melvin  
Paul Sickel  
Robert Gray, *(Selectmen's Rep.)*  
John Sherman, *(Alternate Sel. Rep.)*  
Sean Fitzgerald, *Town Manager*  
P. Michael Dorman, *Building Official*  
Leigh Komornick, *Town Planner*

**No Term**

#### **Historical Society**

Robert Carolan, *President*  
Michael Smith, *Vice President*  
Catherine O'Brien, *Recording Secretary*  
Tami Smith, *Corresponding Secretary*  
Eleanor P. Peabody, *Treasurer*  
Jeanne Smith, *Member at Large*  
Mildred Ilsley, *Member at Large*

**No Term**

#### **Planning Board**

Timothy E. Moore, *Chairman*  
Peter M. Bealo, *Vice Chairman*  
Lawrence M. Gil, *(resigned)*  
Charlie Lanza  
Steven Ranlett, *Alternate*  
Robert Gray, *(Selectmen's Rep.)*  
Michelle Curran, *(Alternate Sel. Rep.)*  
Leigh Komornick, *Town Planner*  
Laurie Pagnottaro, *Recording Sec.*

**Term**

#### **Moderator**

Steven Ranlett  
Norman L. Major, *Assistant*

**Term**  
2012

#### **Old Home Day Committee**

Tami Smith, *Chairman*  
Wendy Bush  
Daniel Bush  
Barry Weymouth  
Haley Bush  
Mandee Bush  
Bruce Wilson  
Bill Lohnes, *Rep. for the Lions Club*  
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr., *Sel. Rep.*

**No Term**

#### **Public Safety Complex Committee**

Stephen C. Savage, *Police Chief,*  
*Co-Chair*  
John McArdle, *Fire Chief, Co-Chair*  
Sean Fitzgerald, *Town Manager,*  
*Co-Chair*  
P. Michael Dorman, *Building Official*  
William Scully, *Emergency Mgmt. Dir.*  
Daniel J. Poliquin, *(Selectmen's Rep.)*  
William Query, *Citizen Rep.*  
Sarah Gibbs, *Recording Secretary*

**No Term**



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### ***ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES - 2010*** ***(Continued)***

<b>Recreation Commission</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Term</b>
Leona Stevens, <i>Secretary</i>	2011	Martha L. Fowler	2013
William Coye, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2012	Brenda E. Major, <i>Deputy</i>	N/A
Patrick Buckley	2011		
Susan Sherman	2011	<b>Trustees of the Library</b>	<b>Term</b>
Ed Aziz	2012	Jennifer Kiarsis, <i>Chairman</i>	2013
Kristin Lewis Savage	2013	Elizabeth George, <i>Secretary</i>	2012
Wendy Moley,	2013	Catherine R. Willis, <i>Treasurer</i>	2012
Tom Alberti, <i>Alternate</i>	2013	Janet Davies	2011
Daniel Poliquin, ( <i>Selectmen's Rep.</i> )	N/A	Kathleen Vavra	2013
John A. Sherman, ( <i>Alt Selectmen's Rep.</i> )	N/A		
		<b>Trustee of the Trust Funds</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>Rockingham Metropolitan Planning</b>	<b>Term</b>	B. Jill Senter, <i>Chairman</i>	2012
<b>Organization Technical Advisory</b>		Phyllis L. Carifio	2013
<b>Committee</b>		Patricia Macomber	2011
Timothy E. Moore	2013		
Merilyn Senter		<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>Term</b>
		Lawrence M. Ordway, <i>Chairman</i>	2013
<b>Rockingham Planning Commission</b>	<b>Term</b>	Julie Matthews, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2012
Timothy E. Moore	2013	Robert Loeffler	2011
		Roderic Cole	2011
<b>Supervisors of the Voter Checklist</b>	<b>Term</b>	Paul Boniface	2013
Nancy Jackman, <i>Chairman</i>	2012	Joyce Ingerson, <i>Alternate</i>	2011
Martha L. Fowler	2013	James Allen, <i>Alternate</i>	2011
Kathleen A. Giacobbe	2014	Kim Crapo, <i>Alternate</i>	2011
		Dee Voss, <i>Administrative Ass't.</i>	N/A
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>Term</b>	Laurie Pagnottaro, <i>Recording Sec.</i>	N/A
Rosemarie L. Bayek	2012		
Nancy Bolduc, <i>Deputy</i>	N/A		
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Term</b>		
Maryellen Pelletier	2013		
Joyce Thurston, <i>Deputy</i>	N/A		



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### *EMPLOYEE(S) SPOTLIGHT*

## PLAISTOW TEAMWORK

**Firefighter Tammy Alvino**

**Lieutenant Scott Vezina**



As a Community, a big part of Plaistow's success is built around teamwork. This year, we are recognizing two members of our Fire Department, Firefighter/EMT Tammy Alvino and Firefighter/EMT Lieutenant Scott Vezina for their extra ordinary dedication to their duties and for the ever helpful demonstration of teamwork they bring to the job—day-in—and day out.

Tammy joined the Fire Department in 2001 as a volunteer/call firefighter. It didn't take long for her to realize this was what she wanted to do as a career. She completed basic and advanced firefighter classes and then obtained her Basic Emergency Medical Technician certification and joined the Rescue Squad. Eventually, she completed certification as an Intermediate EMT providing additional valuable services to the town. Establishing the goal of gaining employment in the Fire Service, Tammy completed all the necessary tests and requirements to achieve that goal. In January of 2008, the opportunity to join the limited fulltime staff of the PFD was available and she was selected over several very well qualified candidates. In addition to the requirements of responding to emergencies, Tammy has taken on the added responsibilities of coordinating our Fire Prevention Education programs and coordinates the day-to-day activities of our emergency medical services and interfaces with the NH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and our resource hospital.

Scott joined the Fire Department in 2005 and, like Tammy realized the enormous potential for meaningful and fulfilling work serving the public. Scott progressed through the various firefighter and EMT classes eventually leading to the EMT-Intermediate certification. He volunteered as part of the advisor group for our Explorer Post, guiding young adults towards a potential career in the fire and EMS field. In 2010, Scott applied for an opening in our fulltime staff and after a very competitive selection process was hired to complete the complement of our daytime staff. Scott's mechanical abilities complement Tammy's EMS expertise to provide the Department with a broad set of diverse skills, making a very effective team. Working together they demonstrate, with positive results, the value of teamwork and cooperation.

The Town is fortunate to have these employees demonstrating their extraordinary dedication to teamwork and to the highest ideals of public safety.



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### ***GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS***

**(For House District 8, Senate District 22, Governor's Executive Council District 3)**

#### ***Governor***

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#### ***US Senator***

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#### ***US Senator***

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#### ***US Congressman***

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#### ***State Senator***

Chuck W. Morse  
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#### ***County Commissioner***

Katherine "Kate" Pratt  
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#### ***Plaistow Local State Representative***

Norman L. Major  
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### ***REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN L. MAJOR*** **(A Message from Concord)**

I have been honored to have served the Town of Plaistow for the past 14 years as a State Representative. My legislative priorities include constituent services, maintaining a balanced budget for the state, education funding, environmental issues, and improving the climate for NH's small business community. I have been a staunch advocate of "truth in budgeting" as well as encouraging the Legislature to more fully consider the impact of proposed legislation on future generations.

There were 382 legislative bills passed in the 2010 New Hampshire legislative session out of approximately 1000 bills filed. The content of a few of the bills passed that will affect the lives of our citizens include:

- Prohibits a deliberative session meeting when the sole purpose of a special town meeting in an official ballot town is to consider a zoning change;
- Provide support to caregivers in their role as primary caregivers for aging family members.
- Adds riding bicycles to the permitted activities for which a landowner does not owe a duty of care to persons entering and using the property.
- Provides that no school building aid or alternative school building aid grants shall be made to school districts for projects approved on or after June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
- Prohibits the mandating of fire sprinkler systems in certain dwellings and establishes a committee to study municipal residential fire sprinkler requirements.
- Prohibits a city, town, county, or village district from merging lots or parcels except upon application of the owner.
- Requires insurance for hearing evaluations, hearing aids, and the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids.



**Plaistow Representative  
Norman Major**

The Legislature will continue to define and determine the cost of an *adequate education*, and a base cost for every student, with additional sums for special education students and English language learners and those who receive free or reduced lunches. At the post-secondary level, the Legislature oversaw the transition of the regional community technical colleges to a community college system.

An important issue that directly affects Our Community is the continuation of the Plaistow District Court. The state had planned to close the court this past year. An agreement was worked out with local officials, area police chiefs and local legislators to keep the court operating in Plaistow. The continued operation of this Court will be one of my high priorities. This should help revitalize this area and improve our economy. Legislation, at the request of the town, has been filed to exchange Haseltine Street for a section of NH 121A to improve traffic safety. I will continue supporting the town to resolve the issues concerning the BEEDE WASTE superfund site and expansion of the MBTA train service to Plaistow.

This legislative session I will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring a number of bills at the request of





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### ***REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN L. MAJOR (Continued)***

town officials, constituents or agency heads:

- Relative to nonresident registration of motor vehicles;
- Increasing the threshold amounts for taxation under the business enterprise tax;
- Relative to the carry forward periods for the business enterprise tax credit against the business profits tax;
- Relative to the standards and burden of proof with respect to the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation attributable to owners of partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships;
- Requiring state agencies to submit an efficiency level expenditure estimate;
- Relative to exchanging Haseltine Street in Plaistow for a section of NH 121A;
- Relative to amendments to warrant articles;
- Relative to the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation;
- Relative to net operating loss carryovers under the business profits tax;
- Establishing a study committee to recommend a continuing revenue estimating process;
- Exempting certain rental income from the meals and rooms tax;
- Establishing a state infrastructure bank.



Senator Downing, Representative Major, Tim Moore and Commissioner Bald from the Department of Resources & Economic Development

I recently completed my tenth year on the House Ways and Means Committee, serving two years as Vice-Chairman, four years as Chairman and presently as Vice-Chairman. I am also serving as a legislative member on the following groups or committees:

- Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation, 2007-present;
- National Council of State Legislatures Budget and Revenue Committee, 2002-present– Vice-Chairman, 2006 & 2007;
- American Legislative Exchange Council – Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force, 2000-present;
- National Council of State Legislatures Streamlined Sales & Used Tax Committee, 2000-present;
- Pre-Engineering Technical Advisory Council, 2007-present;
- Great Bay Community College Advisory Committee, 2007-present.

Many challenges remain as our state faces increasing deficits due to declining revenues and rising costs in an increasingly competitive global economy. Your legislators in Concord will continue their efforts to meet these challenges, protect the NH Advantage that we have enjoyed within the region and build on past successes for the benefit of the citizens of NH.

New Hampshire has a unique advantage over other states in our region. Our state government is relatively frugal, our business climate is advantageous and our natural beauty and resources are second to no other state. I will continue working to maintain NH's position as one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family in the country.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Norman L. Major, State Representative, ([nlbem@comcast.net](mailto:nlbem@comcast.net))*



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### ***TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2010***

#### **Animal Control**

David Sargent

*Animal Control Officer*

#### **Emergency Management**

William T. Scully

*Director*

P. Michael Dorman

*Assistant Director*

#### **Executive Department**

Sean Fitzgerald

*Town Manager*

Ruth E. Jenne (*deceased*)

*Executive Secretary*

Audrey J. DeProspero

*Administrative Assistant*

Lorice Sadewicz

*Finance Director*

#### **Fire Department - Officers**

John McArdle

*Chief – EMT*

Jay Judson, III

*Deputy Chief – EMT*

Jon Lovett

*Deputy Chief – EMT Paramedic*

Michael Kennedy

*Captain – EMT*

Christopher Poliquin

*Captain – EMT*

Anthony Alvino

*Lieutenant – EMT Intermediate*

Scott Vezina

*Lieutenant – EMT Intermediate*

John Stevens

*Lieutenant – EMT*

#### **Fire Department - Firefighters/EMTs**

Tamara Alvino

*Firefighter – EMT Intermediate*

Scott Bradstreet

*Probation*

Gary Carbonneau

*Firefighter – EMT/Driver*

Steven Carter

*Firefighter*

Zakk Castellano

*Probation*

Robert Chooljian

*Firefighter*

Richard Colcord

*Firefighter*

Christopher Coughlin

*Firefighter*

John DeFina

*Firefighter*

Joshua Estabrook

*Firefighter*

Shawn Feeley

*Firefighter – Driver*

Morgan Fisher

*Firefighter*

Richard Fowler

*Firefighter*

Bruce Gusler, Sr.

*Firefighter – Driver*

Bruce Gusler, Jr.

*Firefighter – Driver*

Russell Hawkins

*Firefighter – Driver*

Ryan Higgins

*Firefighter*

Gregg Hogg

*EMT – Basic*

Donald Hutchinson

*Firefighter – EMT*



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### ***TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2010 (Continued)***

#### **Fire Department - Firefighters/EMTs (cont'd)**

Richard Johnston	<i>Firefighter – Driver</i>
Paul McKendry	<i>Firefighter – EMT/Driver</i>
Ernie Morin	<i>Firefighter</i>
Pat Moynihan	<i>Firefighter – EMT</i>
Andrew Owens	<i>Firefighter – EMT</i>
Butch Peabody	<i>Firefighter – Driver</i>
Donald Petzold	<i>Firefighter</i>
Daniel Poliquin	<i>Firefighter – Driver</i>
John Salerno	<i>Firefighter</i>
Jeff Saltalamacchia	<i>Firefighter – EMT Intermediate</i>
David Sargent	<i>Firefighter – Driver</i>
William Scully	<i>Firefighter – EMT</i>
Brad Simmons	<i>EMT Intermediate</i>
John Wood	<i>Firefighter – EMT/Driver</i>

#### **Highway Department**

Daniel Garlington	<i>Supervisor</i>
Dana Rabido	<i>Foreman</i>
Aaron Shea	<i>Laborer</i>
Andy Jones	<i>Laborer</i>
Floyd Gates	<i>Seasonal Laborer</i>

#### **Library**

Laurie Houlihan	<i>Director (retired)</i>
Diane Arrato Gavrish	<i>Director</i>
LuAnn Blair	<i>Assistant Director/Head of Youth Services</i>
Marjorie Knowles	<i>Staff</i>
Anita Micale	<i>Staff</i>
Florence Rullo	<i>Staff</i>
Kellie Lennon	<i>Staff</i>
Judy Meunier	<i>Staff (retired)</i>
Amanda Plant	<i>Staff</i>
Noelle Giragosian	<i>Staff (resigned)</i>
Rand Hall	<i>Staff</i>
Annie Averill	<i>Staff</i>

#### **Maintenance Department**

David Bowles	<i>Supervisor</i>
Robert Mercier	<i>Custodian (resigned)</i>
John Arahovites	<i>Custodian</i>
Matthew Sadewicz	<i>Custodian (resigned)</i>
Gerard Marchand	<i>Custodian</i>



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### ***TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2010 (Continued)***

#### **Police Department**

Stephen C. Savage	<i>Chief</i>
Kathleen A. Jones	<i>Deputy Chief</i>
Patrick Caggiano	<i>Sergeant/Detective</i>
Scott Anderson	<i>Sergeant</i>
Glenn Miller	<i>Sergeant</i>
Valquerio Eiro, Jr.	<i>Sergeant/DARE Officer</i>
Alec Porter	<i>Master Patrol Officer/K-9 Handler</i>
Michael Beauchesne	<i>Master Patrol Officer</i>
Joan Marsilia	<i>Master Patrol Officer/SRO</i>
Brett Morgan	<i>Master Patrol Officer</i>
George Wickson	<i>Master Patrol Officer/Detective</i>
Dorothy McGurren	<i>Master Patrol Officer</i>
Nicolas Fiset	<i>Master Patrol Officer/Part-time Detective</i>
Patrick Schiavone	<i>Master Patrol Officer/DARE Officer</i>
Jason Mazza	<i>Officer</i>
Eric Pappalardo	<i>Officer (resigned)</i>
Stephen Lundquist	<i>Officer</i>
William Baldwin	<i>Officer (part-time)</i>
Sarah E. Gibbs	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
Jennifer Page	<i>Secretary</i>
Wendy Ventura	<i>Records Clerk</i>
April Aucoin	<i>Victim Witness Advocate</i>
Margo Collins	<i>Matron</i>
Gilbert Brasil	<i>Crossing Guard</i>
Linda Hale	<i>Crossing Guard</i>
Miguel Cruz	<i>Interpreter</i>
Kraken	<i>K-9</i>

#### **Police Department - Communications**

Lucia Theberge	<i>Communications Supervisor</i>
Cherie Deloge	<i>Communications Specialist</i>
Joel Albair	<i>Communications Specialist</i>
Michael Pauk	<i>Dispatcher</i>
Steven Leavitt	<i>Dispatcher</i>
Christina Cruz	<i>Dispatcher (part-time)</i>

#### **Recreation Department**

Carli Malette	<i>Director</i>
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#### **Recreation Department – Summer Recreation Program**

Erin McArdle	<i>Summer Director</i>
Phillip Sadewicz ( <i>approved educational leave</i> )	<i>Assistant Summer Director</i>
Tara McLaughlin	<i>Assistant Summer Director</i>



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### ***TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2010 (Continued)***

#### **Recreation Department – Summer Recreation Program (cont'd)**

Kate Gardella	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts</i>
Michael Withee	<i>Special Projects/Counselor</i>
Moira Dhaliwal	<i>Counselor</i>
Tom Poaletta	<i>Counselor</i>
Jared Hooper	<i>Counselor</i>
Drew Balanoff	<i>Counselor</i>
Kendralee Murphy	<i>Counselor</i>
Kelsey Sadewicz	<i>Counselor</i>
Connor Sproul	<i>Counselor</i>
Brett Matthews	<i>Counselor</i>
John Gardella	<i>Counselor</i>
Scott Kelly	<i>Counselor</i>
Marcella Francoeur	<i>Counselor</i>
Maureen McArdle	<i>Substitute Counselor</i>

#### **Town Hall Staff**

Selwa Moured	<i>Assessing Clerk (resigned)</i>
P. Michael Dorman	<i>Chief Building/Code Enforcement Officer</i>
Dee Voss	<i>Dept. of Building Safety Office Manager</i>
Ken Ray	<i>Electrical Inspector</i>
James Flathers	<i>Plumbing/Gas Inspector</i>
Robert Carolan	<i>Cable Coordinator (retired)</i>
Dean Zanello	<i>Cable Coordinator</i>
Jay Deroche	<i>Cable Operator</i>
Charles Manes	<i>Cable Operator</i>
Herbert "Topper" Reed	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
P. Michael Dorman	<i>Chief Building/Code Enforcement Officer</i>
Leigh G. Komornick	<i>Town Planner</i>
Maryellen Pelletier	<i>Town Clerk (elected)</i>
Joyce Thurston	<i>Deputy Town Clerk</i>
Rosemarie Bayek	<i>Tax Collector (elected)</i>
Nancy Bolduc	<i>Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant Town Clerk</i>
Dennise Horrocks	<i>Health Officer</i>
P. Michael Dorman	<i>Deputy Health Officer</i>
Dee Voss	<i>ZBA Administrative Assistant</i>
Laurie Pagnattaro	<i>Recording Secretary Planning/Zoning</i>
Audrey DeProspero	<i>Recording Secretary BOS/BudCom</i>
Martha Fowler	<i>Treasurer (elected)</i>

#### **Water Department**

John McArdle	<i>Superintendent</i>
Steve Carter	<i>Maintenance (part-time)</i>
Shawn Feeley	<i>Maintenance (part-time)</i>
Christopher Poliquin	<i>Maintenance/Technician (part-time)</i>





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### ***REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN***

The Board of Selectmen is proud to work with our dedicated cadre of informed elected officials, a dedicated group of Town employees and involved citizens as we continually strive to improve our community. 2010 was a year of challenges, as Plaistow—like all cities and towns—has worked to respond to one of the worst recessions in our lifetime.



**Board of Selectmen and Town Manager  
Present Citation to Raymond "The Mayor" Senechal**

These are challenging times for local governments to maintain quality services in light of revenue reductions caused by the downturn in the economy. However, we are committed to continue to provide the type of community residents can take pride in and others seek to emulate. Just like Plaistow's families and citizens have been tested by today's economic times—in 2010 Plaistow's government has been tested. Not just financially—but on many fronts. I am proud today that 2010 was full of many important accomplishments and a great deal of hard work, and Plaistow is stronger, and more able to meet the challenges ahead.

Again this year, the Town and/or the Board were involved in numerous litigious situations; including significant meetings to protect the Town's interests with regard to the Beede Superfund site, many contract negotiations, and situations involving settlement discussions. All of these responsibilities take their toll on our bottom line, as these legal responsibilities all have an effect on our budgets. However, these efforts have also protected the rights and interests of Plaistow taxpayers.

Additionally, the Town is diligently pursuing all avenues of bringing in additional non-property tax revenues to Town and will never leave any avenue for recouping tax-payer funds unexplored.



**New Garden Road Bridge Built with American  
Recovery and Reinvestment Act Related Funds**

The Board continues to aggressively explore outside revenue sources, other than tax dollars and cell tower revenue will continue to increase due to an additional carrier that was added to the Tower this year.



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### ***REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Continued)***

This brings the estimated revenue from the cell tower to approximately \$125,000 for 2011. Likewise, significant grants were obtained in 2010 to help Plaistow move forward on a number of important initiatives such as the repair of Town Hall's historic clock tower (\$10,000), the replacement of the Garden Road Bridge (\$600,000); major funding for the proposed Plaistow/MBTA project (\$8,400,000); federal funding for an additional Police Officer (\$230,000), and numerous other smaller grants that have helped Plaistow move forward with little impact to the taxpayers.

### **SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

While 2010 was indeed challenging—it has also been a tremendous year filled with significant achievements and accomplishments for the Town that will also serve to be a strong foundation for continued success in 2011. The following is a brief summary of major accomplishments and efforts:

- The Town went out to bid for our Solid Waste Contract in 2010 and selected a new contractor at significant savings to the Town. It is estimated that the annual savings for the contract will save the Town over \$100,000 a year in cost associated with disposals.
- The Town has completed the construction of a new Cable Studio in the basement of Town Hall that will allow the Town to save over \$15,000 in annual costs that the Town had been paying to rent space for the studio.
- A new turning lane was installed at the intersection of Westville Road and Route 125 to improve traffic flow. The cost associated with this roadway improvement was borne by the developers of the new Right Aid Pharmacy being located at the intersection of Route 125 and Westville Road that is slated to open for business in the spring of 2011.
- The Town received a \$10,000 grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources to fund the repair of the Town Hall's historic clock tower. (These funds will be matched with a generous \$20,000 donation made by a private citizen, Donald Sargent).
- Town of Plaistow was one of a few communities in NH to apply for and receive an American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) related grant for the replacement of Garden Road Bridge—the grant saved Plaistow taxpayers over \$500,000 and allowed the Town to replace a very dangerous NHDOT red-listed bridge.
- The Town of Plaistow continued to advance strategies to support the newly established Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) along Route 125 to help bring higher paying jobs to Plaistow.



**Selectman John Sherman and  
Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald**



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### ***REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Continued)***

- Many high level meetings that were held in Plaistow in 2010 including:
  - Many Meetings with the Town's legislative representatives.
  - Commissioner Bald from NH Department of Resources and Economic Development.
  - Commissioner Campbell from the NH Department of Transportation.
  - Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter.
- The Town's Highway Department continued to assume greater landscaping duties and responsibilities for Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC) saving the Town thousands of dollars.
- Town officials continued to explore the possibility of establishing an MBTA commuter rail station in Plaistow. To assist with these efforts, the Town received a \$30,000 technical assistance grant from the Rockingham Planning Commission to help coordinate a successful \$8,400,000 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant.
- The Town was successful in obtaining a \$232,000 Community Orientated Policing (COPS) Grant to hire an additional police officer with



**Selectman Gray at the World War II Veteran's Ceremony on Memorial Day**

little impact to Plaistow taxpayers.

- The Town celebrated its second annual Arbor Day, a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting—two trees were planted on the campus of the Plaistow Library.
- The Town was awarded first place for our *2009 Annual Report Award* from the NH Local Government Center that highlights excellence in the production of an annual report.
- The Board of Selectmen established the Plaistow First Committee in to help address a number of important concerns regarding land use in Plaistow. The Committee has been meeting regularly and has made some important recommendations to better define the potential of Plaistow's town owned lands.
- The Board of Selectmen reestablished a Plaistow Seniors Affairs Committee to help address the concerns of Plaistow's senior citizens.
- Plaistow commemorated September 11<sup>th</sup> with another special remembrance ceremony held at Pollard Park. The program featured remarks from representatives of the Plaistow Fire Department, Representative Norm Major, and the Board of Selectmen. (***Please Note:*** September 11, 2011 will mark the 10 year anniversary of the attack on our Nation and the Town is planning a special memorial commemoration.)



**Selectman Blinn and State Representative Major at the Garden Road Bridge Dedication Ceremony**



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### ***REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Continued)***

#### **RUTH JENNE**

In November of 2011, to everyone's surprise, Ruth Jenne, venerable Secretary of the Board of Selectmen, passed away at the age of 86, after over 50 years of dedicated service to Plaistow's citizens. She was integral in the daily operations of Town Hall and to every department within Town government. She had the largest heart of anyone that we have ever known, as her care for the welfare of others took the number one priority in her life. In every way, Ruthie always put the people of the Town of Plaistow first and herself last. Ruthie represented the best that Plaistow has to offer. While we miss her terribly, the Board of Selectmen is planning on a formal memorial in 2011 that will appropriately pay tribute to Ruthie's extraordinary example of public service to the citizens of Plaistow.



**Ruth Jenne worked for the Town of Plaistow for over 50 years.**

#### **CLOSING**

In closing, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank the many people that help manage Our Community. Without the help and assistance of the many dedicated volunteers that serve on the various Town boards, committees and commissions, it would not be possible to complete the important work that keeps Our Community operational. The Board wishes to further acknowledge the hard work of our many dedicated employees that keep the home fires burning while the residents go about their busy lives.

I would encourage all the citizens in Plaistow who make Our Community a special and inviting place to live, raise families, work, and call home, to again carry the extraordinary spirit of 2010 forward to help achieve our highest potential in 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Daniel J. Poliquin, Chairman*



**Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and State Representative Norman Major present a Birthday Citation to WWII Veteran and former Selectman Tom Cullen.**



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS*** **From Our Community in 2000**

**On the Cover:** Photos of the new Plaistow Public Library.

**Article P-18.** “ ... Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to cover the Tax Collector and Town Clerk with health insurance benefits at the same rate as full time Town Hall employees in the Personnel Plan starting immediately after December 1, 2001? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) ... [Intent: This is designed to treat the Tax Collector and Town Clerk in a manner similar to other town employees. Health Benefits cost the town approximately \$6,800 per year per employee for a two person plan.]

<b>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</b>	\$520,027,057.00
War Service Credits	\$45,700.00

#### **Statement of Bonded Debt:**

<u>LONG TERM NOTE</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Library (10 years)	@ 4.474	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt</u>
		1,710,000	382,527	2,082,527

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** “... The town was prepared for Y2K problems but when Bill Scully, Emergency Director, called the state at 12:00 am and found everything was working, as it should, we all breathed a sigh of relief..”

“... In March the town voted to hire two full time firemen. This was a landmark decision. After applications were received and necessary tests finished, Fire Chief Donald Petzold presented the two candidates to Selectmen for approval. Jon Lovett, who had been chosen the “Paramedic of the year for Merrimack Valley” and EM2 Chad Putney were hired, effective September 5, 2000.”

“Water Tower Rental: Telecommunication Companies are now renting space on the water tower, which brings monthly fees to the town;”

“... Vanessa Underwood and Barbara Hobbs organized “Plaistow Pride Weekend” in May. The purpose was to clean the streets and they received cooperation from organizations and residents. It made a big difference in the town’s appearance and we hope it will become an annual event.”

“... The Board is pleased that John F. Scruton accepted our proposed agreement. He was unanimously hired as Town Manager, effective December 28, 2000.”

**From the Report of the Conservation Commission:** “... Over the past 4 to 5 years we have been working with a forester, Charles Marino, to develop a forest management plan for our Town owned properties. The plan was completed in the spring and presented to the Selectmen and Planning Board. Weather permitting the timber harvest from the first compartment, an area of approximately 78 acres out of a total of 250 acres, will get under way before the end of 2000.”





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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 2000**

“... At last year’s Town Meeting we sponsored a warrant article to set up a conservation/forestry fund that will allow forest revenues and change of use land tax penalties to be placed in the fund.”

**From the Report of the Librarian:** “ ... The Board of Trustees proudly presented the new library to the people of Plaistow at the official dedication on June 24, 2000. Family members of Mary and William Nelson, Elizabeth and Robert Bleiler and family attended the dedication and shared their memories of the Nelsons with those gathered to celebrate the library opening. Vivian Crockett, Librarian in Plaistow from 1957 to 1972, was able to attend the ceremonies, thus prompting the Selectmen to officially declare June 24, 2000 “Vivian Crockett Day”! Jeanne Shaheen, Governor of New Hampshire, also attended the dedication and had the honor of cutting the ribbon and inviting the public to tour the library and have refreshments. It was a wonderful day to celebrate the completion of the beautiful new building and to acknowledge those responsible for our success.”

**From the Report of the Assessor:** “ ... Adjusting property assessments annually moderates shifts in taxes normally associated with full revaluations. Proceeding in this manner also does away with the need for costly and contentious full revaluations such as we had in 1987 and 1999. While currently the market is increasing, causing us to look at increasing assessments, this annual assessment program requires us to decrease assessments if the market begins to fall. The idea behind these annual updates, beyond moderating sudden shifts in property taxes, and doing away with the need for full revaluations, is that these updates ensure that each taxpayer is paying their fair share of property taxes each year, not just when a full revaluation occurs...”

**From the Report of the Building & Code Enforcement Officer:** “... As the year 2000 nears an end the Inspections Office continues to witness an abundance of construction. New residential construction remains steady at 15 and is expected to remain steady in the upcoming year. Pools, decks, sheds and remodels remain the majority of permits issued by this office.”

**From the Report of the Health Department:** “... Several times this year, the NH Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the CDC sponsored workshops on bioterrorism. There is a growing concern among health professionals as to the effects of the potential use of bioterrorist activities and the impact it would have on public health.”

**From the Report of the Highway Department:** “... We cut brush along the sides of the roads for about 250 hours. This is mostly done for sight distance at intersections & visibility of signage. Due to wet to sunny weather conditions this year, the brush has grown out of control. What did not get cut in 2000 we hope to do in 2001.”

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Citizens of Plaistow, 2000*



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1990**

**On the Cover:** A sketch of the Plaistow Town Hall, Elm tree and monument.

**Article 14.** “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the drilling of an artesian well at the Plaistow Highway Department Garage, said sum to include the necessary plumbing, toilet facilities and water purification system. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) “

<b>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</b>	<b>\$530,965,070.00</b>
War Service Credits	\$46,500.00

#### **Statement of Bonded Debt:**

<u>LONG TERM NOTES</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Remaining Principal</u>	<u>Remaining Interest</u>
Fitzgerald Public Safety Complex	15 years @ 8.07	750,000.00	345,482.34
Landfill Closure Construction	10 years @ 7.029	600,000.00	171,825.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>		<b>1,867,307.34</b>	

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** “... As we enter the decade of the nineties, we are certain that it will be remembered as one of challenge, creativity, as well as one of cooperation. Public officials faced challenges during 1990 that have been unsurpassed for many, many years. The decline of the real estate market, increasing fuel and utility prices, reduced state and local revenues, the demise of numerous businesses within the community and massive loss of jobs in the New England region have all contributed to the snowball effect on the economy of each community.”

**From the Report of the Town Manager:** “... The signs of the difficulties are all around us; from the frightening volume of foreclosures listed on a weekly basis in our newspapers, to the alarming vacancy rate in our commercial areas, to the increasing percentage of property taxes that are going unpaid...”

“... The negotiation of our new contract for the collection, transportation and disposal of our solid waste concluded in early 1990 and became effective in mid-February. This contract contains a “tipping fee” of \$37.50 for each ton of refuse collected; a figure which is the envy of communities not only in our immediate area, but also regionally. In an effort to further reduce expenditures for this service, and at the same time help preserve our natural resources and protect our environment, a recycling program was designed and in mid-May, implemented. As discussed elsewhere in this document, in this way we have removed approximately 31 tons of material from the waste stream (in addition to approximately 100 tons of “scrap metal” and “white goods” which also were recycled) during the last seven months of the year. As time has passed, the rate of recycling participation has increased. I encourage all citizens to join in this effort to reduce our expenditures and help the environment.”



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)***

#### **From Our Community in 1990**

**From the Report of the Highway Department:** "... Brush Cutting: The trees, limbs and underbrush were cut along side of 10 miles of roadway this year. This is done to allow the hot top crews to do their work, so that the trees don't damage the windows of vehicles and so that snow may be pushed further off of the roads."

**From the Report of Welfare Administration:** "... I would like to thank two ladies who are instrumental in supporting the Clothes Closet (I refer to it as Filene's Basement North) in the basement of the town hall. First, there is Tammy McSheehy who gave birth to the idea, and Margo Collins who delivered the materials and installed the clothing racks. And, adding to the success of the program, we thank the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who carried bags of clothing to the cellar, and sorted them; and the youthful participants of the Family Mediation Program who keep the area neat and tidy, folding and refolding the many donated items."

**From the Report of the Librarian:** "... The number of people who came into the library for services in 1990 was up by over 2,500 from the previous year and the focus on their needs had changed with the times. The library became a daily stopping point for many in search of want ads or a quiet place to write a resume, and the increased number of requests for job related materials was noticeable."

**From the Report of the Highway Safety Committee:** "... the proposed construction of a Shaw's market is on hold, due to litigation; however the Highway Safety Committee hopes that this is cleared up soon so that the proposed improvements to Route 125 in the Cedarbrook Plaza area can go forward – improvements that will greatly increase safety and reduce the accident frequency."

**From the Report of the Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee:** "... Our first job was to find out if there were enough people out there who would ride a commuter train from the area. With the help from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Rockingham Planning Commission, this ridership survey was quickly formed and completed in August. The survey showed that there is widespread support for commuter service and our work went forward."

"... Although we would like to report that commuter rail service between Plaistow and Boston is a reality, we feel that service could be in place within a couple of years, if not sooner."

**From the Report of the Water Department:** "... At the end of 1990, a major water line project was started. The start of the Westville bridge project was also the beginning of the water line extension. The waterline portion of the project should be completed this year. It is encouraging to see continuous progress on a system that will, at some point provide both fire suppression and potable water to a major portion of."

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Citizens of Plaistow, 1990*



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1980**

**On the Cover:** A sketch of the Town Hall and elm tree.

**Article 6.** “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of remodeling the LaGasse Building to house the Town’s Police and Fire Departments. The money is to be raised by general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) under authority of RSA 33. (By Petition.)

**Article 13.** “ ... To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to create a Plaistow Housing Authority under the provisions of Chapter 203 of the Revised Statutes Annotated entitled the Housing Authorities Law.”

**Article 15.** “ ... Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:70 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a wood heating energy system which exemption shall be in the amount of \$100.00.” (By Petition.)

**Article 18.** “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for initiating a Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund as provided under RSA 36:4 and RSA 36:5. No monies accumulating in this fund will be expended without a vote of the Town at either an annual Town Meeting or a special Town Meeting.” (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$53,752,497.00
War Service Tax Credits	none listed

#### **Statement of Bonded Debt:**

<u>LONG TERM NOTES</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Remaining Principal</u>
Highway	5 years @ 5.15%	10,000.00
Water Extension	10 years @ 5.8%	30,000.00
Library	5 years @ 4.5%	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL		55,000.00

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** “... Much of our work in the past year has been devoted to rationalizing procedures in town government. The board has developed, adopted and instituted a formal personnel plan for town employees. The plan includes a personnel manual. Job descriptions and position classifications, a salary and wage matrix on which all employees are placed, and an evaluation plan. Using the evaluation plan, employee performance was fairly reviewed and those rated high were awarded merit increases in salary.”

“... The selectmen have accepted the EDA funded waterline. This project extends fire protection services available to homes, businesses and public buildings in the center of town.”



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1980**

“The board and town officials met with officials from Haverhill, Massachusetts to discuss traffic problems on Route 125.”

“... In recognition of his many contributions to the town, Earl Smith was honored by the dedication of the recreational field in his name.”

“... One of the Board’s goals for 1981 has already been accomplished at this writing. The town has purchased property atop Sweet Hill Road from Mrs. Sophie Gritzko. The property may eventually be used for water storage and pressure purposes. We are now studying water quality and acquisition of land for water storage and conservation purposes.”

“... We are especially pleased that a private developer has begun construction of housing for senior citizens. More facilities of this type and other subsidized housing will be goals for the Board in 1981.”

**From the Report of the Police Department:** “... I have been chief for eight years and during this time the town has grown not only in population but in number of residences and businesses. The traffic flow from Route 125 is at times almost bumper to bumper from the state line to the Kingston line. A great deal of department time is spent in this area handling accidents and incidents at businesses.”

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** “... We were most fortunate in that only 18 chimney fires occurred in spite of the greatly increased use of wood stoves. The cooperation of wood stove users and the diligent work of our inspection division headed by firefighters Don Sargent, has been a major factor in keeping this type of fire to a minimum. Proper installation and inspection of wood stoves and the periodic cleaning of chimneys is essential in the prevention of fire from this source. Don is to be congratulated for his work in this area.”

**From the Report of the Highway Department:** “... During 1980 the Highway Department will be undertaking several ambitious projects. These include oiling approximately 10 miles of road, extensive drainage projects, and another portion of Greenough Road will be reconstructed. ... “

**From the Report of Civil Defense:** “... The state has given much emphasis to the evacuation of towns within a ten mile radius of Seabrook, in the event of a melt-down of the nuclear plant there. Plaistow is outside this ten mile radius and therefore not included in these plans. Plaistow, however, would become a “host” town in the event of an evacuation from Seabrook, or from the Metropolitan Boston area.”

**From the Report of the Librarian:** “... Laurie Houlihan was appointed Assistant Librarian in January.”

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Citizens of Plaistow, 1980*





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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1970**

**On the Cover:** A picture of the Plaistow Elm and Town Hall.

**Article 11.** "... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the construction of a four (4) foot wide hot top sidewalk with a curbing on Greenough Road from the Danville Road to the Timberlane High School. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee) ... "

<b>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</b>	\$14,508,354.00
War Service Credits	Not listed

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** "... There were 412 veterans exemptions, 4 totally disabled exemptions and one blind exemption for a total of \$22,872.46."

"... We regret to inform you that the proposed Plastic Plant planned by Raymer Plastics in the vicinity of Kingston Road, for which the town voted a \$40,000.00 bond issue, has been forced to be delayed due to the present economic climate."

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** "... The hydrant system has been inspected, and has been found to be in good working order. We had the N.H. Fire Underwriters look at the hydrant system, to approve it for a reduction in fire insurance for buildings within 600 feet of a hydrant. A letter has been received stating final approval will be forthcoming."

**From the Report of the Highway Agent:** "... In 1957 there were fifty-four streets in Plaistow. At the end of 1970 there were a total of ninety-eight. Eleven of these new streets totalling approximately seven miles were accepted during 1970."

**From the Report of the Tree Warden:** "... The "Town Elm" apparently contracted the Dutch Elm disease this past Summer. An effort was made to halt the disease from spreading throughout the tree by removing the infected branches however it is realized that such attempts are usually in vain. Some removal of dead branches was accomplished this Summer although if the tree should survive the Dutch Elm Disease, there is considerable more work to be done on the tree if it is to remain for many more years. At best, its life is very limited. "

**From the Report of the Planning Board:** "... Three subdivisions have been approved. The following streets have been accepted by the board: Culver, Linwood, Auburn, Dalton, Dundee Drive, Shady Lane, Brentwood, Upper Road, Little Nook, Greystone, Sequoia, Starn Avenue and Autumn Circle."

"... Our close proximity to route 495, and the distinct possibility of a connector the route 495, portends an increasing rate of growth for Plaistow. The Board recognizes the need for the planning of town water and sewer to meet this growth. Protection of watershed areas must be provided while they still are available."



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1970**

**From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health:** "... From April through December, there were twenty-eight septic systems repaired. All of these systems were approved for construction by the Pollution Control Commission."

**From the Report of the Recreation Commission:** "... In the fall we see about eighty-five, sixth, seventh, and eight grade boys back at the War Memorial Field donning their football gear, preparing to take their knocks in the Haverhill YMCA League where one of our Plaistow teams were co-champs in 1970. The Recreation Commission added two hundred dollars to the fottball treasury where expenses ran over \$2,300.00."

#### **Also on the Cover:**

"I can only guess at power in the leaves dry scuffle,  
And look with a wonder at such stern enterprise:  
Your breadth ready for what the days may unruffle  
Carries a proud light against the moving skies."

The quotation on our cover is from the poem *Tree Against Sky*, written about our Great Elm, and published in one of Daniel Webster Smythe's books, *Strange Element*, (The Golden Quill Press, Francestown, N.H.) "Dan" Smythe lived on North Avenue in Plaistow, for many years with his mother, father and brother. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in English at the University of Pennsylvania; was a biographer of Poet Robert Frost, and is presently poet-in-residence at Bradley University in Illinois. Other books which Dan has published include *Steep Acres*, *Only More Sure*, *Brief Inheritance*, *Man in the Land*, and *Robert Frost Speaks*.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Citizens of Plaistow, 1970*



**The Board of Selectmen Observe World War II Uniforms  
on Display at the Town Hall**



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1960**

**Cover:** Drawing of a gate with the caption “Town of Plaistow- Gateway to Scenic New Hampshire”. (SCENIC used to be on New Hampshire License Plates- before Live Free or Die.)

**Article 11.** “... To see if the Town will vote to authorize appointment of a Recreation Commission, to serve without compensation, to consist of five Plaistow citizens, and to be responsible for control and direction of maintenance of the War Memorial Recreation Area and for the scheduling and supervision of its uses...”

**Article 12.** “... To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law.” (BY PETITION)

**Article 13.** “ ... To see if the Town will elect a Budget Committee after the first year.” (BY PETITION)

**Article 20.** “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for improvement of water holes.”

<b>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</b>	<b>\$5,053,386.00</b>
Soldiers' Exemptions	283,325.00
Number of Veterans Who Received Property Exemptions	285

**From the Report of the Board of Selectmen:** “ ... Because of the outbreak of thefts and breaks into business establishments, the Selectmen ordered a nightly patrol by the Police of the Town.”

“... An ordinance which was recommended by the Chief of Police to register bicycles was adopted.”

“... We installed a new system for bookkeeping to keep record of valuations. This system took considerable time to set up this year but in years to come it will save countless hours.

Numerous towns have made inquiry and have contacted us and Cybernetics, Inc., the firm that did the machine work for the Town.

An example of the work it will save us is in the fact that the old hand method of doing the “Blotter Book” which took two to three weeks to do is done in about one and one half hours. The Tax Collector’s Warrant which was actually a copy of the “Blotter Book” which was done by hand is done at the same time. The Tax Bills which took the Collector some two or three weeks to type are done by this machine in about an hour. This machine will free the selectmen of the hand, time consuming work and give them more time to treat other problems.”



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### ***EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)*** **From Our Community in 1960**

#### **From the Report of the Librarian:**

##### **Library Hours**

Monday 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Friday 2:00 00 – 6:00 P.M

**From the Report of the Road Agent:** “... Our T.R.A. money – that is Town Road Aid from the State was used building a road at Sunrise Terrace, also putting in a culvert and building up with a mix the lower part of Center Circle, plus a little work started on Kimball Ave. Extension.”

**From the Report of the Board of Health:** “ ... It has been my duty to send to the State Board of Health notices of the following cases of reportable diseases; Dog Bite 10; German Measles 2; Measles 9; Mumps 5; Chicken Pox 10; Scarlet Fever 11... Reports to the State Welfare Board were made concerning three premature infants born to members of this town... In conjunction with the Building Inspectors, Mr. Winrow and the late Mr. Newton Holmes, we have examined complaints relative to faults in the layout of both sewerage and water supply systems and have caused changes to be made to such layouts before construction had gone too far, also we have examined such systems in many new building sites in the town. “

**From the Report of the Tree Warden:** “ ... The Town removed 32 trees mostly Elm and a few diseased Maples... “

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Citizens of Plaistow, 1960*



*Longtime Plaistow resident and Pearl Harbor Survivor  
William Hallahan (on the left)*



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### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER***

It is both a pleasure and honor to submit my 2010 town report. As I enter my third year as Plaistow's Town Manager, I continue to be inspired by the challenges and opportunities facing Our Community. Many of Plaistow's elected officials and municipal employees have been busy working on projects and initiatives in 2010 that have been helping Plaistow meet its civic potential.

As the "Gateway to Southern New Hampshire", Plaistow is an extraordinary community of citizens who invest in their community by offering their time and resources. An example is the wonderful turn out the Town had on Memorial Day in 2010. Hundreds of Plaistow Citizens—young and old—turned out to honor our WWII veterans as part of our yearlong celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> ending of WWII. Throughout the year, the Town made special efforts to show these men and women who served Our Community our deepest gratitude.

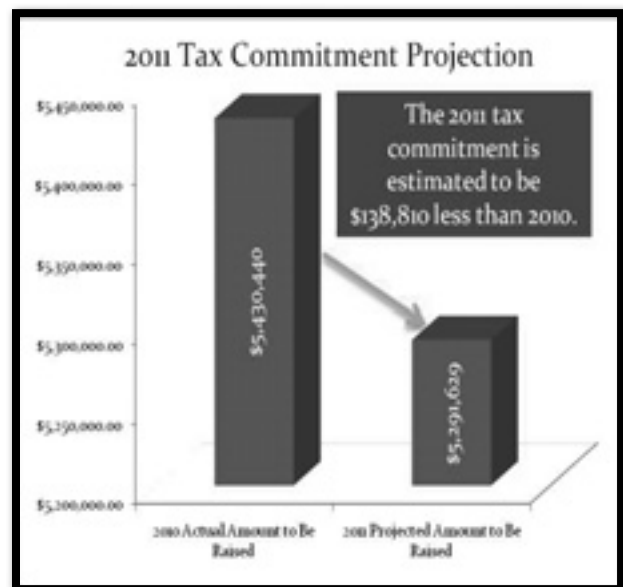


**Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald at the  
World War II Veteran's Ceremony**

### **2010 BUDGETARY CHALLENGES**

2010 has been another "stormy" year, weather-wise as well as budget-wise. The Town continues to deal with significant losses in State aid and budgetary challenges. All Town Departments have worked hard to make reductions to cost items in their budgets and have sought ways to save dollars wherever possible. In today's challenging economic times, Plaistow's fiduciary stewardship has kept us focused on leveraging every dollar. While we have tightened our belts like many to stretch your tax dollars, we have also avoided financial peril through conservative revenue forecasting and responsible budgeting. To this end, Town staff has been aggressively pursuing state and federal grant opportunities that will allow the Town to move forward on important initiatives, while minimizing the impact to Plaistow taxpayers.

The 2011 budget, which has undergone rigorous analysis by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, calls for a slight increase. A number of increases are related to contractual or legal obligations. Additionally, the Town received a 2010 Community Policing Grant (COPS) grant and while the 2010 Police budget increases slightly, the Town will offset this increase with grant funding—not through property taxes. It is also important to note that the 2011 tax projection is estimated to be





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### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER (Continued)***

\$138,810 less than 2010. It is important to recognize that while these are difficult times, the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Committee and Town staff, are taking responsible steps toward maintaining excellent financial condition without significant impacts to the quality of our services and the fees and taxes we rely on to support those services Plaistow residents count on.

#### **REPLACEMENT OF THE GARDEN ROAD BRIDGE (WWII MEMORIAL BRIDGE)**

Even in light of the economic recession, Plaistow's government continues to maintain municipal services and programs and preserve Our Community's quality of life. To this end, in 2010, the Town successfully applied for and received over \$500, in federal economic stimulus dollars to fund repairs to the Garden Road Bridge. I am pleased to report that the bridge was constructed on time and on budget—with no delay claims or significant deficiencies in workmanship. The general contractor for the project was Merrill Construction. Town staff managed the project through pre-construction meetings until completion of the project. The project began on May 13, 2010 and continued from May through November of 2011.



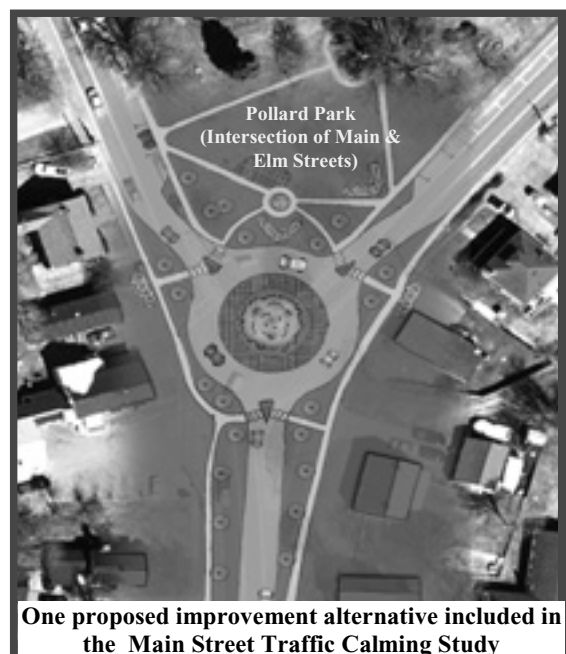
**Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald looks on as Selectmen John Sherman speaks about the Garden Road Bridge Dedication**

In November, the Board of Selectmen dedicated the new bridge in honor of the men and women of Plaistow who nobly and bravely served in World War II. The Town held a well attended dedication ceremony on the new WWII Memorial Bridge where Town and State officials, and many WWII veterans, participated. Pollard Elementary School and Timberlane Regional High School students assisted with a small musical program (Taps/God Bless America). The Plaistow American Legion Color Guard and Firing Squad concluded the dedication with a 21 Gun Salute in honor of all of WWII heroes.

#### **MAIN STREET TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

In 2010, the Town finalized a report prepared by Rockingham Planning Commission to study how to calm traffic on Plaistow's Main Street. This study examined the existing conditions and proposed specific enhancements and recommendations to address identified public safety concerns. In addition to the overall goal of enhancing Main Street as a destination within the Town of Plaistow, there are some more specific transportation related objectives of the study and areas where recommendations have been offered that will help with:

- Reducing vehicle speeds on Main Street
- Improving the environment for pedestrians
- Redirect heavy vehicles to Route 125 where possible





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### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER (Continued)***

With the completion of this report, the Town can now proceed with evaluating the strategies to help secure funding and perhaps even implementation of a number of recommendations to help create a safer, more vibrant "Village Center" in Plaistow.

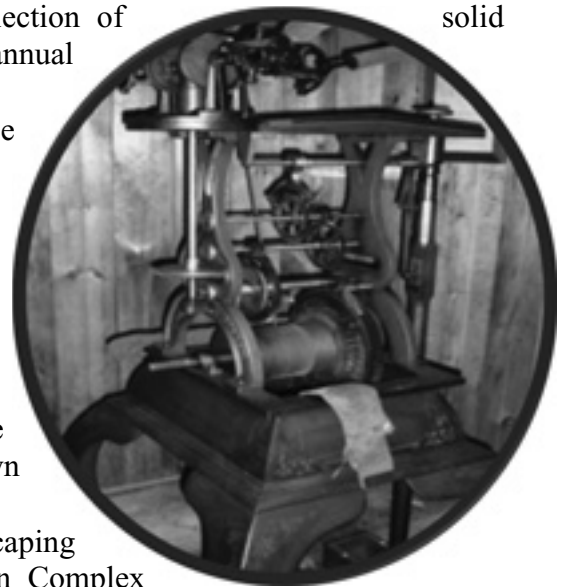
#### **STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT (ROUTE 125 WIDENING)**

Programmed improvements to the next segment of Route 125, estimated at over \$10,000,000, are scheduled to occur over the next two years, has required continuous coordination and planning between the Town and NH Department of Transportation. The Town has maintained an active dialogue with NHDOT concerning local priorities with frequent meetings conducted to discuss local needs and priorities. This major investment in Plaistow will help bring increased attention to the extraordinary opportunities to help ensure Route 125 can support responsible economic development in Town.

#### **SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

While 2010 was indeed challenging—it has also been a tremendous year filled with significant achievements and accomplishments for the Town that will also serve to be a strong foundation for continued success in 2011. Positive things continue to happen Plaistow—the following are a few additional accomplishments:

- The Town went out to bid for our solid waste contract in 2009 and selected JRM Recycling as the new solid waste/recycling contractor. The cost for collection of solid waste went from \$82 per ton down to \$68 per ton—an annual projected savings of over \$100,000 to the Town.
- During 2010, the Town of Plaistow continued to advance strategies to support the newly established Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) along Route 125 to help bring higher paying jobs to Plaistow.
- The Town received a \$10,000 grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources to repair the Town Hall clock tower.
- The Town has completed the construction of a new cable studio in the basement of Town Hall that will allow the Town to save over \$15,000 in annual costs that the Town had previously been paying to rent space for the studio.
- The Town's Highway Department assumed the landscaping duties and responsibilities for Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC) saving thousands of dollars—in 2009. These operational efficiencies continued in 2010 as the highway staff assumed additional landscaping/facility responsibilities for Town properties.
- The Town avoided having to take a tax anticipation note in 2010 as a result of strategically managing cash flow; saving the Town over \$26,000 in interest and finance charges.



**The mechanism that runs  
Town Hall's Historic Clock**





# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER (Continued)***

- The Town celebrated its second annual Arbor Day, a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting—two trees were planted on the campus of the Plaistow Library.
- The Town continued to negotiate with Cellular companies looking to locate on the former water tower in 2010 and secured a very favorable contract that will bring in significantly more annual revenue as well as a onetime capital commitment for the Cell Tower's capital maintenance
- Plaistow commemorated September 11th with another special remembrance program held at Pollard Park.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

As Plaistow looks to 2011, there are many exciting initiatives that will keep Town staff busy. As a community and as Town employees, we will look to build on the successes of the past, while keeping mindful of all the hopes and expectations that have been outlined in Plaistow's Master Plan. Many of these goals and expectations center on a strategic plan to better coordinate proper land use, community preservation, recreation, housing, capital needs, transportation, civic, and community planning goals to ensure that we will be building a stronger, more responsive, more sustainable Plaistow for both current and future generations.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns I hope you will contact me at Town Hall at 603-382-5200 or email me at: [sfitzgerald@plaistow.com](mailto:sfitzgerald@plaistow.com). I would encourage all the citizens in Plaistow who make Our Community a special and inviting place to live, raise our families, work, and call home, to again carry the extraordinary spirit of 2010 forward to help achieve the highest potential in 2011.




**Ruth Jenne, Sean Fitzgerald and Audrey Deprospero**

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Audrey Deprospero, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager for all the extraordinary things she does—day in and day out—to help her colleagues and serve the citizens of Plaistow. Without her help and coordination of our very busy office, many of the important responsibilities and successes over the last year would be simply impossible.

In closing, while our hearts are still broken at the loss of our dear friend and colleague Ruth Jenne, I know that Audrey and I will always cherish the honor and privilege of working side by side with such a kind and wonderful public servant over the last few years.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sean Fitzgerald  
Town Manager



## Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

### 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



#### ***MEETING RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 30, 2010 DELIBERATIVE SESSION***

The meeting took place on a cold clear Saturday with about 25-30 town residents in attendance along with 24 board members. Barry Sargent, Town Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:03am with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Barry announced to the assembly that it would be last Deliberative Session as he decided to retire from this position did not sign up to run again for Moderator. He shared with the audience that he has served for the past 23 years and it was time to move on. He also stated that he would probably retire from his regular job next year. The first time he first ran for Moderator was in 1986 against Cliff Cook, who had served as Moderator about 30 years. Barry lost in a landslide. The reason he ran was because Cliff's health was failing and within a year Cliff had to resign and Barry was appointed.

Barry received a standing ovation from the body in appreciation of his many great years of service.

Next, Barry mentioned there were a number of hand-outs that everyone should have. He discussed that he would be using Roberts Rules of Order as a guide. Then he asked non-voters to sit on the left side of the room and read the names of the non-voters who wished to speak. A motion was made by John Sherman to allow them to speak and seconded by Bob Gray. A vote was taken and all were allowed to speak.

Barry then began the business part of the meeting by reading the Invitation to the Inhabitants to join the Deliberative Session and again to complete the meeting by voting on March 9, 2010.

**P-10-A:** Motion: Martha Sumner, second: John Sherman, presented: by Kristin Lewis-Savage.

Kristin mentioned to the public that they would notice that actual expenses for 2009 are lower than the budgeted amount for 2009. The amount of the 2010 Budget is back to the budgeted amount and not lowered. With careful spending in 2009 many items were put off and in 2010 the Town will move forward with those items. She reminded the public that we can't keep putting things off as doing so would impact our streets and other public safety issues.

It was also mentioned that salaries are down in all departments due to the fact that in 2009 we had a 53rd pay week. The total 2010 Budget is down 1.1% from the 2009 Budget.

Bob Gray put forth an amendment to add \$30,000 to be used for additional snow and ice removal. Due to the stormy January a large amount of the 2010 Snow Removal Budget was already spent. The amendment was seconded by Kristin Lewis-Savage. Bob Gray stated that we spend about \$50,000 per month for snow removal which breaks down to about \$1500/hour.

Jason Hoch stated that the Town can't add money to a specific line, only to the bottom line of the budget which would make the Total Budget \$7,328,045.



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***MEETING RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 30, 2010 DELIBERATIVE SESSION (Continued)***

Mr. Bell asked what happens to the funds if they aren't needed for snow removal? John Sherman stated that they would roll into the General Fund.

A vote was taken to accept the amendment and passed.

P-10-A will appear with the amended bottom line budget total of \$7,328,045.

**P-10-B:** Motion: Kristin Lewis-Savage, second: Michelle Curran, presented: by Chief Steve Savage.



#### **Deliberative Session 2010**

Public Safety Building was built in 1985; space and security issues are a big concern. Different locations for a new Police Department have been discussed, as well as looking at a standalone building at the same location.

A vote was taken and P-10-B will appear as written.

**P-10-C:** Motion: John Sherman, second: Dan Poliquin, presented: by John Sherman.

In the past the Town has deposited \$62,000 into this fund, in 2009 there was no deposit, therefore this year the amount has increased to \$66,000. The next anticipated purchase will be a dump truck in 2011.

A vote was taken and the amendment passed.

P-10-C will appear as amended.

**P-10-D:** Motion: Bob Gray, second: Michelle Curran, presented: by Bob Gray.

**P-10-E:** Motion: Michelle Curran, second: Dan Poliquin, presented: by Michelle Curran.

**P-10-F:** Motion: Joyce Ingerson, second: John Sherman, presented: by John Sherman.

**P-10-I:** Motion: John Sherman, second: Kristin Lewis-Savage, presented: by John Sherman.

**P-10-J:** Motion: Michelle Curran, second: Dan Poliquin, presented: by Michelle Curran.

**P-10-K:** Motion: Michelle Curran, second: Jill Senter, presented: by Michelle Curran.

**P-10-L:** Motion: Michelle Curran, second: Dan Poliquin, presented: by Ralph Bolduc.

**P-10-M:** Article was not read nor discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***MEETING RESULTS OF THE MARCH 9, 2010 TOWN MEETING***

Election Day turned out cloudy, breezy but into the 40's all day. We had a big turnout in campaign workers as the ballot had several races for the first time in a couple of years. There was also a very active write in campaign for the position of Moderator.

This election was the last official service of our current Moderator, Barry Sargent, who retired after 23 years. He took a few moments at the poll opening to thank all of his loyal workers for their help in the past. The polls where then opened with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the swearing in of the ballot clerks.

Voter turnout was average for Plaistow with 1034 votes cast, a total of 16% of the registered voters.

### **RESULTS**

Article P-10-A:	passed	Article P-10-B:	failed
Article P-10-C:	passed	Article P-10-D:	passed
Article P-10-E:	passed	Article P-10-F:	passed
Article P-10-G:	passed	Article P-10-H:	passed
Article P-10-I:	passed	Article P-10-J:	passed
Article P-10-K:	failed	Article P-10-L:	passed
Article P-10-M:	passed	Article P-10-N:	passed
Article P-10-O:	passed	Article P-10-P:	passed
Article P-10-Q:	passed	Article P-10-R:	passed
Article P-10-S:	passed	Article P-10-T:	failed



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***MEETING RESULTS OF THE MARCH 9, 2010 TOWN MEETING (Continued)***

#### **TIMBERLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESULTS**

Article 2:	passed	Article 3:	passed
Article 4:	passed	Article 5:	passed
Article 6:	passed	Article 7:	passed

Polls were closed at 8pm and write in votes were tabulated. Election results were announced around 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



**Deliberative Session 2010**



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR***

<b>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2,009</b>
Property Taxes		\$1,281,561

**Taxes Committed This Year:**

Property Taxes	\$20,295,157	
Yield Taxes		\$480
Credit Balance	\$5,460	

**Overpayment:**

Property Taxes	\$17,835	\$939
Collect Interest - Late Taxes	\$15,798	\$66,988
Penalties - Returned Check	\$25	\$2,297

<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$20,323,355</b>	<b>\$1,352,265</b>
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**CREDITS:**

* Property Taxes	\$19,094,544	\$731,684
* Yield Taxes		\$480
* Interest	\$15,798	\$66,988
* Penalties - Return Check	\$25	\$2,297
* Conversion to Lien		\$543,461

The above (\*) remitted to Treasurer

**Abatements Made:**

Property Taxes	\$15,023	\$7,355
Yield Tax	\$35	

**Uncollected Taxes End of Year:**

Property Taxes	\$1,280,839	
Prepaid	-\$5,461	
Yield Taxes		

<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$20,323,355</b>	<b>\$1,352,265</b>
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# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR (Continued)***

<b>DEBITS:</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning Year	\$580,520	\$261,057	\$79,577
Liens Executed During Year	\$10,395	\$35,095	\$18,197
Interest & Costs Collected	\$1,755	\$900	\$675
Mortgage Notice Costs	\$25		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$592,695</b>	<b>\$297,052</b>	<b>\$98,449</b>

<b>CREDITS:</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Redemptions	\$226,351	\$140,557	\$50,236
Interest & Cost Collected	\$10,395	\$35,095	\$18,197
Mortgage Notice Costs	\$1,780	\$900	\$675
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer			
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes			
Unredeemed Liens Balance	\$354,169	\$120,500	\$29,341
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$592,695</b>	<b>\$297,052</b>	<b>\$98,449</b>

*The Tax Collector's figures are shown as submitted to the State of New Hampshire and are rounded to the nearest dollar.*

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>
Property Taxes	\$20,387,171
Yield Tax	\$480
Interest	\$85,160
Redemptions	\$417,144
Interest & Costs Collected	\$63,687
Penalty & Mortgage Notice Costs	\$5,697
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$20,959,339</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rosemarie L. Bayek, Tax Collector*





# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (2010 REVENUES)***

W/H State NH Marriages Certified Copies	\$ 9,277.00
Interware Liability W/H = E-Reg	\$ 1,145.95
Dogs W/H State of NH	\$ 2,873.00
UCC Fees	\$ 3,765.00
Autos (10099)	\$ 1,134,581.22
E-Reg Fee	\$ 683.00
Mail In Registration Fee	\$ 7,971.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 112.80
Dog License (1245)	\$ 6,440.50
Dog Pickup Fines	\$ 2,348.00
Marriage Licenses (78)	\$ 546.00
Certified Copies (831)	\$ 2,791.00
Returned Check Charges	\$ 750.00
Municipal Agent Program	\$ 29,388.00
Voter Check List	\$ 54.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	\$ -
Boat Registrations (478)	\$ 7,679.28
Recordings	\$ -
Filing Fees	\$ 6.00
Voter Registration Cards	\$ -
Title Fees	\$ 3,396.00
Pole Licenses	\$ -
Recount Fees	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ 1,213,807.75
Prior Year Returned Check Collected 2009	\$ 959.80
Prior Year Returned Check Collected 2008	\$ 267.50
Outstanding Checks 2010	\$ (692.40)
<b><i>Remitted to the Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 1,214,342.65</i></b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER***

#### ***Balance Brought Forward January 1, 2010***

<b><i>TD Bank</i></b>	<b>\$7,979,320.94</b>	
<b><i>MBIA Account</i></b>	<b>\$299,547.66</b>	
<b><i>(Total of TD Bank and MBIA Accounts)</i></b>		<b>\$8,278,868.60</b>

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Debits</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><i>Town Clerk</i></b>			
State of NH Motor Vehicles		\$765,208.87	
W/H State of NH Vital Records		\$9,277.00	
Interware Liabilty W/H = E-Reg		\$1,145.95	
Dogs W/H State of NH		\$2,873.00	
UCC Fees		\$3,765.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$1,134,581.22	
E-Reg Mail In Fees		\$683.00	
Mail In Fees		\$7,971.00	
Miscellaneous		\$112.80	
Dog Licenses		\$6,440.50	
Dog Fine Postage		\$198.00	
Dog Pickup Fines		\$2,150.00	
Marriage Licenses		\$546.00	
Certified Copies		\$2,791.00	
Municipal Agent Program		\$29,388.00	
Voter Check List		\$54.00	
Boat Registrations		\$7,679.28	
Filing Fees		\$6.00	
Voter Registration Cards		\$0.00	
Town Title Fees		\$3,396.00	
Pole Licenses		\$0.00	
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		\$196.20	
2010 Returned Checks	\$8,042.34		
2010 Returned Checks Paid		\$7,685.94	
2010 Returned Check Charges		\$750.00	
<b><i>Total (Town Clerk)</i></b>			<b>\$1,978,856.42</b>

***Tax Warrant Copies*** **\$26.00**

***Planning Board*** **\$3,994.00**



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)***

<b><i>ZBA</i></b>	<b>\$3,958.22</b>
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<b><i>Health Department</i></b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>
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<b><i>Witness Fees</i></b>	<b>\$1,632.00</b>
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<b><i>Recruiting Police Test &amp; Training Fees</i></b>	<b>\$15,289.00</b>
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<b><i>Court Ordered Reimbursement</i></b>	<b>\$120.14</b>
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#### **Fire Department**

Ambulance	\$120.00	
Insurance Report (Requests)	\$210.00	
General Revenue	\$1,257.25	
<b>Total (Fire Dept.)</b>		<b>\$1,587.25</b>

#### **Recreation Department**

Community Trips	\$765.00	
Special Events	\$1,287.00	
Summer Recreation Registrations	\$39,342.50	
Summer Recreation Trips	\$8,957.85	
Baseball/Softball Registrations	\$10,440.00	
Senior Trips	\$13,013.00	
Field Useage Fees	\$1,927.50	
Returned Checks	\$713.00	
Returned Checks Paid		
<b>Total (Recreation Dept.)</b>		<b>\$75,019.85</b>

#### **Tax Collector**

Liens	\$580,519.89
Previous Year Taxes	\$754,148.49
2010 Taxes	\$19,094,643.86
2011 Taxes	\$6,135.45
Property Tax Interest	\$47,170.13
Redemptions	\$415,020.36
Redemptions/Interest/Costs	\$63,327.60



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)***

Mortgage Notice Costs		\$4,391.00	
Returned Checks	\$46,382.03		
Returned Checks Paid		\$40,266.03	
Returned Checks Fees		\$100.00	
<b>Total (Tax Collector)</b>			<b>\$20,959,340.78</b>

#### **Building/Code Enforcement Department**

Inspections		\$70,381.08	
Returned Checks	\$1,115.00		
Returned Checks Paid		\$180.00	
Returned Check Fees		\$75.00	
<b>Total (Building/Code Enforcement Dept.)</b>			<b>\$69,521.08</b>

#### **Police Department**

Gun Permits		\$1,250.00	
Licenses to Sell Pistols		\$75.00	
Second Hand and Pawn Shops		\$1,750.00	
Fingerprinting		\$549.00	
Parking Violations		\$5,925.00	
False Alarms		\$1,825.00	
Insurance Requests		\$6,544.00	
Returned Checks	\$10.00		
Returned Checks Paid		\$10.00	
Returned Checks Fee		\$25.00	
<b>Total (Police Department)</b>			<b>\$17,943.00</b>

#### **Federal Government**

Witness Advocate		\$33,018.60	
American Recovery Act Grant		\$280,876.50	
Other Federal		\$42,884.34	
<b>Total (Federal Government)</b>			<b>\$356,779.44</b>

#### **State of New Hampshire**

NH Welfare		\$815.58	
NH Railroad		\$3,356.19	
NH Sex Offender Registrations		\$140.00	
Rooms & Meals Taxes		\$338,636.38	



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)***

Highway Block Grant	\$141,967.69	
Witness Fees	\$0.00	
District Court Rent	\$0.00	
NH Fuel Tax	\$0.00	
Grants from State	\$12,109.00	
State of N.H. Mosquito Control	\$4,268.99	
<b>Total (State of New Hampshire)</b>		<b>\$501,293.83</b>

#### ***Other Government***

Town Hall Exp. Trust	\$7,006.14	
CableTrust Fund	\$25,433.00	
Due from Internet Trust fund	\$1,941.61	
Trustees	\$12,535.00	
Police Dispatch	\$36,954.59	
School Crossing Guard	\$8,812.15	
School Resource Officer	\$52,876.63	
Water Department Capital Improvement	\$308,303.29	
<b>Total (Other Government)</b>		<b>\$453,862.41</b>

#### ***Miscellaneous Sources***

Cable Franchise Fee	\$148,223.58
Cemetery Lot Sales	\$3,800.00
Cemetery Interments	\$2,100.00
Veteran Markers	\$500.00
Leased Land	\$119,490.81
Contribution from private industry - Westville Road	\$66,000.00
Court Fines - Town Portion	\$10,315.00
Court Ordered Restitution	\$393.16
Group Health Insurance Reimbursement	\$34,705.20
Miscellaneous income	\$702.00
Miscellaneous donations	\$25.00
Copy Machine Income	\$104.07
Assessor Copies	\$37.84
Wal-Mart Police Agreement	\$53,296.94
Plaistow Memorabilia	\$56.00
Sales – Surplus Property	\$6,008.18
Museum Lease	\$1.00



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)***

Old Home Day Revenue	\$924.00	
Water Enterprise		
<b>Total (Miscellaneous)</b>		<b>\$446,682.78</b>

#### ***Reimbursements***

Police Equipment purchase	\$2,854.29
Police Dept Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$1,819.02
Short term disability	\$5,552.77
Executive Training & overtime	\$229.35
Special Outside Detail Reimbursement	\$128,578.00
K-9 Supplies	\$801.33
Health Dept.	\$13.52
Prior year receivable	\$8,161.66
Medicare Refund	\$45.76
Executive Miscellaneous	\$290.00
Hazardous Waste	\$8,244.96
Walmart Recreation Donation	\$1,500.00
Perpetual Care	\$6,000.00
Grants from State & Federal	\$7,860.83
Legal Expense	\$1,290.00
Police Department Capital Equipment	\$15,778.77
Highway Dept Vehicle. Maintenance	\$50.00
Retirement fund	\$110.38
Cable PEG Access Grant	\$4,629.00
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$342.25
Landfill Engineering	\$1,742.91
Police grant money	\$863.87
Health Insurance & dues	\$327.97
Executive office expenses	\$234.42
Donations for Old Home Day Fireworks	\$1,250.87
Police Miscellaneous	\$72.00
Town Hall Electric Exp	\$35.00
Recreation Senior Trip & Programs	\$2,173.60
Water Department reimbursement from State	\$15,770.96
From Conservation for Arbor Day activities	\$98.95
Conservation Fund	\$5,001.05
Welfare General Assistance Lien	\$105.00
Planning Budget - deed copy	\$5.00



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)***

<b>Total (Reimbursements)</b>		<b>\$221,833.49</b>
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***Interest***

MBIA	\$627.22	
TD Banknorth	\$10,756.78	
<b>Total (Interest)</b>		<b>\$11,384.00</b>

<b>Grand Total of Revenues</b>		<b>\$25,127,723.69</b>
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***Disbursements***

Library	\$417,405.00	
County	\$959,532.00	
Timberlane School District	\$13,531,940.00	
Town	\$8,536,569.31	
Property Lien	\$580,519.89	
<b>Total (Disbursements)</b>		<b>\$24,025,966.20</b>

<b>Balance as of December 31, 2010</b>		
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<b>TD Banknorth</b>	<b>\$9,080,451.21</b>	
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<b>MBIA</b>	<b>\$300,174.88</b>	
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<b>Total as of December 31, 2010</b>		<b>\$9,380,626.09</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Martha Fowler,*  
*Treasurer*





# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS***

<b>2010 Fund Name (Unaudited) <i>MBIA – NH Public Investment Pool</i></b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Plaistow Cemetery	\$113,684.45	\$11,851.21	\$5,001.05	\$237.22	\$120,771.83
North Parish Cemetery	\$5,597.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.14	\$5,612.26
<b><i>Cemetery Totals</i></b>	<b><i>\$119,281.57</i></b>	<b><i>\$11,851.21</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,001.05</i></b>	<b><i>\$252.36</i></b>	<b><i>\$126,384.09</i></b>
<b><i>Other Accounts</i></b>					
Conservation Fund	\$5,000.06	\$0.00	\$5,001.21	\$1.15	\$0.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$126,628.76	\$88,000.00	\$0.00	\$273.12	\$214,901.88
Recreation Commission	\$4.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.22
P.E.G. Cable Access	\$32,315.60	\$0.00	\$30,062.00	\$22.31	\$2,275.91
Recreation Field	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Expendable	\$13,585.58	\$0.00	\$1,941.61	\$27.16	\$11,671.13
Fire Suppression Capital Reserve	\$308,243.16	\$58,400.00	\$308,303.29	\$443.79	\$58,783.66
Town Hall Expendable	\$14,490.76	\$0.00	\$7,006.14	\$25.54	\$7,510.16
Accrued Leave Expendable	\$12,541.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.14	\$12,567.89
Outside Detail Expendable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highway Capital Reserve	\$50,556.44	\$66,000.00	\$0.00	\$111.81	\$116,668.25
Third Floor Renovations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buildings Capital Reserve	\$21,091.82	\$5,000.00	\$10,735.00	\$44.40	\$15,401.22
Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.88	\$8,200.88
<b><i>Sub Total Invested Funds</i></b>	<b><i>\$703,739.72</i></b>	<b><i>\$239,251.21</i></b>	<b><i>\$369,850.30</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,228.66</i></b>	<b><i>\$574,369.29</i></b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$703,739.72</b>	<b>\$239,251.21</b>	<b>\$369,850.30</b>	<b>\$1,228.66</b>	<b>\$574,369.29</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jill Senter, Chairman*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES***

#### ***LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 2010***

PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY - 2010 REPORT	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Town of Plaistow	\$437,094
Donations	1,200
Fines, Lost Books	3,445
Fees: Electronic Equipment, Non-Resident Cards	3,936
Interest on Deposits	1,286
Book Sale	1,788
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$448,749</i></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	298,066
Utilities	36,631
Material Acquisitions	36,196
Online Resources	4,533
Facility Expenses	40,322
Technical Services	3,493
Supplies	6,833
Programming	5,427
Bookkeeping	2,535
Continuing Education	506
Legal	191
Professional Dues	570
Postage	658
Capital Equipment	4,535
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$440,496</i></b>



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### ***FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES (Continued)***

<b>LIBRARY ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/2010</b>	
<b>(Funds on Deposit in Jumbo CD at TD Bank)</b>	
Atty & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	\$758.95
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	\$2,095.00
Fines/Lost Book Account	\$12,509.94
Memorial Funds	\$11,605.44
Memorial 2 Fund	\$ 7,128.75
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	\$15,670.18
Special Projects Fund	\$ 7,831.49
Restoration & Replacement	\$30,694.65
Grounds Enhancement	\$15,347.32
Donald Murray Memorial Fund	\$10,231.55
Francis Minnick Memorial Fund	\$15,347.32
Technology Fund	\$20,012.36
<b>(Funds on Deposit in Money Market Account at TD Bank)</b>	
Fines/Lost Book2 Account	\$20,239.99
Special Projects2 Fund	\$21,308.05

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jennifer Kiarsis (Chair),*  
*Catherine Willis (Treasurer),*  
*Elizabeth George (Secretary),*  
*Kate Vavra,*  
*Janet Davies.*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED

#### Grants

Amount Awarded	Source	Purpose	Dept.	Accepted
\$5,000.00	New Hampshire Homeland Security	Hazard Mitigation Plan	Planning	04/28/10
\$30,000.00	Rockingham Planning Commission Grant	Rail Project Assistance	Planning	11/15/10
\$514,500	Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	Garden Road Bridge	Highway	11/17/09
\$4,462.12	State of New Hampshire DHHS	Mosquito Control	Health	12/31/10
\$1,170.00	NH Fish & Game OHRV Grant	OHRV Enforcement Grant	Police	07/22/10
\$2,440.00	Primex	Safety Improvement Program	Fire	12/20/10
\$735.00	Department of Justice	Bullet Proof Vest Program	Police	12/06/10
\$10,000	New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources	Clock Tower	Executive	7/26/10
\$33,018.60	Department of Justice	Victim Witness	Police	11/03/10

#### Donations

Amount Donated	Source	Purpose	Dept.	Accepted
\$500.00	Minda's Donuts, Inc	K-9 Kennel Construction	ACO	11/17/10
\$1,220.87	Various Benefactors	Old Home Day Firework	Cultural	05/13/10
\$1,000.00	WalMart	Educational and Senior Programming/Vic Geary Holiday	Recreation	10/27/10
\$500.00	WalMart	Plaistow Lions Club Holiday Assistance	Welfare	10/27/10
\$2,000	Best Buy	Fireman's Auxiliary	Fire	12/23/10

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lorice Sadewicz, Finance Director*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### ***IMPACT FEES AND OTHER FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER***

<b>Title</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/09</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/10</b>
<b><i>Impact Fees</i></b>					
Public Safety	\$19,217.13	\$5,557.02	\$16.37		\$24,790.52
Recreation	\$5,439.52	\$469.54	\$2.22	\$4,459.93	\$1,451.35
Route 125	\$14,284.93		\$4.83	\$11,000.00	\$3,289.76
School	\$13,772.14		\$4.87	\$10,000.00	\$3,777.01
Waterline	\$36,039.56		\$26.38		\$36,065.94
<b><i>Other Funds</i></b>					
Cannon & Statue					
Conservation	\$1,389.16		\$1.02		\$1,390.18
Current Use	\$49,679.43	\$10,001.05	\$40.75	\$5,000.00	\$54,721.23
Forest	\$95,997.38		\$70.26		\$96,067.64
Access Mgmt	\$31,996.80		\$21.59	\$3,974.98	\$28,043.41
Accident Recon.	\$9,095.73		\$6.65		\$9,102.38
Fire Com. Vehicle	\$4,706.65		\$2.36		\$4,709.01
Recreation Rev.	\$280.00	\$25.00	\$0.15	\$5.00	\$300.15
Water Supp. Line	\$12,355.44	\$25,014.00	\$13.91	\$18,220.06	\$19,163.29
WWII Monument	\$140,756.83	\$99,256.12	\$153.16		\$240,166.11
Westville Rd. Mit.	\$85.35		\$0.06		\$85.41
Special Detail	\$15,010.42	\$24,000.00	\$20.69		\$39,031.11
Drug Forfeiture Federal funds	\$5,062.99	\$135,123.00	\$33.74	\$128,578.00	\$11,641.73
Drug Forfeiture State Funds	\$5,362.71	\$56,561.42	\$19.80	\$28,050.01	\$33,893.92
Rescue Vehicle & Medical Equipment	\$57.15	\$11,599.15	\$2.28	\$6,419.09	\$5,239.49



**Brenda Major, Martha Fowler and Bernadine FitzGerald**



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### ***IMPACT FEES DEFINITION AND 2010 FEE SCHEDULE***

An "impact fee" means a fee or assessment imposed upon development, including subdivision, building construction, or other land use change, in order to help meet the needs occasioned by that development for the construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality, including and limited to water treatment and distribution facilities; wastewater treatment and disposal facilities; sanitary sewers; storm water, drainage and flood control facilities; public road systems and rights-of-way; municipal office facilities; public school facilities; the municipality's proportional share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member; public safety facilities; solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal facilities; public library facilities; and public recreational facilities not including public open space. Impact Fees must be used within six years of imposition, or must be returned to the developer.

#### **1. School District Impact Fees**

<u>Units in Structure/Building Type</u>	<u>Fee Assessment Per Unit</u>
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$2,916.00
Single-family attached (condo or townhouse)	\$1,899.00
Duplex (2-unit)	\$2,269.00
3-4 Units (condo or apartment)	\$1,812.00
5+ Units (condo or apartment)	\$1,057.00
Manufactured Housing	\$1,795.00

#### **2. Recreation Impact Fees**

<u>Units in Building Type</u>	<u>Fee Assessment Per Unit/Bedroom</u>
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$469.54
Single-family attached (duplex, condo or townhouse)	\$469.54
3+ Units (condo or apartment)	\$469.54

#### **3. Public Safety Impact Fees**

<u>Type of Land Use</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Residential	\$1,478.00	Per Residential Unit
Industrial or Commercial	\$1.01	Per Square Foot

#### **4. New Road Impact Fees**

\$5.00 Per Linear Foot of Additional Public Road

#### **5. Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fees**

\$2.00 Per Square Foot of Commercial, Industrial, Multifamily, PRD Residential Development Projects

#### **6. Route 125 Impact Fee**

This was repealed at the 2006 March Town Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Leigh Komornick, Town Planner*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### ***CURRENT USE DESCRIPTION AND INVENTORY***

Started in 1973, the current use program is an extremely important mechanism for keeping open land open. It does not, however, provide any long term protection from the future development of this land.

New Hampshire's Current Use Law (NH RSA 79-A) allows qualifying land to be taxed according to its current, rather than its potential use. Without the Current Use program, all open land regardless of the owner's intent for future use would be assessed and taxed at full market value. In many cases this would have the effect of forcing landowners to sell their property to escape high property taxes. Inevitably this would mean losing much of this land to development, most likely in the form of residential subdivisions. Current Use assessment typically reduces property taxes assessed on undeveloped land by more than two-thirds and is vital to the preservation of open space in the region.

The March 2000 Town Meeting voted to put the "Land Use Change Tax" into the Conservation Fund. The "Conservation Fund 36-A" may be used for land or easement acquisition, or for any other purpose for which the Conservation Commission Fund was established under NH RSA 36-A allows, such as resource inventories, management of Town lands, etc. The 36-A Fund requires approval of both the Conservation Commission's and the Board of Selectmen's approval for withdrawal of these funds. This fund has approximately \$54,706.66 as of December 31, 2010.

<b>Category</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Current Use Lands	\$77,834	\$77,834	\$0	0%
Conservation Lands	\$2,322	\$2,322	\$0	0%
Residential Lands	\$233,845,470	\$231,829,490	(\$2,015,980)	-0.9%
Commercial Lands	\$104,924,860	\$104,718,310	(\$206,550)	-0.2%
<b>Total Lands</b>	<b>\$338,850,486</b>	<b>\$336,627,956</b>	<b>(\$2,222,530)</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Residential Buildings	\$331,021,350	\$329,980,150	(\$1,041,200)	-0.3%
Manufactured Housing	\$315,100	\$319,000	\$3,900	1.2%
Commercial Buildings	\$154,901,160	\$151,774,440	(\$3,126,720)	-2.0%
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>\$485,922,510</b>	<b>\$482,073,590</b>	<b>(\$3,848,920)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
Public Utilities	\$23,267,730	\$23,267,730	\$0	0
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>	<b>\$848,361,958</b>	<b>\$841,975,408</b>	<b>(\$6,386,550)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
Less All Exemptions	(\$13,704,112)	(\$13,533,662)	\$170,450	-1.2%
<b>Net Valuation</b>	<b>\$848,361,958</b>	<b>\$805,174,016</b>	<b>(\$43,187,942)</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>





# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### **TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST**

<b>MAP/LOT</b>	<b>PROPERTY LOCATION</b>	<b>LAND</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
6-3	East Road Rear	\$20,220.00	\$0.00	\$20,220.00
6-6	Atkinson Line Rear L	\$185,210.00	\$0.00	\$185,210.00
6-8	Formerly JA Noyes Land	\$62,190.00	\$0.00	\$62,190.00
7-1	Atkinson Line	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$440,000.00
7-4	Frog Pond Woods	\$293,740.00	\$0.00	\$293,740.00
7-5	Frog Pond Woods	\$106,500.00	\$0.00	\$106,500.00
8-22	Main Street	\$59,200.00	\$0.00	\$59,200.00
8-23	Main Street Rear Kelley B	\$75,060.00	\$0.00	\$75,060.00
9-11	Old Stage Coach Road	\$57,210.00	\$0.00	\$57,210.00
11-7	Near B&M Railroad	\$9,070.00	\$0.00	\$9,070.00
14-35	East Road Rear	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
15-8	Atkinson Town Line	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
16-1	45 Greenough Road	\$106,140.00	\$0.00	\$106,140.00
17-6	Frog Pond Woods	\$176,550.00	\$0.00	\$176,550.00
17-7	Frog Pond Woods	\$33,550.00	\$0.00	\$33,550.00
17-29	16 Culver Street	\$133,380.00	\$0.00	\$133,380.00
17-30	15 Lower Road	\$140,400.00	\$0.00	\$140,400.00
17-31	13 Lower Road	\$139,680.00	\$0.00	\$139,680.00
17-32	11 Lower Road	\$151,200.00	\$0.00	\$151,200.00
18-2	Frog Pond Woods	\$74,400.00	\$0.00	\$74,400.00
18-3	Frog Pond Woods	\$90,900.00	\$0.00	\$90,900.00
18-4	Frog Pond Woods	\$31,800.00	\$0.00	\$31,800.00
18-14	Main Street Rear Land	\$145,350.00	\$0.00	\$145,350.00
18-15	14 Culver Street	\$14,720.00	\$0.00	\$14,720.00
19-5	266 Main Street	\$744,500.00	\$0.00	\$744,500.00
19-6	280 Main Street	\$776,900.00	\$0.00	\$776,900.00
20-12	1 Hickory Ridge Road	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
20-37	Old County Road Rear	\$57,000.00	\$0.00	\$57,000.00
20-38	Mt. Misery	\$289,420.00	\$0.00	\$289,420.00
21-7	307 Main Street	\$433,080.00	\$0.00	\$433,080.00
21-8	Mt. Misery Rear	\$23,600.00	\$0.00	\$23,600.00
21-9	Mt. Misery	\$110,700.00	\$0.00	\$110,700.00
21-10	Mt. Misery	\$138,420.00	\$0.00	\$138,420.00
21-11	Main Street Rear	\$29,500.00	\$0.00	\$29,500.00
21-12	Main Street Rear	\$40,500.00	\$0.00	\$40,500.00
21-13	Main Street Rear	\$43,800.00	\$0.00	\$43,800.00
21-14	Main Street Rear	\$17,070.00	\$0.00	\$17,070.00
21-17	Main Street Rear	\$147,330.00	\$0.00	\$147,330.00
22-5	Main Street Rear	\$33,720.00	\$0.00	\$33,720.00
22-7	Mt. Misery Center	\$17,720.00	\$0.00	\$17,720.00
22-8	Mt. Misery Center	\$78,400.00	\$0.00	\$78,400.00
22-9	Mt. Misery Center	\$45,600.00	\$0.00	\$45,600.00
22-10	Kingston Line	\$11,020.00	\$0.00	\$11,020.00
22-11	Mt. Misery Ledge	\$85,820.00	\$0.00	\$85,820.00
22-12	Rear Land	\$22,460.00	\$0.00	\$22,460.00
22-14	Main Street Rear	\$25,890.00	\$0.00	\$25,890.00



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### ***TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST (Continued)***

<b>MAP/LOT</b>	<b>PROPERTY LOCATION</b>	<b>LAND</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
25-15	35 West Pine Street	\$157,930.00	\$0.00	\$157,930.00
25-38	Plaistow Road Rear	\$35,940.00	\$0.00	\$35,940.00
26-2	Route 125 Y Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
27-54	33 Westville Road	\$118,500.00	\$0.00	\$118,500.00
30-65	163 Plaistow Road	\$1,026,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,026,700.00
31-5	Brentwood Street	\$14,280.00	\$0.00	\$14,280.00
31-68	169 Plaistow Road	\$471,770.00	\$0.00	\$471,770.00
32-25	N/S Old County Road	\$136,820.00	\$0.00	\$136,820.00
32-28	51 Old County Road	\$433,740.00	\$75,800.00	\$509,540.00
32-32	Town Landfill	\$630,230.00	\$65,500.00	\$695,730.00
33-2	Kelley Road	\$55,400.00	\$0.00	\$55,400.00
37-36	2A Woodland Drive	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
37-51	North Ave Rear	\$2,630.00	\$0.00	\$2,630.00
38-20	7 Massassoit Boulevard	\$109,670.00	\$0.00	\$109,670.00
39-47	4 Bittersweet Drive	\$107,080.00	\$0.00	\$107,080.00
39-50-21-3	87 Main Street	\$303,160.00	\$2,276,700.00	\$2,579,860.00
40-1	7 Whiton Place	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$2,880.00
40-7	26 A Westville Road	\$20,270.00	\$0.00	\$20,270.00
40-34	120 Main St./ Pollard School	\$1,354,370.00	\$5,400,000.00	\$6,754,370.00
40-60	Davis Park Rear	\$261,560.00	\$7,500.00	\$269,060.00
40-67	127 Main Street	\$119,780.00	\$162,900.00	\$282,680.00
41-11	144 Main Street	\$557,010.00	\$15,000.00	\$572,010.00
41-63	145 Main Street	\$244,350.00	\$812,700.00	\$1,057,050.00
41-67	14 Elm Street	\$217,070.00	\$296,700.00	\$513,770.00
41-77	27 Elm Street	\$421,740.00	\$2,336,400.00	\$2,758,140.00
41-82	17 Elm Street	\$608,850.00	\$0.00	\$608,850.00
42-43	5 Ingalls Terrace	\$153,790.00	\$79,700.00	\$233,490.00
42-57	Arbor Lane	\$134,510.00	\$18,400.00	\$152,910.00
43-12	Plaistow Road Rear	\$77,900.00	\$0.00	\$77,900.00
44-52	Old County Road Rear	\$25,010.00	\$0.00	\$25,010.00
44-61	Plaistow Road	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
45-8	215 Plaistow Road – St of	\$147,000.00	\$0.00	\$147,000.00
48-26	Autumn Circle	\$31,030.00	\$0.00	\$31,030.00
49-35	17 Canterbury Forest	\$53,720.00	\$0.00	\$53,720.00
50-70	10 Harriman Road	\$88,440.00	\$0.00	\$88,440.00
53-27	Town Road	\$67,550.00	\$0.00	\$67,550.00
59-8	Autumn Circle Rear	\$4,950.00	\$0.00	\$4,950.00
60-28	Timberlane Road Rear	\$73,160.00	\$0.00	\$73,160.00
62-18	41 Sweet Hill Road	\$42,710.00	\$0.00	\$42,710.00
66-24	23 Newton Road	\$27,340.00	\$0.00	\$27,340.00
69-21	3A Dundee Drive	\$3,570.00	\$0.00	\$3,570.00
69-51	Newton Rear	\$55,080.00	\$0.00	\$55,080.00
69-54	Newton Road Rear	\$28,030.00	\$0.00	\$28,030.00
73-3	Off Newton Road	\$13,850.00	\$0.00	\$13,850.00
99-20	Utility	\$0.00	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$14,168,740.00</b>	<b>\$11,554,200.00</b>	<b>25,722,940.00</b>



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### TAX RATE CALCULATION 2010

#### Town Portion

Gross Appropriations	\$8,103,695		
Less Revenues	\$2,880,854		
Less Shared Revenues	\$0		
Add Overlay	\$63,499		
War Service Credits	\$144,100		
Net Town Appropriation		\$5,430,440	
Special Adjustment	\$0		
<b>Approved Town Tax Effort</b>		<b>\$5,430,440</b>	<b>Town Rate: \$6.55</b>

#### School Portion

Net Local School Budget (Gross Appropriation - Revenue	\$0		
Regional School Appropriation	\$16,169,924		
Less Adequate Education Grant	(\$2,141,546)		
Less State Education Taxes	(\$2,100,716)		
<b>Approved School(s) Tax Effort</b>		<b>\$11,927,662</b>	<b>Local School Rate: \$14.40</b>

#### State Education Taxes

State-wide Education Tax Rate	\$2.19		
Equalized Valuation	\$959,230,923		
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	\$805,174,016		
<b>State Education Tax For Plaistow</b>		<b>\$2,100,716</b>	<b>State School Rate: \$2.61</b>

#### County Portion

Due to County	\$959,532		
Less Shared Revenues	\$0		
<b>Approved County Tax Effort:</b>		<b>\$959,532</b>	<b>County Rate: \$1.16</b>

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$20,418,350		
Less War Service Credits	(\$144,100)		
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment:</b>		<b>\$20,274,250</b>	<b>Total Rate: \$24.72</b>

#### Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$805,174,016	\$2.61	\$2,100,716
All other Taxes	\$828,441,746	\$22.11	\$18,317,634
			<u>\$20,418,350</u>



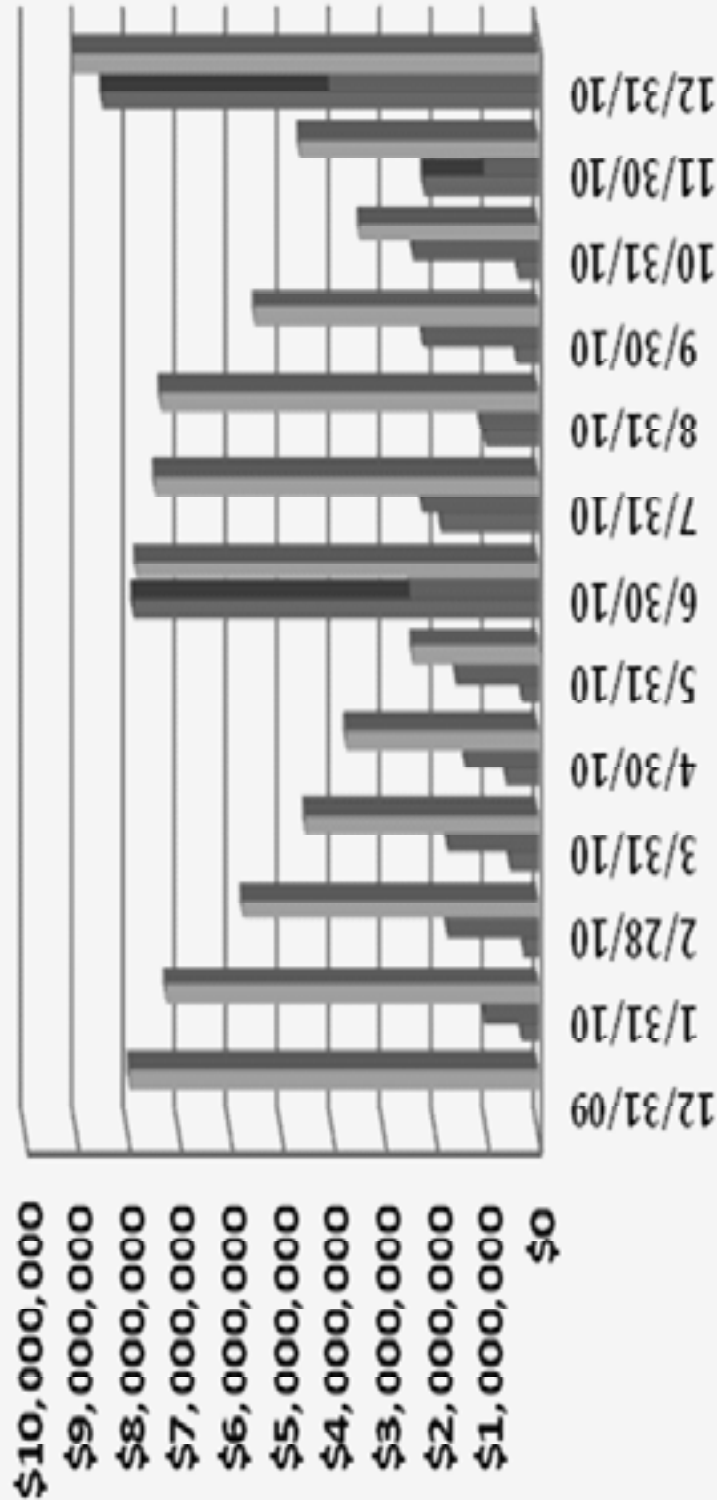
# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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# Town of Plaistow

## 2010 Cash Flow





# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### ***INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT***



**MELANSON HEATH & COMPANY, PC**

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Plaistow's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Management of the Town of Plaistow has not adopted GASB No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (OPEB), and accordingly has not reported the related liability and expense on the government-wide financial statements nor has the required supplementary information, *Schedule of Funding Progress* been included in these financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the OPEB liability be reported which would increase liabilities and expenses and decrease net assets and change the expenses in the government-wide financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities and expenses, and net assets and revenues of the government-wide financial statements is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statement referred to previously do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of

Additional Offices:  
Andover, MA • Greenfield, MA • Ellsworth, ME • Manchester, NH



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### ***INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)***

America, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2009, or the changes in financial position therefore for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis appearing on the following pages is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

*Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.*

Nashua, New Hampshire  
January 6, 2011



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE	
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS	
DECEMBER 31, 2009	
	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current:	
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 8,384,358
Investments	1,145,992
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	766,579
User fees	17,482
Departmental and other	44,634
Noncurrent:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	700,736
Capital assets, being depreciated, net	6,456,458
Capital assets, not being depreciated	4,018,789
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>21,535,028</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current:	
Accounts payable	174,114
Accrued liabilities	32,147
Due to other governments	6,531,840
Other current liabilities	1,840
Current portion of long-term liabilities:	
Compensated absences	17,602
Noncurrent:	
Compensated absences, net of current portion	146,677
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,904,220</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	10,475,247
Restricted for:	
Grants and other statutory restrictions	1,146,599
Permanent funds:	
Nonexpendable	91,758
Expendable	22,685
Unrestricted	2,894,519
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,630,808</b>
See notes to financial statements.	



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE					
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009					
		Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
General government	\$ 2,278,724	\$ 82,874	\$ 72,600	\$ 20,000	\$ (2,103,250)
Public safety	2,577,906	287,826	212,244	-	(2,077,836)
Highways and streets	680,253	73,914	-	109,250	(497,089)
Health and welfare	175,812	8,775	-	-	(167,037)
Sanitation	705,402	-	-	-	(705,402)
Water distribution and treatment	65,949	31	-	-	(65,918)
Culture and recreation	743,400	93,028	2,031	-	(648,341)
Interest	13,303	-	-	-	(13,303)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 7,240,749</u>	<u>\$ 546,448</u>	<u>\$ 286,875</u>	<u>\$ 129,250</u>	(6,278,176)
<b>General Revenues and Contributions:</b>					
					5,127,671
Taxes					1,161,424
Motor vehicle permits					340,343
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					18,188
Investment income					309,575
Miscellaneous					3,675
Permanent fund contributions					6,960,876
Total general revenues					682,700
Change in Net Assets					13,948,108
Net Assets:					End of year
Beginning of year					<u>\$ 14,630,808</u>
End of year					

See notes to financial statements.





# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE			
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			
BALANCE SHEET			
DECEMBER 31, 2009			
	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 7,971,848	\$ 412,512	\$ 8,384,358
Investments	299,548	846,444	1,145,992
Receivables, net of allowance:			
Taxes	1,545,175	-	1,545,175
User fees	-	17,482	17,482
Departmental and other	39,300	5,334	44,634
Due from other funds	46,008	16,156	62,164
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 9,901,877</b>	<b>\$ 1,297,928</b>	<b>\$ 11,199,805</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 174,114	\$ -	\$ 174,114
Accrued liabilities	32,147	-	32,147
Deferred revenue	1,303,885	-	1,303,885
Due to other governments	6,531,840	-	6,531,840
Due to other funds	25,278	36,886	62,164
Other liabilities	1,840	-	1,840
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,069,104</b>	<b>36,886</b>	<b>8,105,990</b>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	28,020	4,100	32,120
Perpetual (nonexpendable) permanent funds	-	91,758	91,758
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	1,804,753	-	1,804,753
Special revenue funds	-	1,142,499	1,142,499
Permanent funds	-	22,685	22,685
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,832,773</b>	<b>1,261,042</b>	<b>3,093,815</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,901,877</b>	<b>\$ 1,297,928</b>	<b>\$ 11,199,805</b>
See notes to financial statements.			



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE			
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 4,850,638	\$ -	\$ 4,850,638
Charges for services	200,370	179,734	380,104
Licenses and permits	1,327,768	-	1,327,768
Intergovernmental	693,277	10,931	704,208
Investment income	7,209	10,979	18,188
Miscellaneous	309,575	55,935	365,510
Total Revenues	<u>7,388,837</u>	<u>257,579</u>	<u>7,646,416</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General government	2,172,864	82,238	2,255,102
Public safety	2,551,067	146,113	2,697,180
Highways and streets	782,595	9,122	791,717
Health and welfare	176,932	-	176,932
Sanitation	705,402	-	705,402
Water distribution and treatment	36,967	347	37,314
Culture and recreation	230,772	451,445	682,217
Debt service	121,553	-	121,553
Total Expenditures	<u>6,778,152</u>	<u>689,265</u>	<u>7,467,417</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	610,685	(431,686)	178,999
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Transfers in	411,838	629,924	1,041,762
Transfers out	(629,924)	(411,838)	(1,041,762)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(218,086)</u>	<u>218,086</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in fund balances	392,599	(213,600)	178,999
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year	<u>1,440,174</u>	<u>1,474,642</u>	<u>2,914,816</u>
Fund Balance, at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,832,773</u>	<u>\$ 1,261,042</u>	<u>\$ 3,093,815</u>
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# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)*

#### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2009

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,093,815</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.</li></ul>	10,475,247
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.</li></ul>	1,226,025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</li></ul>	
Compensated absences	<u>(164,279)</u>
<b>Net assets of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ <u>14,630,808</u></b>

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# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)*

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE	
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009	
<b>NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 178,999</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:</li></ul>	
Capital outlay purchases, net of dispositions	407,774
Depreciation	(266,915)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.</li></ul>	
	277,033
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:</li></ul>	
Repayments of debt	105,881
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.</li></ul>	
	2,370
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.</li></ul>	
Change in compensated absences	<u>(22,442)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 682,700</u></b>
See notes to financial statements.	



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE				
GENERAL FUND				
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009				
	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
<b>Revenues and Other Sources:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 5,217,869	\$ 5,217,869	\$ 5,263,881	\$ 46,012
Charges for services	73,000	73,000	90,529	17,529
Licenses and permits	1,323,000	1,323,000	1,327,768	4,768
Intergovernmental	570,575	570,575	693,277	122,702
Investment income	15,000	15,000	11,568	(3,432)
Miscellaneous	210,000	210,000	311,050	101,050
Transfers in	419,000	419,000	411,838	(7,162)
Other sources	204,289	204,289	204,289	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	8,032,733	8,032,733	8,314,200	281,467
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses:</b>				
General government	2,356,742	2,356,742	2,165,035	191,707
Public safety	2,575,271	2,575,271	2,436,624	138,647
Highways and streets	1,048,731	1,048,731	791,187	257,544
Health and welfare	229,986	229,986	176,932	53,054
Sanitation	717,800	717,800	651,756	66,044
Water distribution and treatment	37,277	37,277	36,967	310
Culture and recreation	271,498	271,498	224,067	47,431
Debt service	161,694	161,694	133,418	28,276
Transfers out	633,734	633,734	629,924	3,810
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	8,032,733	8,032,733	7,245,910	786,823
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,068,290	\$ 1,068,290
See notes to financial statements.				



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***INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)***

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Investment Income:	\$ <u>21</u>
Total additions	21
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Other	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>-</u>
Net increase	21
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Beginning of year	<u>5,597</u>
End of year	\$ <u><u>5,618</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.



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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)*

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Agency Funds
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ -	\$ 409,415
Investments	<u>5,618</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	5,618	409,415
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Other liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>409,415</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>409,415</u>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Total net assets held in trust for other purposes	\$ <u>5,618</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

See notes to financial statements.



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### ***REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT***

The responsibilities of the Assessor's Office include keeping information about all properties current. Ownership changes, property sales, property data, tax maps and other property information is constantly being updated so that anyone needing this information may acquire it and be confident that it is accurate.

Historically, in New Hampshire, the Board of Selectmen had been directly responsible for maintaining equitable assessments. In the old days it was not uncommon to see the Board of Selectmen riding about town once a year in a buckboard, determining what assessments should be for farms, farm animals, horses and buggies. Along about the 1950's this job was contracted out to revaluation companies every ten years or so. Assessments would remain the same between these 10-year total revaluations excepting new construction and demolitions.

With the advent of computers and laws requiring equitable assessments every year, performed by certified individuals, the process changed again (in 1999 for Plaistow), where the Selectmen would retain real estate appraisers to perform the assessment function on their behalf and under their supervision.

Accordingly, the Assessor's Office is responsible, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for keeping assessments current with market value. State law requires assessments to be proportionate, each year, and that at least once in every five years, bring assessments to full market value.

Legislation resulting from the 'Sirrell' v. Portsmouth decision has placed the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in an oversight role to ensure compliance to State assessing standards, where they produce a report to the Assessing Standards Board reflecting the DRA's findings during their 5-year 'assessment review' process. This report addresses all facets of the assessing office from assessment equity to the way in which we address requests for abatements, veteran's credits and many other assessment functions. The DRA will measure our performance against standards developed by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and the Equalization Standards Board (ESB). Plaistow is scheduled for their next assessment review in 2011.

#### **2010 Assessment Update:**

Assessment updates are performed to bring all assessments to market value in accordance with State Standards (RSA 76:8). Plaistow performs these updates in order to prevent the drastic shifts in value and taxes experienced during a typical 'full revaluation' by incremental changes over the 5-year period. All Towns are now required to bring assessments to current market value at least once in every five years. Plaistow's policy is to perform these more often in order to soften the impact to individual taxpayers. While the recent market has stabilized somewhat, some assessments were required to be adjusted for 2010. (see Selectmen's Policy on Assessing Updates at the conclusion of this discussion)





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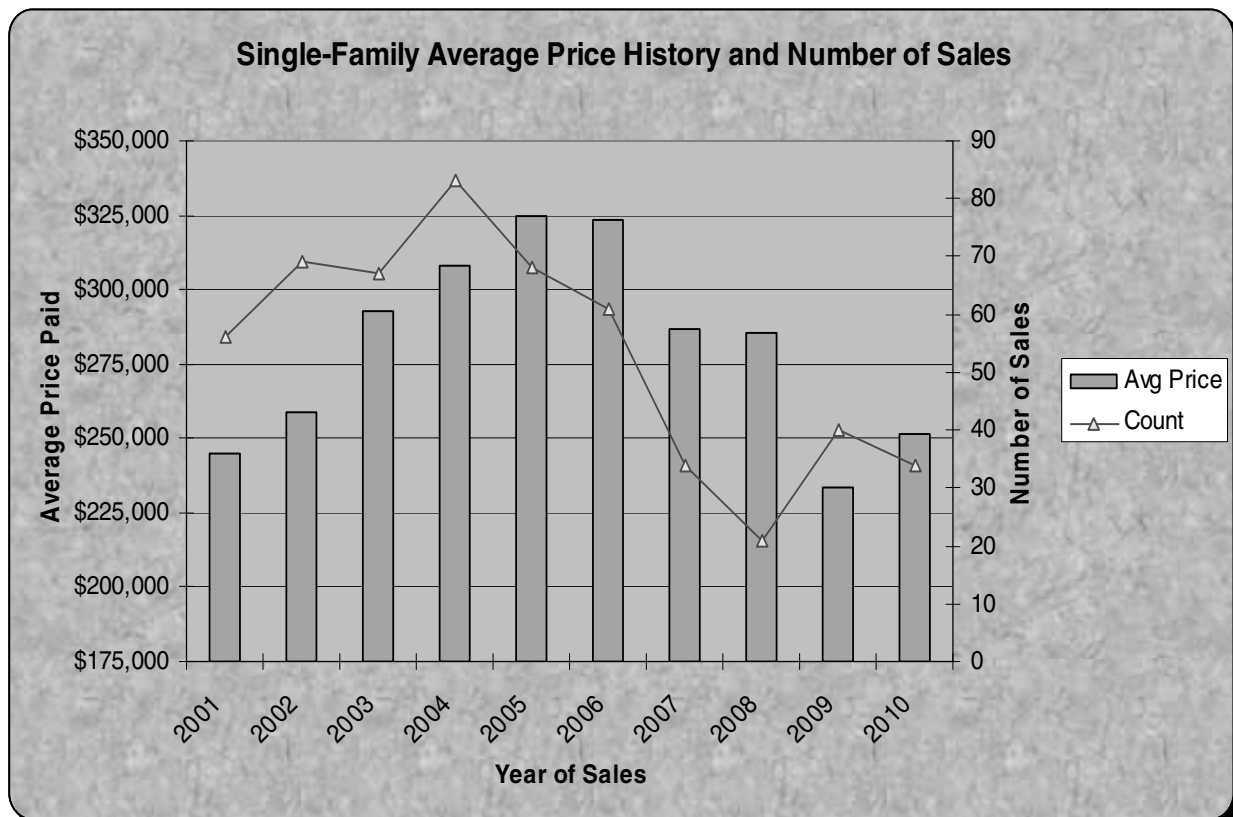
### ***REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)***

#### **2010 Real Estate Market:**

Through the last half of 2007 and into 2008, the collapse of the mortgage loan industry caused a slowdown in the real estate market in general. While New England has not experienced some of the wild declines reported in other areas of the country, we have experienced an increase in foreclosures and a dramatic slowing of the number of sales occurring. The number of sales has continued to decline although sales prices in general have stabilized in 2010

Notices of foreclosures by town are no longer published publically (formerly published by NH Housing Finance Authority) however, the number of actual 'takings' by banks and lending institutions (as noticed by Registry of Deeds) declined in 2010 to 2007 levels. This could be an indication that the foreclosure climate is leveling off.

The number of open-market residential sales declined in 2010 over 2009 for both single-family houses and condominiums, however the average price increased for both as can be seen in the following graphs depicting the recent history of the average sales prices and number of sales occurring in the Town for residential housing:





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### REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)



Based upon a more detailed analysis of these current sales (September 2009 through August 2010), minor changes were applied to specific condominium complexes and industrial condos exhibiting declining sales prices. Gas stations with convenient stores were increased for 2010 based upon sales prices occurring around the State.

#### Assessment Statistics:

Equity in assessments is measured in statistical terms. Specifically, the **assessment ratio** is the primary measure as to how our assessments relate to market value. For example, if a property sells for \$100,000 but is assessed for \$90,000, the assessment ratio is 90% for this property (\$90,000 divided by \$100,000). Each sale (open market sales only) is analyzed in this way, both by the Town and the Department of Revenue Administration. All non-forced sales occurring within the ratio period (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for this current year) are arrayed in this way, and the median point of all the ratios becomes the assessment ratio for the Town for that year.

While few changes to assessments occurred for 2010, our ratio remained the same as 2009 (93%). The following chart illustrates the assessment ratios as a result of the 2010 update, and what the ratios would have been had no assessment update been authorized. 'Ratio w/o Update' indicates what the median ratios would have been had no update been performed for 2010. The '2010 ratio' column indicates what the ratio is for the year as a result of the assessment update (2010 are estimates, the DRA has yet to certify the 2010 ratio):



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### *REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)*

Category	Ratio w/o Update	2010 Ratio
Overall	93%	93%
Single-Family	88%	90%
Condo	103%	95%
Commercial	Insufficient data	

#### **2010 Valuation Report:**

Because the assessment update included reducing some residential and industrial values, our overall value for the Town decreased from the previous year. Following are the changes in the assessed value of taxable properties from 2009 to 2010 as taken from the report sent to the State for tax rate setting purposes (MS1 report):

Category	2009	2010	Difference	% Change
Current Use Lands	\$77,834	\$77,834	\$0	0%
Conservation Lands	\$2,322	\$2,322	\$0	0%
Residential Lands	\$233,845,470	\$231,829,490	(\$2,015,980)	-0.9%
Commercial Lands	\$104,924,860	\$104,718,310	(\$206,550)	-0.2%
<b>Total Lands</b>	\$338,850,486	\$336,627,956	(\$2,222,530)	-0.7%
Residential Buildings	\$331,021,350	\$329,980,150	(\$1,041,200)	-0.3%
Manufactured Housing	\$315,100	\$319,000	\$3,900	1.2%
Commercial Buildings	\$154,901,160	\$151,774,440	(\$3,126,720)	-2.0%
<b>Total Buildings</b>	\$485,922,510	\$482,073,590	(\$3,848,920)	-0.8%
Public Utilities	\$23,267,730	\$23,267,730	\$0	0
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>	\$848,361,958	\$841,975,408	(\$6,386,550)	-0.8%
Less All Exemptions	(\$13,704,112)	(\$13,533,662)	\$170,450	-1.2%
<b>Net Valuation</b>	\$848,361,958	\$805,174,016	(\$43,187,942)	-5.1%

#### **Notes:**

The values shown above include all public utilities, however, the State of New Hampshire deducts a large portion of the utility values for use in their State School Tax rate calculations.



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### ***REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)***

The Net Valuation shown is after elderly and veteran deductions, less inclusions of revenue from sources other than property taxes (such as registrations, licenses, etc.). The Net Valuation (plus revenue from other sources) is what is applied against expenses approved at the public deliberative sessions to determine the tax rate for the year.

#### **Tax Rate Changes:**

The tax rate is made up of four categories representing the expenditures required of each entity. Collectively for 2010, from all categories, the Town tax rate increased by \$.72 per thousand over the 2009 tax rate, or, 3%. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Tax Rates:</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>\$Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Town	\$ 6.42	\$ 6.55	\$ 0.13	2.02%
County	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.08	7.41%
Local School	\$ 13.78	\$ 14.40	\$ 0.62	4.50%
State School	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.61	\$ (0.11)	-4.01%
Totals	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.72	\$ 0.72	3.00%

Because the total valuation of the Town decreased by 5%, the tax rate had to increase by 5% in order to raise an equal amount of revenue as last year. This was offset for 2010 by the reduction of the State School rate.

It is important that taxpayers understand that decreasing assessments do not lead to loss in revenues to the Town. This is because the Town must raise the revenues approved by the taxpayers, neither more nor less. If the overall assessments are higher than the previous year, the tax rate will be less, and if the overall assessments are lower than the previous year, the tax rate will be higher. In each case the same amount of overall revenue will be raised to cover essential municipal services approved by the taxpayers during Town Meetings or Deliberative Sessions (one for the Town, and another for the School District).

The following illustration shows how the tax changes according to market value and required Town, County and State revenue authorizations:

For discussion purposes, assume that the net valuation of the Town is one billion dollars in assessed value. Also, assume that the Town budget is \$10,000,000. The tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of taxes to raise by the net assessed value. The answer, times 1000, indicates a tax rate of \$10.00 per thousand of assessed value.

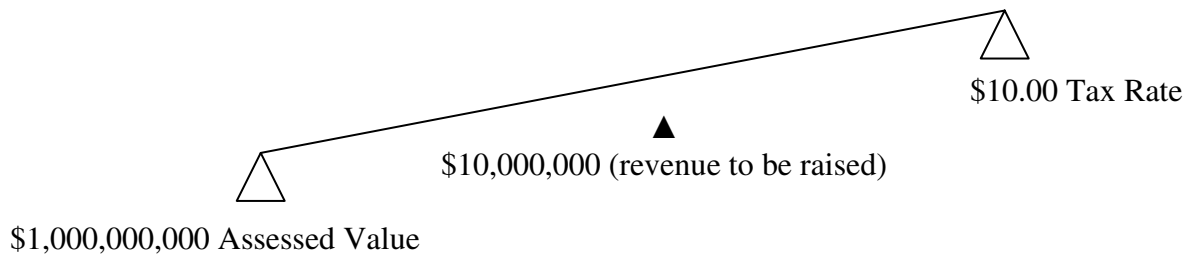


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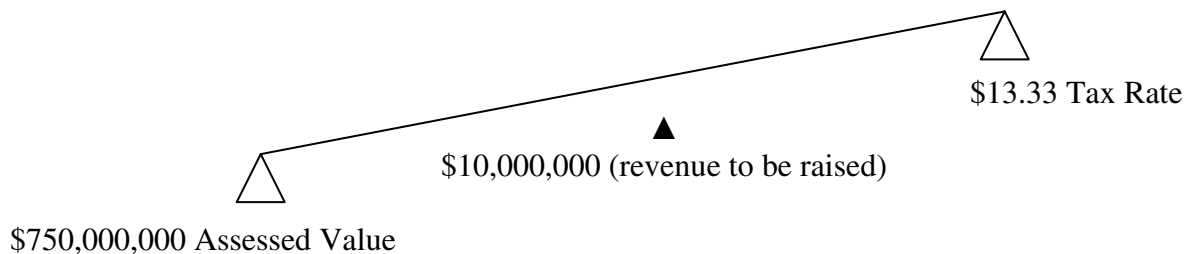
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### ***REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)***



If the assessed value were to fall to \$750,000,000, the Town still needs to raise the authorized \$10,000,000. So, dividing the same \$10,000,000 by \$750,000,000 in net assessed value causes the tax rate to increase to \$13.33.



So, the function of the tax rate is to raise authorized expenditures. The assessed values change with the market, and the tax rate fluctuates according to the amount of taxes to be raised.

If property values changed equally, and the budget remained the same as the previous year, there would be no change in tax bills. However, as referenced earlier, not all market values change equally over the same timeframe.

#### **Property Data Collections/Accuracy**

Personnel from the Assessor's Office are continually collecting data on properties in the Town. Each property is inspected, by law, at least once in every five years. This is an important part of the assessment process for incorrect data can lead to incorrect assessments.

We encourage all taxpayers to review the data on file for their property when you have the opportunity. If any questions or discrepancies are noted, please bring them to the attention of the assessment office personnel. We remain open to any and all observations as to how we may better serve you.



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### ***REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)***

#### **Elderly Exemptions**

New Hampshire provides for an exemption of property taxes to qualified elderly taxpayers. The process is 'needs' based, and is applied according to the following criteria:

To qualify, applicant must:

- be 65 years of age or older on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year they're applying.
- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1st.
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence.
- have total household income not exceeding \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married
  - (all sources of income are included)
- have total assets not exceeding \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house is situated on.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- ages 65 to 74 - \$110,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 75 to 79 - \$150,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 80 and over - \$190,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.

#### **Totally and Permanently Disabled**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1st.
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence.
- be totally and permanently disabled and collecting Social Security.
- Have a total household income not exceeding \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married
  - all sources of income are included.
- total assets cannot exceed \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$150,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.

#### **Blind Exemption**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year the exemption is claimed.
- be legally blind as determined by the administrator of blind services and provide a letter stating such.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$15,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes will be paid on the remainder.



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### ***REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT (Continued)***

#### **Veteran's Tax Credit:**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year the credit is claimed.
- have honorably served at least 90 consecutive days of active duty during a qualifying period
- supply a copy of paperwork (DD-214, for example) showing date of entry, date of discharge, and character of service.

If applying for service connected total disability tax credit, disability must be 100% total and permanent, must be service-connected and a letter from the veteran's administration must be supplied at time of application.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$200 will be deducted from the taxes for a standard veteran credit and \$2,000 for a veteran with a service connected total and permanent disability.

#### **Veteran Spouse or Widow:**

To qualify, applicant must:

- Demonstrate that the spouse or deceased veteran met all requirements for Veterans Tax Credit (referenced above), and,
- Has not remarried.
- The surviving spouse of any veteran killed or died while on active duty, as listed in RSA 72:28, providing that the spouse or widow has not remarried.

The State of New Hampshire has a program to rebate a portion of the state-wide property tax for qualifying elderly residents. Information is available at Town Hall in the Assessor's Office.

The assessing personnel would like to take this opportunity to thank all the taxpayers in the Town for their patience and assistance throughout the year. The tax assessment process is a necessary process, however not necessarily an enjoyable one for anyone involved, however we do appreciate your unfailing courtesies extended over the past many years.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Wil Corcoran & Marybeth Walker, Assessor's Agents*



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### ***ASSESSMENT UPDATE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN***

1. The Board will determine a budget necessary to do the work needed for the *certification year* and make that a request as part of the budget process in the fall of the year.
2. The Assessing Firm will do the sales analysis and measurement each year as part of its regular duties. All work will be done in compliance with state laws and enforceable Administrative rules that are based upon the latest changes to the state laws.
3. The Board of Selectmen will proceed with an update based upon measurements that fall outside of recommendations for good assessing practices in the median values, stratification, and/or Coefficient of Dispersion.
4. The Board of Selectmen will make the public aware of the planned process and hold a public hearing to explain the rationale for undertaking such a process. When there is a mass update, the database for taxes will not be changed for those updates until the Board agrees upon the proposed numbers.
5. The Board of Selectmen will make available speakers for groups who wish to hear about the subject, e.g. PACE, Lions, etc. Announcements will go on channel 17, the web, and via a press release to the papers.
6. All mass mailings, sent by the assessing department, will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen before they are sent, including any attachments.
7. Those with elderly and disabled exemptions will receive a separate letter indicating the potential impact on them of the changes.
8. The Assessing Firm should make a recommendation of values (subject to revision in the hearing process) to the Board of Selectmen by July 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. The Board of Selectmen will hold an informational hearing to explain the process before formally voting on accepting the assessing firm's recommendation, but the absence of this vote will not hinder proceeding with hearings for taxpayers.
10. When the new proposed values are ready, letters will be sent to invite each property owner with a new value to come and review their values. Available times will include evening hours as well as days. The letters will emphasize that an increase or decrease in values does not translate directly into an increase or decrease in a person's tax bill.
11. The letters will be sent to everyone whose property value changes by more than 5% and allow the owners at least 10 days notice before the hearing period ends. The hearing period will last at least 5 days. Evening appointments will be available at least 4 of those days. If more than one quarter of the parcels changes more than 5%, there will be at least 8 days for appointments with 7 evenings.
12. Lists will be available of current and proposed values at the Town Hall, Library, and on the Town's web site. If possible a program will be developed for repeated broadcast on channel 17 of the process and especially focus on the impact of the update.





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### ***REPORT OF BEEDE SUPERFUND SITE ACTIVITIES***

This has been a very challenging year for the Town as the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gears up with their final design proposal for cleanup of the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site. In 2003, the EPA gave the town a grant for \$100,000 to study what the future use(s) of the contaminated site might be. After a long term study undertaken by the town, a determination was made that the future use(s) of the site would include recreation fields, a community center and/or elderly housing. Access to the recreation fields would be across a bridge on Old County Road to the property and would be consistent with the new Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC) facility on the same road. This bridge would also be used by the parties charged with clean up, for transportation of contaminated soil from the site.

In 2010, site ownership changed hands via a quick sale from Mark Henry to an LLC set up by ExxonMobil Corporation. This quick sale did not resolve the current back tax issues associated with that site. As of the end of the year, ExxonMobil Corporation owes the Town over \$1.2 million dollars in back taxes for both parcels associated with the site. During several meetings between the non-settling defendants of the clean up and the town, it was made clear by the defendants that they will not pay the Town for back taxes. They are also currently trying to abate their current taxes as they claim the property has no value. The Town will continue to fight these claims in the future.

As the EPA designs its final clean up remedy for the site, they issued an access report in 2010 which identified 4 points to the site where contaminated soil would be removed and clean soil brought back to the site. Those 4 points were located on Kelly Road (Route A), Old County Road (Route B), Route 125 (Route C), and Main Street located directly across from Danville Road (Route D). Route D would have to include a property easement and another property purchase to develop and might have to include a temporary or permanent traffic light at that intersection. After numerous public meetings and hearings with Town officials, Town safety officials and the public, the EPA decided on Access Route D. In part due to the EPA law stating that Access Route D would have the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative among the four options. This finding was confirmed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

The Town felt that the safety and health concerns, raised by our public safety officials, were largely ignored by state and federal officials. Plaistow's land use boards and committees felt as though Route B would be a more practicable alternative given the safety concerns cited by our public safety officials. While it's admitted that there would be a minor wetland disturbance over Kelly brook, these issues could be mitigated to allow a bridge to be built.

Late in 2010, the Town hired Bob Varney, the former Director of EPA Region 1 (New England) to help us with our concerns over site access and other issues. We were successful in bringing together our



**Selectman Robert Gray  
at the Beede Site**



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#### ***REPORT OF BEEDE SUPERFUND SITE ACTIVITIES (Continued)***

elected officials for a meeting regarding this issue. We were also successful in having a meeting with Michael Walls, Assistant Commissioner of the NHDES, in Concord regarding our concerns with their decision to support Access Route D. At the end of 2010, it's with much gratitude that we report that the NHDES reversed their decision on Access Route D. In a letter to the town, Assistant Commissioner Walls wrote, "After further review, DES has concluded that its statement about the permissibility of Access Route B was premature and may not be accurate." He goes on to state, "Based upon the traffic volumes and safety concerns expressed in your letter, and in light of its nominal environmental impacts, a reasonable person could conclude that Access Route B is the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative among the options presented. It would, accordingly, be permissible under state wetlands law."

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Robert J. Gray, Chairman, Beede Reuse Committee*



**Town Officials and Staff Walking the Beede Superfund Site with Representatives of the EPA and NHDES**



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### ***REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE***

The First Session of Town Meeting saw the passing of the gavel from our former Town Moderator, Barry Sargent, to our newest Town Moderator, Steven Ranlett. And with the final strike of that gavel, the 2010 -2011 municipal budget season came to a close.

For the second season in a row, the Municipal Budget Committee operated with a full twelve member board. It is a trend that we are hoping will continue well into the future. Unfortunately, this year we will be losing a two-term (and valuable) member of the Committee, as Dan Hooper will not be seeking re-election. The Committee and I would like to thank Dan for his dedication and wish him the best wherever his future may take him. Additionally, I would like to thank all members, volunteers, residents and town employees associated with the budget process this year for their time and cooperation throughout the budget season.

This year the Committee faced many of the challenges that also existed last year; most prominent, a struggling economy. When preparing the 2010 budget, the Committee was able to put forth a budget that actually had a slight decrease. However, that was not a possibility this year. Items that were put off last year, in hopes of stronger wealth this year, had to be addressed. Further, some budget matters are contractual or mandated, thereby being beyond the scope of what the Committee can undertake. The Committee worked toward developing a budget with all these factors in mind that would be fiscally responsible for the residents and allow for proper operation of the Town of Plaistow, thereby protecting the best interests of Our Community.

When the Committee first presented the budget at the Public Hearing on January 13, 2011, the proposed 2011 budget was \$7,464,448. This equaled a \$136,403 (or 1.86%) increase over last year's budget. Once again, forces beyond our control, namely Mother Nature, chose to weigh in on the budget by dropping copious amounts of snow on and around Plaistow between the Public Hearing and Deliberative Session. As a result, it was motioned and approved at the First Session of Town Meeting to add an additional \$80,000 to the 2011 proposed budget in order to aid and cover costs associated with snow removal. This resulted in the budget increasing to \$7,544,448; or a \$216,404 (2.95%) increase from last year's budget. The Committee still believes this budget, even with the increase, is practical for the Town.

If comparing the trends of the last two years of the budget: the 2009 budget was \$7,382,500; a decrease was realized in 2010; and, the 2010 proposal is now at \$7,544,448. Thus in a 2 year span, the Town budget has increased \$161,948 (or 2.2%). Of this amount, almost half is directly attributable to the astronomical year of snow we have had; the majority of the other half can be linked to the Federal COPS Hiring Program grant that was accepted at the Deliberative Session allowing the Town to hire a new police officer. The costs for this new officer appear in the current proposed budget, and the Town will be reimbursed the greater part of these costs as a result of the COPS grant. If snow had not been a factor, and the COPS grant not accepted this year, the difference between the 2009 and 2011 proposed budgets would have been inconsequential.

As with every year, taxpayers are concerned about their tax bill rising and the current economy creates greater concern about revenue sources at both individual and town levels. The Committee, for which every member is a Plaistow taxpayer, had this in mind when determining the proposed budget



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### ***REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (Continued)***

and whether to recommend the Warrant Articles as put forth. The proposed budget and all warrant articles can be found at the back of this Town Report on the New Hampshire State mandated MS-7 form and Town Warrant. The Committee hopes that you will review this information and inquire among Town Officials should you have any outstanding questions or concerns so that you may be fully and properly informed when voting at the Second Session of Town Meeting at Pollard School on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kristin Lewis Savage, Chairperson*



The Town presented many citations to World War II Veterans in 2010



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### ***REPORT OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT***

The Building Maintenance Department staff plays a very important role in the day to day operations of the buildings and facilities of Our Community. We must ensure that the buildings are clean and neat and that everything is operating safely. Our department is responsible for the regular maintenance of the Town Hall, Court House, Public Safety Complex, Library and Historical Society buildings.

We take pride in the appearance of all of the buildings and facilities and devote a great deal of attention to ensuring this. In addition to daily custodial tasks, this department performs more specific work on electrical, plumbing, roofing repairs and snow removal.

During 2010, there were numerous repairs made to the various buildings including:

- ❖ Reconditioned the Historical Elonzo stained glass window at the Town Hall.
- ❖ Painted all of the light poles in Pollard Park.
- ❖ Replaced flat roof and front gutter at Town Hall.
- ❖ Installed a 85 kilowatt backup generator for the Town Hall.
- ❖ Removed a very large, old pine tree that stood on the south side of the Town Hall due to a severe wind storm in March 2010.
- ❖ Complete construction of a new Cable Studio in the basement of the Town Hall which was moved from its prior location on Route 125.
- ❖ Following construction of the Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC) concession stand/storage building, the Building Maintenance Department has assumed the maintenance and upkeep of this facility.
- ❖ The relocation and reconstruction of a shed that was behind the Town Hall to the Library for storage of equipment.
- ❖ Construction of a sandbox at the new PARC field on Old County Road.



**Dave Bowles "At the Helm"  
of the Snow Blower!**

John Arahovites came back out of retirement to fill a vacancy at the Public Safety Complex. Also, a new staff member, Gerard Marchand, began in March 2010 and is responsible for maintaining the Library. Gerard is a great addition to our Building Maintenance Staff! I have been Supervisor of Building Maintenance for 16 years and continue to work hard to keep everything running safely and smoothly in Our Community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*David Bowles, Building Maintenance Supervisor*



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### ***REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT***

Economic times continue to be tough for our nation and our neighborhoods. But I believe that Our Community remains a strong and vital place to live and do business.

Commercial development has been slow, but is beginning to show some signs of renewal. While we are not seeing a substantial increase in new business certificates of occupancy we are seeing a decrease in businesses that are closing their doors. The new Rite Aid, which started construction in 2010, is evidence of that. The new 14,000+ sq. ft. building displaced three thriving businesses, Casey's Diner, Leith's Flower Shop and PC Warehouse. Those businesses choose to relocate in Our Community instead of somewhere else or closing their doors all together. The new Rite Aid will not only mean an increase in tax revenue but will enhance the "curb appeal" of the Route 125 Corridor with their brand new building and their well groomed site. So, not only is there a brand new retail location to look forward to, there are three less vacant storefronts in town.

Other businesses, such as Petco, relocated to larger retail spaces in Plaistow. We have been contacted by other businesses looking to locate in Plaistow in the coming year. These businesses range from new retail to medical/office services. Some businesses are seeking locations to build brand new storefronts and others are seeking to occupy existing now-vacant storefronts. This is testament that business continues to see the as a viable and desirable business address. We all hope it's a sign of the economy turning the corner.

While the chart below shows a decrease in revenues in the noted categories, that increase is less than it was the previous year.

<b>Type of Fee Collected</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Building Permit	\$29,547.50	\$26,477.50	\$26,026.08
Electric Permit	\$5,755.00	\$5,270.00	\$4,885.00
Electrical Insp.	\$6,605.00	\$7,195.00	\$6,035.00
Plumbing Permit	\$1,915.00	\$1,905.00	\$1,830.00
Plumbing Insp.	\$2,430.00	\$2,640.00	\$2,370.00
Occupancy Permit	\$4,840.00	\$7,310.00	\$5,600.00
Mechanical Permit	\$3,895.00	\$4,490.00	\$4,010.00
Mechanical Insp.	\$3,725.00	\$4,260.00	\$3,430.00
Septic	\$3,920.00	\$2,690.00	\$2,955.00
Sign Permit	\$13,350.00	\$9,300.00	\$10,400.00
Auto Dealer Permit	\$3,100.00	\$1,300.00	\$500.00
Well Permit	\$210.00	\$60.00	\$190.00
Copies	\$77.00	\$17.25	\$0.00
Fire Dept Revenue	\$390.00	\$940.00	\$915.00
Salvage Yard Licenses	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$340.00
Administrative/Misc. Fees	\$530.00	\$300.00	\$160.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,589.50</b>	<b>\$74,454.75</b>	<b>\$69,646.08</b>



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### ***REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

While overall permitting is down for the second year, we see steady activity in the residential area as property owners renew their commitment to Our Community by updating and upgrading their properties.

We have held off on increasing permit fees to raise revenues because we feel that doing so would place an unnecessary burden on residents and discourage much-needed new commercial development in the Our Community. However, we have done a review of some of these fees. Some constructions, such as roofing, now require specific inspections under the building code. We are looking into establishing a permit fee for these types of permits and reviewing fees charged for some other services to bring them into a more consistent format.



This office strives to offer services that are in line with our mission to **Building Inspector, Mike Dorman** protect the health, safety and welfare of Our Community. We feel that permitting is essential to that end. Permitting allows for a plan review to ensure that what is intended to be built or remodeled meets a minimum standard. Inspections, an essential part of the permitting process, are important to ensure that all completed work is done safely and within the code. All residents should make sure that they are receiving all the inspection services they are paying for as part of the permitting process. If you're ever unsure if the project you're planning will require a permit or should be inspected, we're just a phone call away. Knowing is inexpensive piece of mind for the protection of your most expensive investment.

The codes change so quickly it can be a challenge to keep up with them. My staff, Dee Voss, Office Manager; Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector; and Jim Flathers, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector, and I continue to attend training, not only to provide a superior level of service, but to be able to educate the Our Community. We all have our areas of expertise and together make a great team.

Our team approach extends to our involvement in assisting other departments, boards and committees, such as the Fire and Police Departments, Planning Board and Conservation Commission, as we all work together to continue to support and bring responsible growth to Our Community. This year I've been working closely with the Plaistow First Committee, whose members are charged with reviewing and evaluating all town-owned properties. Look for their recommendations in 2011.

The Department of Building Safety is here to assist property owners with all their building questions and needs. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by or call us at 382-1191 X3 anytime!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*P. Michael Dorman, Chief Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer*



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### ***REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

The Cable Department and Cable Advisory Committee has had a lot of exciting activity over the past year with the moving of the cable studio to Town Hall and the hiring of an Interim Cable Coordinator.

In order to find efficiencies within the town budget, the Town Manager, put together a plan to build a new cable studio in the basement of the Town Hall. Prior to this the Town of Plaistow was renting space at a building on Route 125. The cost associated with the old studio for rent and utilities was an estimated \$16,800 per year. When the studio was moved there was an immediate savings within the cable budget.

One of the features of the new studio is the ability to be integrated with the network at the Town Hall. We are now able to work with a state of the art editing workstation. The studio also has the capability to handle phone calls during live call-in shows. The studio has already been used to produce two episodes of "Story Time in Plaistow with Susan Sherman". This is going to be a monthly show with a new theme every month. Other shows in the works for Our Community are for a recycling show and a live call-in show.

Near the end of 2010 the town hired Dean Zanello as the Interim Cable Coordinator. Dean comes with vast knowledge of the day to day operations of a cable studio and the technologies that can be utilized. He is also very enthusiastic about new programming and working with local residents to produce television shows highlighting the wonderful stories found in Our Community.

With the advent of Facebook and You-Tube many web sites have become available to post video. As part of Plaistow keeping up with technology, Plaistow is utilizing a site called VIMEO (video-on-demand). This site will have recorded committee meetings available to watch over the internet. Also recorded town events, such as Old Home Day and Memorial Day, and shows produced by local residents will also be available. This is convenient for viewers who do not subscribe to Comcast cable or may have missed a meeting or show they are interested in watching on PAC Channel 17. PAC Channel 17 will still be the main media for viewing committee meetings and local origination. Many events from the past decade have already been posted to this site for viewing. The site for viewing Plaistow events, committee meetings and local origination is <http://vimeo.com/channels/plaistow> is now accessible for viewing. This site will also be accessible through <http://www.plaistow.com> in the early part of 2011.

The Plaistow Public Library is in the process of being configured to broadcast live. The equipment that makes this possible will be arriving in early 2011.

The Cable Advisory Committee has a new member, Susan Sherman, who is very energetic about the new studio and programming. The Committee is looking for enthusiastic people who would like to be members of the committee or people who are interested in volunteering to help record local events and help produce shows inside and outside of the studio.





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#### ***REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Continued)***

Going forward in 2011 the Cable Department and Cable Advisory Committee will be looking to reach out to Our Community to help any Plaistow residents interested in producing their own shows to be broadcast on PAC Channel 17. The Cable Advisory Committee is working with Dean Zanello to purchase point-and-shoot cameras to make producing shows outside of the studio more feasible for interested Plaistow residents.

The Cable Department and Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) hope to have more activity in 2011. One of our goals is to have more local programming written and produced by Plaistow residents. As part of getting more people interested in using the studio, training will be provided. Dean Zanello and the CAC members are in process of developing a training program for local residents. The Cable Department and Cable Advisory Committee are very excited about the upcoming year and looking forward to working with Our Community to utilize the beautiful new cable studio. Please contact Town Hall if you are interested.

Thank you, and have a wonderful 2011!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jay DeRoche, Chairman*



**Sue Sherman with Santa**



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### ***REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE***

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is an adjunct to the Master Plan; like the Master Plan it is strictly a planning document. The CIP committee is charged by the Planning Board to prepare an annual CIP to present to the Planning Board for approval and then to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to aid them in preparing the annual budget. The CIP committee is made up of members from the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and the Budget Committee. The Planning Board chairman also serves as the CIP committee chairman. The Town Planner and Town Manager support the CIP committee in preparation of the plan.

The CIP has estimates of capital expenditures over a 6 year period; the plan prepared in calendar year 2010 has estimates for 2011 through 2016 and is used to help prepare the 2011 budget (calendar year 2011) that is voted on at the March, 2010 Town Meeting. The CIP committee also reviews the capital reserve accounts set up for the purchase of large expense items such as fire apparatus, highway department vehicles, and long term building maintenance. The purpose of the review is to make sure the balances in the accounts are sufficient to cover the planned expenses in the next 6-year planning period. The reviews for the highway and fire departments extend over longer periods of time that match the longest useful life of a piece of equipment.

The table below compares the proposed CIP totals with the budget totals (including warrant articles) and then calculates the percent of the total budget allocated for capital expenditures. The amounts shown reflect amounts proposed at Town Meeting and not those voted at Town Meeting. Also note that the amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

<b>Year/Item</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
CIP Total	\$1,105	\$1,350	\$957	\$1,277	\$1,233	\$1,356
Budget Total	\$7,521	\$7,644	\$7,479	\$8,192	\$7,298	\$7,912
Percent of CIP Total to Budget Total	14.69%	17.66%	12.8%	15.6%	16.9%	17%

When a CIP is in place and maintained, it allows towns to impose impact fees on developers. The purpose of the impact fee is to charge an upfront fee from developers, at building permit time, a sum of money to help offset the additional capital expenditures required because of the new residential, commercial, or industrial growth. The Town of Plaistow has impacts fees in place for schools, recreation, public safety complex, fire suppression water line, and new subdivision roads.

The CIP also has two other important functions: maintain capital equipment and help to level the total budget. It is important to maintain our buildings so that small repairs can be made in a timely fashion and avoid large expenditures after problem that could have been fixed with a small repair, has deteriorated to the point where only a costly repair can fix the problem. This in turn avoids large increases in our tax bills. It is also important that our entire fleet of vehicles – rescue trucks, police cruisers, highway department trucks, etc. in good condition so that all employees can have confidence they will be able to perform their duties in a safe manner.



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### ***REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Continued)***

Each year the CIP committee tries to make improvements to either the CIP document or the process that collects and analyzes the data that is input into the CIP. This year we made 2 process changes that resulted in a more efficient presentation of the CIP information to the various boards and committees. The first change was the preparation of a memo from the CIP committee to the various boards that included a brief description of each line item in the CIP along with a project history for that item including the discussions or changes that were made in previous years as well as the current year. Since it is impossible for any presenter to know all the details about each line item, there were often follow-up presentations that were needed. This year those follow-up sessions were eliminated and the presentation time substantially reduced while some one went to look up an answer to a question. Although somewhat beyond the scope of the CIP committee, this year we also prepared a second document that contained proposed language for each of the warrant articles that were being proposed as part of the CIP. This saved the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee substantial time during their budget discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Timothy Moore, Chairman*



**Tim Moore at MBTA Headquarters in Boston**



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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (1 OF 7)

Highway Department		Master Plan Reference	2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
		Chapter / Section	MP Project Number								
HIGHWAY EXPENSES											
Westville Road Bridge (Study/Design)	Transportation	3	\$85.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$85.0	\$0.0	\$500.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Garden Road Bridge (Total includes State Bridge Aid + \$39,500 warrant article at STM)	Transportation	3	\$680.0	\$680.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Highway Capital Projects/Drainage	Transportation	3	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	Budget	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0
Road Surface Management Projects	Transportation	3	\$225.0	\$185.0	\$225.0	Budget	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0
2000 International 6W Dump Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Roadside Brush Cutter	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$110.0	Warrant	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
1987 Ford Backhoe	Community Facilities	1	\$70.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2004 F-550 Ford Dump Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$110.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2006 F-350 Ford Pickup Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2008 International 6W Dump Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$160.0	\$0.0
Caterpillar 924 Front-End Loader	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$120.0
(Reserve Deposit) - DPW Vehicles	Community Facilities	1	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$74.0	Warrant	\$74.0	\$74.0	\$74.0	\$74.0	\$74.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,186.0	\$991.0	\$469.0		\$554.0	\$399.0	\$859.0	\$519.0	\$479.0
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS											
Roadside Brush Cutter (New for 2010)			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$110.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
1987 Ford Backhoe			\$70.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2004 F-550 Ford Dump Truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$110.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2006 F-350 Ford Pickup Truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2008 International 6W Dump Truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$160.0	\$0.0
Caterpillar 924 Front-End Loader			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$120.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS			\$70.0	\$0.0	\$110.0		\$110.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$160.0	\$120.0
REVENUES											
Sale of Vehicles			\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$10.0	\$16.0
Highway Rev. Block Grant			\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	N/A	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1
State/Federal bridge aid			\$642.0	\$642.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$468.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$778.1	\$773.1	\$131.1		\$136.1	\$136.1	\$599.1	\$141.1	\$147.1
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS											
New Road Impact Fee			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES			\$337.9	\$217.9	\$227.9		\$307.9	\$222.9	\$259.9	\$217.9	\$211.9



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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (2 OF 7)

Fire Department		Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
		Chapter / Section	Project Number									
FIRE EXPENSES												
Fire Equipment (Reserve Deposit)		Community Facilities	1	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$95.0	Warrant	\$95.0	\$95.0	\$95.0	\$95.0	\$95.0
Engine 7		Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$400.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rescue 6		Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$150.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Command Vehicle		Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$35.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rescue 2		Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0
Forestry 4		Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES				\$88.0	\$88.0	\$95.0		\$495.0	\$245.0	\$170.0	\$95.0	\$245.0
REVENUES												
Sale of Vehicles				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$15.0	\$15.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$15.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$15.0	\$15.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$15.0
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS												
Engine 7 (Estimate for used truck)				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$400.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rescue 6				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$150.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Command Vehicle				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$35.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rescue 2				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0
Forestry 4				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$400.0	\$150.0	\$75.0	\$0.0	\$150.0
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS												
Public Safety - Apparatus				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Public Safety - Fire Department				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
AMBULANCE REVOLVING FUND WITHDRAWALS												
Rescue Vehicles				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL AMBULANCE REVOLVING FUND WITHDRAWALS				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
FIRE DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES				\$88.0	\$88.0	\$95.0		\$80.0	\$80.0	\$90.0	\$95.0	\$80.0



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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (3 OF 7)

Police Department	Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Chapter / Section	Project Number									
POLICE EXPENSES											
Cruiser/Related Equipment Replacement	Community Facilities	1	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	Budget	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0
Animal Control Officer (ACO) Vehicle	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$15.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Replace Management Info Computer System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Automated Fingerprint Identification System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$0.0
Communications Monitoring/Recording System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$10.0
(Reserve Deposit) - Communications Radio Dispatch System	Community Facilities	1	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	Warrant	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0
Communications Radio Dispatch System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$175.0
Less-Lethal Weapons	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$35.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Emergency Community Notification System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Communications Radio Repeater Enhancement (Developer Off Site Imp.)	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$62.0	Warrant	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Computer Hardware/Software Replacement	Community Facilities	1	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$20.0	Budget	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$106.0	\$81.0	\$173.0		\$161.0	\$151.0	\$211.0	\$136.0	\$296.0
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS											
Public Safety - Police			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS											
Ccommunication Radio Dispatch Systems			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$175.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$175.0
REVENUES											
Revenue offset of sale of used cruisers			\$8.6	\$0.0	\$8.6		\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6
Revenue from EHC Developer for Comm. Radio Repeater Enh.			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$31.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$8.6	\$0.0	\$39.6		\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6
POLICE DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES			\$97.4	\$81.0	\$133.4	\$0.0	\$152.4	\$142.4	\$202.4	\$127.4	\$112.4



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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (4 OF 7)

Town Buildings	Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Chapter / Section	Project Number									
TOWN EXPENSES - SAFETY COMPLEX											
Public Safety Feasibility Study (Architect)	Community Facilities	3	\$70.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	Warrant	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Public Safety Complex Expansion	Community Facilities	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	*\$7,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Bond for Exp. Safety Complex (20yrr/5%)	Community Facilities	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$554.4	\$554.4	\$554.4	\$554.4
Concrete Apron at Fire Department	Community Facilities	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - LIBRARY											
None	N/A	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - CABLE STUDIO											
Move Cable Studio to a Different Building (Approved by BOS \$30K)	Community Facilities	NA	\$50.0	\$30.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - HIGHWAY BUILDINGS											
Salt Shed	Community Facilities	Highway Dept.	\$110.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	*110.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Highway Garage	Community Facilities	Highway Dept.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	*580.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Bond Highway Garage/Salt Shed (20yrr/5%)	Community Facilities	Highway Dept.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$55.0	\$55.0	\$55.0	\$55.0
EXPENSES - COURTHOUSE											
Replace Furnace at Court House	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$10.0	Budget	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - HISTORICAL SOCIETY											
Rooftop A/C Unit and Other Repairs at Historical Society	Community Facilities	NA	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0



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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (5 OF 7)

Town Buildings - continued		Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
		Chapter / Section	Project Number									
EXPENSES - TOWN HALL												
Emergency Power Generator		Community Facilities	NA	\$25.0	\$45.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Repave Horseshoe Driveway and Pathways around Pollard Park		Community Facilities	NA	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Repair Clock Tower (BOS Approved)		Community Facilities	NA	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - REC CENTER												
Beede/Cash Oil Reclamation Plan for Recreation/Community Center		Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$350.0
EXPENSES - ALL BUILDINGS												
(Reserve Deposit) Building Systems		Community Facilities	NA	\$20.0	\$5.0	\$10.0	Warrant	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES				\$342.5	\$122.5	\$45.0		\$75.0	\$619.4	\$619.4	\$619.4	\$969.4
TOWN BUILDING REVENUES												
Cable Revenue for Cable Building				\$50.0	\$30.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Clock Tower Private Donation				\$0.0	\$20.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Clock Tower Grant				\$0.0	\$10.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES				\$50.0	\$60.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
BUILDING RESERVE WITHDRAWALS												
Building Systems Reserve				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS												
PS Complex - Fire				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PS Complex - Police				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOWN BUILDINGS NET EXPENSES				\$292.5	\$62.5	\$45.0		\$75.0	\$619.4	\$619.4	\$619.4	\$969.4





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### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (6 OF 7)

Town Hall Services		Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Re com - mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
		Chapter / Section	Project Number											
TOWN HALL SERVICES--EXPENSES														
Building Inspection Truck		Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$22.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
Maint./Safety Complex/Rec. Truck		Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$22.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
REVENUES														
Sale of vehicles				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
SUBTOTAL REVENUES				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
TOWN HALL SERVICES NET EXPENSES														
				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$17.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
Water Department														
		Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Re com - mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
		Chapter / Section	Project Number											
		WATER LINES EXPENSES												
		(Reserve Deposit) Fire Suppression Water Capital Reserve Fund		Community Facilities	2	\$180.0	\$58.4	\$100.0	Warrant	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0
Rt. 125 - Danville Rd, Jesse George Rd, and Rt. 121A to Walton Rd. (10044F)		Community Facilities	2	\$523.5	\$498.3	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
Rt. 125 - East Rd to Old Rd (10044G/Start: 2013)		Community Facilities	2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$208.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
Rt. 125 - Old County Rd to Kingston Town Line (10044H/Start: 2015)		Community Facilities	2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$172.0	\$0.0		
WATER EXPENSES - OTHER														
(Reserve Deposit) Pump Replacement		Community Facilities	NA	\$33.4	\$0.0	\$40.0	Warrant	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$0.0		
(Reserve Deposit) Pump House Replacement		Community Facilities	NA	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$30.0	Warrant	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$0.0		
Pump Replacement		Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$200.0	\$0.0		
Pump House Replacement		Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0	\$0.0		
Cell Tower Work		Community Facilities	NA	\$20.0	\$10.0	\$20.0	Warrant	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0		
Water Department truck		Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$30.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES				\$781.9	\$566.7	\$190.0		\$190.0	\$398.0	\$220.0	\$712.0	\$120.0		
WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUES														
Sale of vehicles				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
SUBTOTAL REVENUES				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS														
Water Line Reserve				\$487.5	\$308.2	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$208.0	\$0.0	\$172.0	\$0.0		
Pump Reserve				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$200.0	\$0.0		
Pump House Reserve				\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0	\$0.0		
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS				\$487.5	\$308.2	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$208.0	\$0.0	\$522.0	\$0.0		
IMPACT & USER FEE WITHDRAWALS														
Water Use Fee (RSA 38:27)				\$0.0	\$104.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
Water Line Impact Fee				\$36.0	\$36.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
SUBTOTAL IMPACT & USER FEE WITHDRAWALS				\$36.0	\$140.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		
WATER DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES				\$258.4	\$118.4	\$190.0		\$190.0	\$190.0	\$215.0	\$190.0	\$120.0		



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Natural Resources and Recreation			Master Plan Reference		2010 CIP Approved	2010 Town Approved	2011	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016					
			Chapter / Section	Project Number														
EXPENSES - CONSERVATION																		
Conservation Fund			Open Space & Recreation	Funding & Acquisition 1	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	Warrant	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0					
Acquisition of Property			Open Space & Recreation	Org & Mgmt 3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$100.0	Warrant	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
EXPENSES - RECREATION																		
Playground & Shelter			Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$125.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Warrant	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
Equipment Maintenance at Smith Fields			Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
Improvements at PARC and Ingalls Terrace			Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$20.0	Warrant	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
Skate Board Park			Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	\$0.0					
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES					\$130.0	\$5.0	\$125.0		\$55.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$55.0	\$5.0					
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS																		
Recreation Impact Fee					\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS					\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
CONSERVATION/FORESTRY FUNDS																		
Conservation Fund					\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
Forestry Fund					\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
SUBTOTAL CONSERVATION/FORESTRY FUND WITHDRAWALS					\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0					
NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION NET EXPENSES					\$130.0	\$5.0	\$125.0		\$55.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$55.0	\$5.0					
GRAND TOTALS																		
Total Expenses					\$2,634.4	\$1,854.2	\$1,097.0	Recom- mended (Warrant or Budget)	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
Total Revenues					\$836.7	\$833.1	\$170.7		\$164.7		\$159.7		\$617.7		\$149.7		\$170.7	
Total Impact Fee Withdrawals					\$36.0	\$140.0	\$0.0		\$0.0		\$0.0		\$0.0		\$0.0		\$175.0	
Total Reserve & Other Fund Withdrawals					\$557.5	\$308.2	\$110.0		\$510.0		\$398.0		\$75.0		\$682.0		\$270.0	
TOTAL NET EXPENSES					\$1,204.2	\$572.8	\$816.3		\$877.3	\$1,259.7	\$1,391.7	\$1,304.7	\$1,498.7					



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### ***REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON***

Two major projects were in the works over the summer in 2010. One was the repairs and restorations to a number of damaged headstones. For this work we coordinated the repairs with the Plaistow Highway Department and were able to fix a number of broken stones. We look forward to being able to continue this work in 2011. The other major project was the removal of an overgrown bush covering a number of Civil War memorial headstones.

Cemetery maintenance costs, like almost everything, do not go down, as the Sexton, I often have to choose between good appearance and increased costs. Weather is a big factor in how we maintain the cemetery and we are holding the line on expenses, while doing our best to address the maintenance. The more it rains, the more the grass needs mowing, raking, and trimming. In addition our plot sales are limited in spite of subtle sales attempts. We bring to your attention both full and cremation burial plots are available in the Plaistow Cemetery. As a reminder to family and friends, all cemetery decorations must be removed prior to November first each year. We also are looking for volunteers who might enjoy helping with the maintenance and support of the Plaistow Cemetery.



**An Old Map Showing the Layout  
of the Plaistow Cemetery**

Thanks to Jim Thornton of Acme Vault for being always willing to help us out with the “heavy lifting.” Thanks to Highway Supervisor Dan Garlinton and the Highway Department who kept the cemeteries neatly trimmed and kept me informed about potential problems. They have assumed the landscape duties for the Cemetery and have done a wonderful job.

Thanks to the Selectmen for listening to any concerns. And finally, as always, we are most grateful to the staff at the Town Hall for all their assistance. I will always miss the wonderful help and friendship of Ruth Jenne.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Herbert “Topper” Reed, Cemetery Sexton



**The Plaistow Cemetery on Elm Street**



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### ***REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE***

In order for the citizens of Plaistow to have confidence in the integrity of its government, the Conflict of Interest Committee is dedicated to serving Plaistow's citizenry by ensuring that:

- 1) Our public officials act independently, impartially and with responsibility to the people of Plaistow for the public's best interests;
- 2) Our government's decisions and policies be made through the proper channels of governmental structure;
- 3) Any and all public offices are not used for personal gain; and
- 4) Our public officials perform their duties without conflicts between their private interests and those of the citizens they serve.

Since March 2010, the COIC received three petitions. All were reviewed and discharged, as the alleged complaints did not fall under the jurisdiction of the Conflict of Interest Committee, as outlined in the COIC bylaws. Any citizen who believes that a conflict of interest exists regarding a Plaistow public officer and wishes to submit a formal complaint is encouraged to review the Town of Plaistow's Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Section V, "Prohibited Conduct."

To obtain copies of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws and the Petition of Alleged Violations form, you may:

- 1) Mail a request to the Conflict of Interest Committee, PO Box 903, Plaistow, NH 03865;
- 2) Print from online: [www.plaistow.com/Pages/PlaistowNH\\_BComm/conflict](http://www.plaistow.com/Pages/PlaistowNH_BComm/conflict);
- 3) E-mail [townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com](mailto:townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com), and enter "COIC Business" in the subject line;
- 4) Attend a COIC meeting; or
- 5) Inquire at the Town Hall or Plaistow Public Library.

All correspondence to the PO Box and e-mail address go directly to the Conflict of Interest Committee, and remain confidential in accordance with our bylaws and ordinances. All *Petitions of Alleged Violation* forms must be mailed to the Conflict of Interest Committee at the above PO Box only; hand-delivered petitions will not be accepted.

The Committee is still interested in forming a NH Conflict of Interest Group of area towns who have a Conflict of Interest Ordinance or who would like to adopt an ordinance of their own. Committees would share ideas and information on Conflict of Interest Ordinances and possible areas of improvement.

The Committee is available to interpret and/or discuss the COI Ordinance and Bylaws with citizens and town officials at all regular meetings. Suggestions to improve the ordinance will be taken under consideration at the COIC's discretion.

The Conflict of Interest Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Plaistow Public Library (except July, August, November and December). All regular meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.



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### ***REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE (Continued)***

Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee in 2010 included Kathryn J.H. Jones, Chairman; Dennis Naffah, Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary; Harry Birmingham; and Gary Erickson, who was elected by the Committee to fill a vacant position until elections in March.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*The Conflict of Interest Committee*



**Branden Birmingham's Eagle Scout Award Ceremony**



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### ***REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

The members of the Conservation Commission take a lot of pride in serving on the commission and its role in protecting and preserving the natural resources in Our Community. There is a real sense of community in most of the activities that we participate in, both in serving the community and in working together with students, scouts, and residents to make a better community.

Education is always an important part of preservation and this year the Conservation Commission along with participation from the Pollard School 5<sup>th</sup> grade sponsored a tree-planting at a combined Arbor Day/Earth Day event at the Plaistow Library. The Conservation Commission purchased a October Glory Maple and a Korean Mountain Ash that were planted as part of the Arbor Day event. Every year the Arbor Day Foundation sponsors a poster contest and in New Hampshire the contest is administered by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. In Plaistow the Conservation Commission acts as a liaison between the Pollard School 5<sup>th</sup> Graders (eligible contest participants) and the Cooperative Extension. Each year there is a different theme; the 2010 theme was "Trees are terrific...and Energy Wise!". The Board of Selectmen chose a winning poster that was in turn submitted to UNH Cooperative Extension to select a state-wide winner. We were very proud and pleased to announce that Pollard School 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Jessica Costa, not only won the Plaistow contest, but was also selected as the State of NH winner.

Congratulations to Jessica and all the poster participants who not only participated in the Arbor Day activities but learned that it is important to maintain and protect trees.

Arbor Day in New Hampshire is observed every year on the last Friday in April. It is a unique holiday- planting a tree looks to the future and not at some past happening, as is the case of most holidays. New Hampshire extends the celebration with Forest Conservation Week, which begins the day after Arbor Day.

This special day envisioned by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City, Nebraska and was first adopted by the State of Nebraska in 1872. The idea swiftly spread across the country. New Hampshire's first official Arbor Day was proclaimed on April 29, 1886 by Governor Moody Currier who advocated reforestation of waste and cutover lands, and planting of shade and ornamental trees and shrubs around homes, along highways, and other public places. Today every state has an official date for Arbor Day.

Earth Day is also celebrated in April and was envisioned by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin to make all citizens aware of the valuable and life-sustaining resource of the planet earth. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 1, 1970 and is now celebrated on Wednesday with dates ranging from April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Board of Selectmen and Winners of the Arbor Day  
Poster Contest: Jessica Costa, Dawson Drelick &  
Abhit Shah**



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### ***REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Continued)***

The Conservation Commission participated in the annual Old Home Day celebration. At our booth participants could sign up for a raffle with each of 3 winners receiving a reusable shopping bag filled with energy efficient products such as CFLs, programmable thermostats, and low-flow shower heads as well biodegradable cleaning products. Participants could also view our display of water and how to help protect both the quality and quantity of drinking water. It also described steps the Town is taking to properly manage storm water as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) storm water requirements. This part of the display was an important piece to help the Town meet the storm water requirements.



This year as with other prior years we have worked closely with the Boy Scouts to help maintain the trail system in the Town Forest. Please see the special report on the Town Forest elsewhere in this year's Town Report.

**Tim Moore and Selectman Robert Gray at the Conservation Commission's Booth at Old Home Day**

We continued our annual sampling of the streams, brooks, and rivers in Plaistow at 17 different points. Below are the results of the testing for nitrates and nitrites over the past 25+ years:

#### **Stream Testing Results**

Sample Point	Test Type (mg/l)	1983 (mg/l)	1993 (mg/l)	2003 (mg/l)	2007 (mg/l)	2008 (mg/l)	2009 (mg/l)	2010 (mg/l)
Little River at the intersection of Old County Rd and Kingston Rd	Nitrates	< 0.10	0.5	0.56	< 0.20	< 0.20	< 0.20	< 0.20
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Little River at the Atkinson/Plaistow Town Line	Nitrates	0.14	0.5	1.34	0.59	0.38	0.27	0.27
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05

Note the "<" symbol means "less than" and gets reported when the available measurement techniques measure some quantity of a substance but it is so small that it cannot be measured accurately. These points are often referred to as Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL) points. The unit of measure for both nitrates and nitrites is milligrams per liter (mg/l). Drinking water standards require less than 10 mg/l for nitrates.

Although the water quality in our streams does not meet drinking water standards for some measures such as pH and coliform, neither does it pose a severe health risk.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Timothy Moore, Secretary*



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### ***REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION – TOWN FOREST***

The Town Forest is an excellent example of Our Community coming together and preserving land for the good of the community. As far back as the late 1970s and early 1980s the Plaistow began purchasing land in the area of what is generally known as Frog Pond Woods. The Town purchased several parcels of land in the area and several more were donated to the Town and were to be used for conservation purposes. One of the initial uses proposed in a 1970s water study proposed that Kelley Brook be dammed and the resulting pond be used as a reservoir for a municipal water system. While the reservoir never made it beyond the proposal stage, the Town none-the-less kept the acquired land away from development pressures and continues to this day to acquire through easement or purchase parcels adjacent to those already protected.



Between Plaistow, Atkinson, and Hampstead the combined acreage of the land from the 3 towns is close to 400 acres. Both Atkinson and Hampstead own land in Plaistow and Plaistow owns land in Atkinson. All three Boards of Selectmen have agreed to waive taxes for the conservation land owned by another community.

**Selectman Charles "Buzzy" Blinn and Tim Moore  
Review the Town Forest Map**

The Conservation Commission members in the 1980s started to define a Town Forest. This initial concept was advanced substantially in 1999 when the Conversation Commission hired Charles Marino, a registered forester, to prepare a Forest Management Plan for the parcels own by the Town in the Frog Pond Woods area and a 20-acre parcel adjacent to Old County near the top of the hill as you head towards Hampstead. This management plan was well received by both the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. The plan recommended doing a selective cut of approximately 75 acres and with the help of the forester, a logger was contracted to do this cut in the 1999/2000 time frame. The logging netted the Town about \$37,000 that was placed in a Forestry Fund that can be used to maintain the forest and conservation lands, promote and teach good forestry practices, and to acquire new lands through purchase or easement that would be added to the Town Forest. Approximately \$30,000 of that fund balance remains as of December, 2010. Plans are under way to do another selective cut in a different area of the Town Forest, however, no particular area has been selected and no dates have been set for the cut. Selective cutting greatly enhances the health and diversity of the forest and is usually recommended to selective cut an area every 15 to 20 years.

In the 1999/2000 time frame, the Boy Scouts from Troop 18 (sponsored by the Plaistow Fish and Game) approached the Conservation Commission about the potential for doing trail work in the Town Forest. It was the beginning of a cooperative effort that continues today. The scouts have done a dozen or more Eagle Scout projects in the Town Forest including building and maintaining trails,





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### ***REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION – TOWN FOREST (Continued)***

building and creating bridges so that trail crossings of Kelley Brook can be easily accomplished, building and maintaining a wildlife observation platform, designing and installing a Town Forest sign at its entrance on Main Street, creating a trail map and markers and then building a kiosk to house the trail map, and putting the finishing touches on the parking lot and picnic areas.

The Conservation Commission created a set of regulations for the use of the Town Forest and they are soon to be approved by the Board of Selectmen which will then make the regulations official. A set of temporary regulations has been in place for a while, waiting for the final set of regulations to be prepared and approved.

Throughout the 10-year period of working with the Boy Scouts, the Conservation Commission has been working toward an official opening of the Town Forest. This finally happened in May, 2010. Nearly 40 years of careful stewardship and pride in the natural resources of Plaistow by dozens of volunteers and residents were celebrated at this event. Thanks again to the Boy Scouts who were they to provide guided tours of the trails and wildlife viewing areas and who passed out trail maps with a small packet of mosquito wipes attached to each map. Chuck Fowler, the Scoutmaster of Troop 18, made a special effort to contact all of the Eagle Scouts who had supervised a project in the Town Forest. Of the 13 scouts who had done projects, 11 were in attendance. It was a pleasure to see them all again and to see the pride they had that their work became a part of a much larger event that will continue to be an excellent resource for Our Community.

Thanks to Dan Garlington and his work crew for keeping the parking lot plowed during the winter months. Please be patient, however as it may take a couple days to get the roads plowed, sanded, and salted before resources can be directed to the Town Forest parking lot.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Timothy Moore, Secretary*



**The Boys Scouts Join Local Officials at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
for the Official Opening of the Town Forest**



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### ***REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE***

I am again writing this at the request of the Director of Emergency Management, Bill Scully, while he is on a leave of absence. We all miss him and wish him well.

The Office of Emergency Management continues, as always, to work and coordinate with State and Federal agencies as well as Regional and our own Town Departments and Agencies to prepare Our Community for any possible natural or man-made disaster, including public health emergencies.

To that end, this office is currently working with the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), along with other Town departments, to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan. Not only does this important plan detail the Town's response to emergencies and disasters of all kinds, it is imperative to maintaining eligibility for State and Federal grants as they become available. Grants allow us to do more in the way of preparing for disasters and emergencies, while defraying the costs to Our Community.

The Hazard Mitigation plan also makes us eligible for other funding programs. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimburses compliant communities for emergency and disaster relief funds spent. Again our Hazard Mitigation Plan must be reviewed and updated for Plaistow to be eligible for reimbursement. Updating this important document is critical to the emergency response potential of Plaistow.

Each year, in this report, Bill and I always speak to being ready for an emergency. Many hours are spent by many people at the Federal, State and Local level to ensure that we are as prepared as we can be for any emergency. An example would be prior to and during the H1N1 situation our Health Officer, Dennise Horrocks and others worked I don't know how many hours to get us all vaccinated and to keep us informed.

In 2010 many town employees took WebEOC training which enables us to access a secured web site and acquire information and/or supplies needed by Our Community in time of an emergency.

The Fire Department; Police Department; Emergency Management Team; and many Town Officials are also National Incident Management System (NIMS) certified by FEMA to provide a better and more coordinated level of service in a disaster.

Our Community is ahead of many others in the State of New Hampshire as being one of the first to develop both the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

You may need to survive on your own during and after an emergency. This means having food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last at least three days. While local officials and relief workers will be on scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. Help many arrive in a few hours or it may take days. Basic services such as electricity, gas water, and telephones may be cut off for extended periods of time.



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#### ***REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (Continued)***

Much like Our Community prepares a community emergency response, each of us should prepare a response to take care of our own family in a time of need. The Town's webpage [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) has many recommendations on how you can be your own Emergency Management team and make a big difference in an emergency.

As always we invite the Our Community to become involved. Learn about how the Town prepares for disaster relief; assist fellow citizens during times of emergency; watch out for your neighbors; help out those in need if you can. If you have any questions you can contact the Town Hall or email me directly at [mdorman@plaistow.com](mailto:mdorman@plaistow.com)

Respectfully Submitted,  
*P. Michael Dorman, Deputy Emergency Management Director*



**Local Officials and Staff Meet with Representatives of EPA and NHDES at the Beede Site**



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### ***REPORT OF FAMILY MEDIATION AND JUVENILE SERVICES***

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem, NH. Our mission is to provide quality resources to youth and families in order to reduce delinquency and out of home placements, and to empower them as individuals, family members, and citizens of the community. Please visit us at [www.fmjs.org](http://www.fmjs.org) to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer, at low or no cost, to residents and their families.

This past year has been a year of change and growth. To ensure we are providing the most appropriate services for the residents of the towns we have been reviewing our programs and approaches. We are excited about introducing some new ideas and programs to the local communities in the upcoming year.

In addition to the existing staff, the agency now has the added layer an executive director. The position of Executive Director was created to ensure that there was an individual at FMJS on a regular basis that is responsible for overseeing daily operations, screening clients to make certain FMJS is operating within the scope of practice for the agency, to refer clients to appropriate resources when their needs exceed the services we are qualified to provide, and to support staff in the event of challenging situations that may arise with clients.

Roclyn Porter joined the staff in September, 2010 bringing 10 years of clinical experience working with families, particularly families with children who are involved in the juvenile justice system in one form or another. This work has included working with schools, medical facilities, law enforcement, and state and local agencies. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, and she has experience in working with families in conflict and parental discord.

FMJS continues to offer the same services that have historically been offered. We continue to provide tobacco and substance abuse education classes, anger management, community service placement, and family mediation.

In considering the future, we are also looking forward to expanding our programming to include parenting classes, as well as education for a broader range of ages around substance abuse and anger management.

The members of the Board of Directors want to thank you in advance for your continued support as we grow and further develop our services, and please know you can continue count on FMJS to continue to provide the familiar support and programming we have in the past.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Debra DeSimone, Chairman of the Board of Directors*



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### ***REPORT OF FAMILY MEDIATION AND JUVENILE SERVICES (Continued)***

#### **Family Mediation & Juvenile Services Board of Directors**

Debra DeSimone-CHAIR, *Atkinson*  
Dale Childs-TREASURER, *Hampstead*  
Rose Cavalear, *Atkinson*  
Natalie Gallo, *Hampstead*  
Kathleen Marino, *Newton*  
Dan Poliquin/Michelle Curran, *Plaistow*

Marta Modigliani-VICE CHAIR, *Danville*  
Barbara Tavitian-SECRETARY, *Plaistow*  
Kimberly Burnham, *Danville*  
Dick Gerrish, *Kingston*  
Laura Bertogli, *Newton*  
Pat Macomber, *At Large*

#### **2010 Statistics by Town Referred**

	<u>Atkinson</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Hampstead</u>	<u>Kingston</u>	<u>Newton</u>	<u>Plaistow</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
New Referrals	8	17	7	11	13	45	57	9	167
Mediation Cases	6	5	3	0	0	4	3	1	22
Community Service Cases	5	2	3	7	5	12	3	3	40
Community Service Hours	37	25	49	122	100	200	32	106	671
Restitution Cases	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3

Restitution Collected: \$3,169.50 total, all from Kingston cases

	<u>Atkinson</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Hampstead</u>	<u>Kingston</u>	<u>Newton</u>	<u>Plaistow</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Class Attendance:									
Drugs & Alcohol Youths	3	0	0	4	1	7	25	5	45
Drugs & Alcohol Adults	1	0	0	5	2	8	32	2	50
Anger Mgmt Youths	1	2	1	0	1	6	21	0	32
Anger Mgmt Adults	0	4	1	0	0	8	29	0	42
Stop Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	11	7	0	18
Tobacco Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Peer Mediation Training	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25



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### ***REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT***

This year, your Town Report is focused on Our Community. As we think about , many things come to mind. When the members of your fire department think about Our Community, they think about giving of their time and talents to make a better place to live and work. We take great pride in what we do for the community whether it be helping with Old Home Day, assisting the Recreation Department with their activities or actually answering emergency calls. Our focus is on how we can help our Town move forward.

Becoming a member of the Fire Department is a significant commitment for an individual as well as their families. It's not an easy path to get onto and still harder to keep the high level of commitment that is required to do this job well. In any given year, we will lose members due to various reasons, be it increasing demands of the family or job or some members simply get burned out and need to take leave of absence. Over the last two years, we have had 3 members retire after serving Our Community for over 30 years. Bob Lang, Jr. retired in 2009 after 32 years of service to the town. Bob was one of the first Emergency Medical Technicians on the department



and was one of very few firefighters in the state to obtain the advanced certification of Firefighter Level III. He accomplished this at a time when the majority of Firefighters who had attained that certification were employed fulltime in the fire service, not volunteers. In 2010, Bill Scully and Bob Chooljian retired after 39 and 50 years, respectively, with the department. Bill was also one of the first EMTs with the department but didn't let that get in the way of heading up the Office of Emergency Management. For nearly 20 years Bill maintained our Civil Defense/Emergency Management program to ensure our readiness in the event of major catastrophe, while maintaining his very active duties with the Fire Department and holding the financial responsibilities of the Firemens' Association as their Treasurer. His tireless efforts during the 2008 Ice Storm were a clear demonstration of his commitment to . For anyone who has had the pleasure of meeting him, you know what we mean when we say Bob Chooljian is one of the most civic minded residents in town. Over his 50 years of service with the Fire Department, he answered thousands of fire calls as well as finding time to serve with both the Lions and the Fish and Game Clubs. As a member of the Fire Department, he held every position beginning with firefighter up to Deputy Chief, always with a smile and words of encouragement for newer members. The willingness of these members to put the needs of Our Community ahead of the needs of themselves (and their families) is part of the fabric that makes this town a special place to live and work. If you know these men, please take a moment to thank them for their unselfish years of service to Our Community.

Over the last couple of years, we have lived through some difficult economic circumstances. The members of your fire department have felt the same tightening of the purse strings and in some situations, loss of employment and homes. We are fortunate that our members have persevered and



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### ***REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

continue to offer their time to the community. Throughout this period, we have looked for better ways to maintain the exemplary level of service you expect to receive and what we are prepared to provide, while keeping the cost of delivering those services well within our established budget. In that respect, we are thankful that you have supported our efforts by voting to approve those budgets. Recognizing that we are still facing a slow economic recovery, your continued support for our activities, particularly warrant articles for capital reserve (vehicle replacement program), will be greatly appreciated.

This year one of our more significant accomplishments involves increasing the services provided by our contracted transporting ambulance service, Trinity Ambulance. Working with the other communities served by Trinity, we were able to add an additional paramedic ambulance to our contract without incurring any cost for the service. This would not have been possible without the assistance of both Atkinson and Hampstead Fire Departments who allow Trinity to use their stations as a base a base of operations thereby minimizing their operational costs.

Your fire department is made up of three fulltime employees and up to forty on-call members. Each member, regardless of whether they are a fulltime employee or on-call member, values the opportunity to serve Our Community and is committed to meeting the ever increasing demands of the fire and rescue profession.

One of the more difficult aspects of being a member of a volunteer organization is the amount of time one must commit to maintain a high level of skill and proficiency, while also answering nearly 1,000 calls for service. The spirit of giving back to Our Community is based in the pride each member carries in the job they do and the service they provide to their neighbor. Although this can be one of the most demanding services that one can volunteer for, it is also the most rewarding. On those occasions when we either save a life or property (or both), there is nothing that can replace that particular sense of accomplishment. It is appropriate to take great pride and admiration in the members of your Fire Department. In the service they provide, we easily find not only a high degree of professionalism and great value, but also the acknowledgment that we have significant responsibilities to Our Community.

Please take a moment to **CHECK YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS**. We are finding more residences that are not clearly marked or ***do not have identification that is visible from the roadway***. Remember, if you call 9-1-1, we may not know exactly where you live. Help yourself before an emergency. Take the time to see how easy it is to spot your house in the daytime and at night. See if your neighbors' homes are clearly marked. We will use their numbering to locate your house and vice versa.

If you have a teenager who might be interested in the fire or emergency medical services, we are a proud sponsor of a Fire Explorers post. This group of young men and women, from the surrounding towns, meet weekly to study and train to become firefighters and EMTs. Plaistow has had a highly successful Explorer Program going back nearly twenty years and establishing the foundation for



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### ***REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

many who have chosen this rewarding profession as their career of choice. Besides getting hands on experience with our fire department, our Explorers are required to maintain high academic standards at school, thereby acting as an incentive to a maintaining a successful high school education. For more information on the Fire Explorer program, contact any member of the Department or stop by the Public Safety Complex.

It is my goal to continue to develop and advance your Fire Department to meet the continually changing needs of the Town, in a fiscally responsible manner. We are constantly looking at ways to improve how we deliver our services to the Town, gaining efficiencies in our day-to-day operations and maximizing our resources at the Public Safety Complex to meet the demands of the community. If you feel you might be interested in joining the department, or would like more information regarding our activities, please feel free to contact us at the Safety Complex or call 382-5012.

Finally, the Town is extremely fortunate to have a group of citizens that are focused on giving so much back to Our Community. Without their dedication and sacrifice, the department would cease to exist as we know it. The hours spent responding to alarms is only the tip of the iceberg as it relates to participating in this organization. I am publicly thanking them for their continued service and dedication.

Thank you, the citizens of Our Community, for your continued support of your Fire Department. Without this support, we cannot do the job you expect of us. From the financial needs of operating the department to the compassion and respect you demonstrate to us when we are responding to calls, your interaction helps us to keep in focus as to why we exist as a vital part of .

### **Summary of Fire Department Responses - 2010**

Type	#		Type	#
Auto Fires	16		Other (non-specific)	46
Boiler/Heater Malfunctions	4		Public Assists	30
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	8		Rescue	596
Fire Alarm Activations	88		Smoke Investigations	9
Hazardous Materials Incidents	5		Structure Fires	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	81		Woods/Grass/Brush Fires	18
Mutual Aid (Provided)	21		<b>Total Alarms</b>	<b>940</b>
Odor Investigations	13			

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John H. McArdle, Fire Chief*





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FIRE/RESCUE APPARATUS											
Vehicle	Make/Model	Serviceable Lifetime (Years)	Estimated Cost per Vehicle	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Command	2004 Ford	10	\$35,000						X		
Engine-1	2003 KME	25	\$400,000								
Engine-7	1987 KME	25	\$400,000				X				
Tower-3	1991 Pierce	25	\$350,000	X							
Tanker-5	1993 Pierce	25	\$400,000								
Forestry-4	1994 GMC	20	\$40,000						X		
Rescue-2	2006 Chevy	10	\$150,000								X
Rescue-6	1994 Ford	10	\$150,000					X			

25-YEAR ANALYSIS			
Vehicle	Make/Model	Number Units per 25-year interval	Estimated total cost per 25-year interval
Command	2004 Ford	2.5	\$87,500
Engine-1	2003 KME	1	\$400,000
Engine-7	1987 KME	1	\$400,000
Tower-3	1991 Pierce	1	\$350,000
Tanker-5	1993 Pierce	1	\$400,000
Forestry-4	1994 GMC	1.25	\$50,000
Rescue-2	2006 Chevrolet	2.5	\$375,000
Rescue-6	1994 Ford	2.5	\$375,000

**25-year interval total cost**      **\$2,437,500**  
**Cost per year**                      **\$97,500**



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#### ***REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER***

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Plaistow Fire Department at 382-5012 or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. Information regarding outside burning within the Town of Plaistow can be found on the Fire Department's website [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com). If you need more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This past fire season had a slightly lower number of fires, as well as lower number of acres burned than the 5 year average. What made this fire season somewhat unusual was that it lasted most of the summer. New Hampshire typically has a fairly active spring fire season and then the summer rains tend to dampen fire activity later in the season. This year virtually all areas of the state had fires throughout the summer due to the periodic dry spells throughout the season. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. The largest fire for the season was 10.3 acre fire in Charlestown. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2010 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

***REMEMBER - ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES!***





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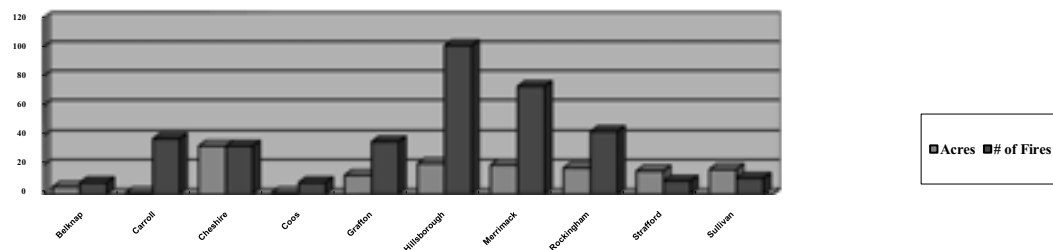
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### **REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER** (Continued)

### **2010 FIRE STATISTICS** (All fires reported as of November 2010)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	5	8
Carroll	1	38
Cheshire	33	33
Coos	1	8
Grafton	13	36
Hillsborough	21	101
Merrimack	20	73
Rockingham	18	43
Strafford	16	9
Sullivan	17	11



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Year	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	3	2010	360	145
Debris	146	2009	334	173
Campfire	35	2008	455	175
Children	13	2007	437	212
Smoking	13	2006	500	473
Railroad	0			
Equipment	18			
Lightning	4			
Misc.*	128 (Miscellaneous including power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

*(Please Note that these figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)*



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### ***REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISTRICT OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE***

**Richard Hartung**  
**Selectman, Hampstead**  
**Chairman, Board of Directors**

**Chief Thomas McPherson, Jr.**  
**Windham Fire Department**  
**Chairman, Operations Committee**

#### **About the District**

The District's membership is made up of 15 communities of approximately 360 square miles with a population of over 180,000 people within the Route 93 corridor. Essentially the District is bordered in the east by Route 125 and the Merrimack River to the west. North and south borders are defined by Manchester, Route 101 and the Massachusetts state line. The District was formed in 1993 to develop a regional approach in dealing with the increasing amounts of hazardous materials being used and transported within these communities. This District is recognized by the State of New Hampshire as the Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) for the member communities. The REPC which consists of representatives from local government, industry, and the general public is working with industry to comply with federal regulations for the reporting of chemicals used within and traveling through the District.

The District draws its funding from an annual assessment from each community as well as from grants and donations. In 2010 the District applied for and received federal grants for equipment, training, and operational expenses totaling \$151,707.00. The Fire Chiefs from each of the member communities' make-up the Operations Committee of the District. This Operations Committee is overseen by a Board of Directors consisting of elected representatives from each community, who approve the budget and any changes to the bylaws. The Executive Board of the Operations Committee, which consists of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Technician Team Liaison, and one Member at Large, manages the operations of the District within the approved budget. The District employs a part-time REPC Director to manage the administration functions of the District, including grants management, financial management, and emergency planning.

#### **The Emergency Response Team**

The District operates a technical emergency response team. This response team is overseen by one of the member community's Chief Fire Officer who serves in the Technical Team Liaison position. The team maintains a four level readiness response posture to permit it to immediately deploy an appropriate response to a District's community's request for help involving an unplanned release of potentially dangerous chemicals within their jurisdiction. While the team primarily prepares for response to unplanned accidental chemical releases it is equipped and trained to deal with a variety of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) scenarios. The team maintains a host of specialized response equipment to deal with chemical and environmental emergencies.

The Emergency Response Team is made up of 39 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The team consists of 6 Technician Team Leaders, 28 Technician Level members, 5 Communication Specialists, and 3 Information Technology Specialists. In addition to members drawn from member fire departments, the team also includes members from



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### ***REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISTRICT OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE (Continued)***

various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, and several police officers.

The Team maintains a fleet of vehicles and specialized equipment with a value of close to \$1,000,000. The vehicles consist of a mobile Command Support Unit, 2 Response Trucks, 2 Spill Trailers, an Entry/Intervention Trailer and a Mobile Decontamination Trailer. This mobile apparatus carries the team's equipment which includes chemical detection

and identification instruments, containment supplies, plugging, patching and intervention supplies, communication equipment, computer based and other chemical reference guides as well as chemical protective equipment. The team equipment is stored at various locations within the District, allowing for rapid deployment when the team is activated. Activation of the team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Department Dispatch Center.

#### **Response Team Training**

In 2010 the Emergency response team completed 1808 hours of training, during monthly training drills and specialized classes attended by team members. This training included confined space entry, hazardous materials operations, Level A entry drills, radiation detection equipment operations, chemical identification, facility familiarization, transportation emergencies, Incident Command. Additionally training was provided by the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Training Assistance Program on various chemical detection equipment, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Personnel Protective Equipment, and "Hot Area Operations".

The Team also provided 88 hours of instruction to member fire departments, in various Hazardous Materials subjects, including on-scene operations and decontamination. The District in conjunction with the International Association of Firefighters provided a 80 hour Hazardous Materials Technician Class to 27 members of member fire departments.

#### **Emergency Responses**

In 2010 the Team responded to 19 incidents within the District. These incidents included requests for technical assistance for member departments where a Response Team Leader provides consultation to the fire department on the handling of an incident. Additional responses included incidents involving the identification of spills of unknown substances, hydrocarbon spills, large propane and natural gas leaks and response of the mobile command post to support departments during large scale incident. For further information about the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials District please visit our website at [www.senhazmat.org](http://www.senhazmat.org).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Board of Directors, Southeastern NH Hazardous Materials District*



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### ***REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

#### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Following the very successful H1N1 clinic at Timberlane Regional High School in December 2009 and due to numerous requests from individuals for free, local H1N1 vaccination opportunities, the Plaistow Health Department, in partnership with the Greater Derry All Health Hazards Region held an H1N1 clinic on February 22, 2010 at the Plaistow Town Hall. This was a free, walk-in clinic offering vaccinations for individuals ages 6 months and older and booster doses for ages 6 months to 9 years. The clinic was advertised with the assistance of the Timberlane Regional School District's AlertNow Rapid Communication Service and area businesses who advertised the clinic on outdoor signs in high traffic locations. A total of 114 doses were distributed in three hours.

#### **Public Health Activities and Initiatives**

##### ***Take a Bite Out of Lyme***

This spring, the First Annual Lyme Disease Poker Run Motorcycle Ride was held, starting at the Carl G. Davis American Legion Post 34 on Main Street. This event, supported by the Plaistow Lion's Club, the American Legion Post 34 and Master- Cycles of Plaistow was a Lyme Disease Awareness and fundraising opportunity. Approximately 150 bikes and 209 people enjoyed the 80 mile ride, food, live entertainment, raffles and prizes and helped in the fight against Lyme Disease. The Health Department participated in this event by displaying and providing educational materials on tick identification and removal, prevention, symptoms, treatment, and landscape management to reduce tick population.

##### ***Red Ribbon Week***

Red Ribbon Week is a time when people across the State of NH and the Country promise to stay drug-free and affirm their commitment to drug prevention and education by wearing red ribbons, red t-shirts, or anything red. The Plaistow Health Department celebrated this event with a display in the Town Hall lobby offering free red ribbon pins, red bracelets with the "living drug free" pledge, and numerous educational materials on drug prevention.

##### ***Free Health Screening***

Each fall, the Friends of the Plaistow Public Library sponsor a Holiday Fair at the library with numerous vendors selling a variety of specialty items and holiday gift. New this year, the Plaistow Health Department participated in this event by offering free health screenings and health information to attendees. A special thank you to Parkland Medical Center for assisting with this event!

#### **Public Protection from Food-borne Illness and Disease**

Plaistow is one of only 16 towns or cities in the State that has the authority to license and inspect all food service establishments and retail food stores located in Our Community. This is an important benefit for our town, allowing rapid local response and action to ensure that food is prepared under safe and sanitary conditions. This is accomplished through routine inspections, follow-up inspections, complaint investigations, food-borne illness investigations, plan reviews of new or remodeled establishments, and training in safe food handling.



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### ***REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

Because of credible terror threats aimed at food establishments, guidance documents to improve suspicious activity awareness and food security preventive measures were distributed to food establishments in Plaistow. These guidance documents are intended to be posted in work areas within food service and retail food establishments to make employees aware of what they should be looking for each day and what actions they should take if they observe something suspicious. This effort is part of the "If You see Something, Say Something" Campaign.

#### **Comprehensive Mosquito Surveillance and Control Plan**

Mosquito surveillance and control are fundamental components of any response plan aimed at preventing mosquito-borne diseases, such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV). Mosquito surveillance includes targeted mosquito trapping, species identification, and testing of mosquitoes for EEE and WNV. Mosquito control includes source reduction of habitats where mosquito breed (e.g., draining standing water) and chemical control through the appropriate use of larvicides and adulticides (chemicals aimed at killing mosquito larvae and adults). Adulticiding may be performed as "spot spraying", targeting specific high-activity areas. Plaistow has a mosquito surveillance and control plan that has been approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services. In 2009, the Commissioner of DHHS declared a public health threat (from mosquito-borne viruses) declaration in Plaistow, and this continued into 2010. This enabled Plaistow to apply for financial assistance for specific mosquito control activities.

During 2010, there was one positive human case of WNV identified. The State of New Hampshire also reported that 1 mosquito group tested positive for WNV and 1 animal (horse) tested positive for EEE.

#### **Resource for Public Health Concerns and Information**

The Plaistow Health Department works collaboratively with State and local partners to provide the public with accurate information on emerging public health concerns for Our Community. Food and product recalls, EEE, and disaster preparedness are just some of the recent concerns in the news.

Questions on these and many other topics can be found on our town website, [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) or by contacting the health department at 382-2494 ext.21.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Dennise Horrocks, Plaistow Health Officer*



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### ***REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT***

The Plaistow Highway Department personnel in 2010 included Dana Rabito, Foreman, Aaron Shea, Laborer, Andy Jones, Laborer, one temporary summer hire, Mike Gaft, and me, Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor. With assistance from outside contractors, the Highway Department was able to complete other public works projects and responsibilities as highlighted in this report.

The winter of 2010 was average, which gave the budget a reprieve regarding winter weather related issues. As we all know, severe winter weather really takes its toll on Highway Department personnel, outside contractors, Town equipment, and of course, the budget. Each spring, with the assistance of F.B. Hale of Hudson, NH, the Highway Department has all of the streets swept to remove any leftover debris from the past winter season.

In a continued effort keep costs down, the Highway Department, which started maintaining the recreation fields on Old County Road in 2009, took over the maintenance of *all* Town owned facilities. In addition to the lease/purchase of two commercial size mowers, the Highway Department purchased a trailer and several pieces of landscaping equipment, all which is stored in the Highway Garage.



Other important work conducted by the Highway Department in 2010 included brush cutting, numerous street sign installations and repairs, and the repair of 13 catch basins. In order to facilitate the critical need to clear roadsides, the Highway Department proposed the purchase of a roadside brush cutter in the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and as a 2011 Town Warrant.

The Highway Department, working closely with contractors, assisted with various tasks associated with the reconstruction of the Garden Road Bridge, and the widening of a portion of Westville Road required as part of the construction of the new Rite Aid. The Highway Department also began working with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) on the next segment of the Route 125 widening project which includes the section from Walton Road to Old Road.

Another significant responsibility that the Highway Department has is maintaining the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) MS-4 Stormwater Permit requirements. 2010 activities included the identification and mapping of all outfalls in Plaistow with the use of a Global Positioning System (GPS). Following the identification of the outfalls, Highway Department staff had to conduct "Dry Weather" and "Wet Weather" water testing at each outfall, testing for various EPA required criteria. Additionally, in the fall, the Highway Department hired the company N.E. Storm water Management of Nashua, NH to clean 270 of the Town maintained catch basins. This process removes a year's worth of debris from the basin and also gives the Highway Department one last chance to inspect it before winter.

In closing, I wish to once again express my sincere thanks to all the residents, hired contractors, the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and most of all, to my staff for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor*





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### HIGHWAY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE				2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Vehicle	Make/Model	Serviceable Lifetime (Years)	Estimated Cost per Vehicle								
6 Wheel Dump Truck	2010 International 6W Dump Truck (New in 2009)	9	\$160,000	X							
6 Wheel Dump Truck	2008 International	8	\$160,000							X	
Dump Truck	2004 Ford F-550	7	\$110,000				X				
Pick-Up Truck	2006 Ford F-350	7	\$40,000					X			
Front-End Loader	2001 Caterpillar 924	15	\$120,000								X
Roadside Brush Cutter (New Request in 2010)	TBD	10	\$110,000			X					
Backhoe	1987 Ford	20	\$0 (Request is to Purchase a Brushcutter instead)								

20-YEAR ANALYSIS			
Vehicle	Make/Model	Number Units per 20-year interval	Estimated total cost per 20-year interval
6 Wheel Dump Truck	2010 International	2.5	\$400,000
6 Wheel Dump Truck	2008 International	2.5	\$400,000
Dump truck	2004 Ford F-550	2.9	\$319,000
Pick-Up Truck	2006 Ford F-350	2.9	\$116,000
Front-End Loader	2001 Caterpillar 924	1.33	\$159,600
Roadside Brush Cutter	TBD	2	\$220,000
Backhoe	1987 Ford	0	\$0

20-year total cost      \$1,614,600



Highway Supervisor Dan Garlington



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### ***REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE***

During 2010, the Highway Safety Committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, met monthly to discuss agenda items of importance to the Town's public safety. Of particular note, is an on-going Main Street Calming/Corridor Study by the Rockingham Planning Commission tasked to find ways to lower speed on Main Street and encourage trucks to seek an alternate route. The Committee also approved the Police Department's application for various enforcement grants during the year.

The Committee, during the year, met monthly and discussed general sidewalk improvements, the sidewalk grant for Greenough Road, inclusion of the Committee into the Town's Master Plan, speed limits as posted on Town roads, raised crosswalks at various locations in Town, and "No Thru Trucking" on Wentworth Avenue.

We would like to acknowledge our citizen volunteers for their time commitment to the Committee; Ernie Sheltry, Lisa Withee, and Richard Latham.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Stephen C. Savage, Chief of Police, Chairman*

### **2010 Members of the Highway Safety Committee:**

Stephen Savage (Chief of Police), Chairman  
John McArdle, (Fire Chief), Vice Chairman  
Sean Fitzgerald, (Town Manager)  
Daniel Garlington, (Highway Supervisor)  
Michael Dorman, (Building Inspector)  
Leigh Komornick, (Town Planner)  
Dan Poliquin, (Selectman Representative)  
Ernie Sheltry, (Citizen's Representative)  
Lisa Withee, (Citizen's Representative)  
Richard Latham, (Citizen's Representative)  
Sarah Gibbs (Recorder)



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### ***REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

Noted archaeologist, David Stewart-Smith visited the museum, to view the Paul Holmes collection of Prehistoric Native American artifacts, as well as colonial period artifacts. Mr. Stewart-Smith's visit to the museum concluded his wonderful presentation, at Town Hall, on the local area after the last ice age.

After a hiatus of six years, the tradition of presenting the Boston Post Cane to Plaistow's most senior citizen, was reinstituted. At 97 years old, Dena DiPietro Carbone is now officially recognized as the oldest resident in town and the new recipient of the gold headed, ebony Cane. All the credit for the extensive research goes to Diann Robinson.



We were visited by Bob Gray, of the Plaistow First Committee. We discussed serious issues

with the water, septic and HVAC systems. Old Home Day went well and we were very grateful to Daryl Briton for volunteering a flight for two, to Bar Harbor, as a raffle item.

**Members of the Historical Society with the  
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager**

Alden Palmer gave an interesting presentation on a local service club that existed in Plaistow, called the Deodorized Order of the Skunk. We were saddened to lose a stalwart member and former officer, Charlie Crockett. Charlie was also a member of the Lions and a veteran. Roy Jeffrey took on the task of identifying all of the WWII veterans in Plaistow. His research culminated with a special Memorial Day program, honoring all WWII veterans. Diane Robinson, Bob Hobbs and Jeanne Smith moved part of our WWII uniform exhibit, to the Sargent Hall in Town Hall, to form a special display.

We were pleased to support a grant to repair the old town clock and we thank Don Sargent for his generous gift, as well. We were pleased to have J. Dennis Robinson, of Portsmouth, Come and present "John Paul Jones, America's First Action Hero". It was a very unique and amusing way to look at the naval hero. Professor Richard A. Hesse gave us a similarly insightful presentation on "Daniel Webster, NH's First Favorite Son."

We were pleased to participate in the Recreation Department's Toddler Trick or Treat and we were saddened to lose town icon and PHS charter member, Ruth Jenne.

We held a work day to help us to better organize the artifacts of Our Community. Volunteers go to the museum on most Thursday mornings, between 10 am and Noon. We would like to have more members. Dues are only \$10. Some people find that the Society fits in very well with some of their wider ranging interests and hobbies. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, except for Jan. & Feb. The public is always welcome to our meetings and other events. Our Dec. meeting is an annual dinner. This year it was at Rick's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Robert J. Carolan, President*



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### ***REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

The basic responsibilities of the Human Services Department are outlined in RSA 165:1 and states that “Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has a residence there”. Unlike State and Federal Assistance that have limited responsibilities and more time to process applications, the Town has greater short term responsibilities. A majority of residents that approach the Town for assistance are in an emergency situation and need shelter, heat, power or food that day.

RSA 165 provides a set of minimum standards that must be met to assist a resident. The local Human Services Department is often the only assistance that will help residents out of an emergency situation. The Town of Plaistow focuses on assisting residents in rebuilding their lives. Through case management, the Town is able to aid residents in restoring themselves to an independent status, often renewing their outlook on life and rejuvenating their desire to begin the rebuilding process.

The duties that are outlined in RSA 165 are considerable but are not boundless. A person applying for assistance must meet a set of guidelines for assistance. The Board of Selectmen approves the guidelines each year. Clear guidelines can avoid misunderstanding in decisions rendered. The guidelines exist to prevent arbitrary decisions, yet remain flexible so that special needs, such as medical or unforeseen situations, are considered. The Board of Selectmen also approves allowable levels each year. Allowable levels are reviewed yearly to insure that the needs of the applicant are met and the numbers used are not artificially low.

The basic formula that Human Services Coordinators use is: *basic need minus income/available assets = the amount of assistance*. The need formula is applied to a household as a whole. When a household is approved for assistance, a voucher is used to pay for rent, heat, electric or food. Cash is never given from the Town to an applicant. Local assistance involves looking at the whole picture. It is designed to assist a household through a difficult circumstance and return the household to self sufficiency. It is the Human Services Coordinator who leads the applicants on a path to personal and financial renewal.

Many people are not aware that the assistance the Town provides to residents is not an outright grant. Under RSA 165:20-b, a resident is expected to repay the assistance they received when they return to an income status that allows this to be possible without creating a financial hardship. If the resident owns property in Town, a lien is placed on the property until the funds are returned to the Town.

It has been another busy year for the Human Services Department assisting residents. Requests for financial assistance continue to remain steady, with support provided for rent, heat, electric, food and other basic maintenance needs. In 2010, 201 residents made contact with the Human Services Department, 53 were granted assistance and 201 were provided with a list of or referred to additional public and private agencies for assistance.

Requests for financial assistance continue to increase, with support provided for rent, heat, electric, food and other basic maintenance needs. In 2010, the Town of Plaistow budgeted \$53,350 and spent \$30,023 in direct assistance.



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### ***REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

In addition to administering the general assistance budget, the Human Services Department oversees annual Town contributions to area non-profit organizations. These organizations are a valuable asset to all residents in Our Community. Many of these organizations offer free or income-based services. Each agency is asked to submit an application for review in the fall. Through this multi-question application and personal interaction, a determination is made to continue, increase or decrease funding. The services provided by these organizations are available to all residents. For more information please see The Human Services Department page on [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com).

With gratitude and admiration we thank the many individual citizens and organized groups who continue to serve Our Community. Because of your unselfish efforts you bring joy to many families. "A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity."

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Human Services Department*

### **Human Service Agencies That Provide Service to the Town of Plaistow**

#### **Human Services Agency**

Family Mediation and Juvenile Services  
Rockingham Visiting Nurses and Hospice  
Rockingham Community Action Program  
Sexual Assault Support Services  
Pregnancy Care Center  
A Safe Place  
Seacoast Child Advocacy  
Center for Life Management  
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels  
Retired Seniors Volunteer Program  
Greater Salem Caregivers  
Vic Geary Senior Center  
Lamprey Health Care  
SeaCare Health Services  
Greater Derry/Salem Transportation Services  
Community Health Services  
Sad Café

#### **Services Provided to Plaistow**

Youth & Family Resources  
Community Based Health Care  
Fuel Assistance, WIC, Etc.  
24-Hour Crisis Hotline  
Crisis Pregnancy Services  
Domestic Violence  
Safe Child Abuse Evaluation  
Mental Health Services  
Meals to Seniors and Disabled  
Age +55 Transportation  
Senior & Disabled Trans. Services  
Senior Center  
Medical & Transportation Services  
Affordable Health Care  
Transportation Service  
Medical/Prescription Services  
Adolescent Programming



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### ***REPORT OF THE LIBRARY***

After 30 years as the Plaistow Public Library Director, Laurie Houlihan retired on November 30, 2010. Laurie's dedication and passion for the library are evident throughout the library building, with the library customers and within the entire Plaistow community. Her accomplishments during her tenure both in the "old" library and here in this beautiful new facility are too numerous to mention. It is due to her strong leadership skills, unique organizational skills and wonderful personality traits that I was so easily able to take over this position of Library Director. I thank Laurie on behalf of myself, the Board of Trustees, the library staff and the library patrons for her many years of service to the Plaistow Library. I look forward to continuing the traditions of excellent customer service, quality children and adult programming, providing up-to-date technology and a wide variety of materials for all of the residents of Plaistow. We are always looking for ways to provide the services that our customers need and deserve.

A few other staffing changes took place during 2010. Judith Muenier, Cataloger, also retired in August. Rand Hall, a recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, took over from Judith as the library's cataloger. Noelle Giragosian, Student Aide, also left the library in August and was replaced by Annie Averill. The rest of the staff include LuAnn Blair, Assistant Director/Head of Youth Services, Marjorie Knowles, Interlibrary Loan, Anita Micale, Head of Circulation, Florence Rullo, Circulation Desk, Kelli Lennon, Circulation Desk and Amanda Plante, Student Aide. We are fortunate to have Gerry Marchand as our part time maintenance person. Gerry's dedication and interest in this building serve us very well. We are also very fortunate to have Rick Blair as our IT professional. Rick is always there to answer our questions, give us technical advice and solve computer problems for us. Our staff is always given the opportunity for training, both in house and away from the building. We have also been closing the building for a few hours a couple of times a year in order to have all staff meetings for continuing education and long range planning.



**Diane Arrato Gavrish, Newly Appointed Library Director, and Retiring Library Director, Laurie Houlihan**

Thanks to the Friends of the Library who sponsored a Vendor Fair in November. With the proceeds from this event the group was able to provide library patrons with passes to various museums in the local and Boston area. The Plaistow Friends of Rec also donated a pass to Imagine That, a nearby children's museum. All of these passes offer reduced admission to card holders and are available to be reserved in the library as well as online.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the library in many different areas. If anyone is interested in learning more about this please come in and check with anyone in the library. Our Summer Reading Program, Make a Splash at your Library, was successful, in part, due to Tina Shaw who spread the word to local merchants about the benefits of donating raffle prizes. Over 1,700 adults and children entered to win raffle prizes! Over 100 people signed up at Old Home Day to participate in the summer programs and came to opening day activities. We cooperated with the Town Recreation Department on a weekly basis to provide programming for Our Community.



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### ***REPORT OF THE LIBRARY (Continued)***

Additional thanks go to all those who have donated to the library in the form of money, books, computers, etc during the past year. We appreciate your support! We are happy to be able to provide meeting rooms for non-profit groups both during the day and at night. These rooms are used almost every day for some program or group. Check with us if your organization is looking for a place to meet.

As we venture into 2011, it is my hope that the Library will continue to be a vital part of Our Community. Now you can check out our interactive website, [www.plaistowlibrary.com](http://www.plaistowlibrary.com), friend us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! I am looking forward to us loaning electronic readers, offering more databases that can be used both in the library and remotely, having information, educational and entertaining programs for citizens of all ages and books, magazines and newspapers that are of interest to the wide variety of users that come through our doors. We will also be embarking on implementing a new automated circulation system which will enable both the staff and the card holders to have many more options as they use their library. Our neighboring communities of Sandown, Danville and Atkinson are also investigating a new system that would allow us to better share our collections since we all serve the families who attend Timberlane Regional High School.

I wish to thank the staff of the library, the Board of Library Trustees and the Town Officials, as well as the wonderful patrons who have made me feel so much at home here in Plaistow. It is with your support, interest and friendship that the Plaistow Public Library will continue to move forward and thrive.

The following is a summary of statistics about the Library from 2010:

### **PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS 2010**

#### **GENERAL SERVICE**

Hours of Service per Week	54
Registered Patrons	4,550
New Non-Resident Patrons	17
Total Annual Visits by Patrons	52,216
Staffing (2 full-time, 5 part-time, 2 student aides)	4.9 FTE
Days Open	292
Meeting Room Use (Mary Nelson, Barbara Barratt, study rooms)	1,251

#### **LIBRARY HOLDINGS**

Total Materials in the Collection	49,852
Materials Added to the Collection	3,378
Materials Withdrawn from the Collection	290

#### **CIRCULATION**

Total Circulation	70,242
Ill Borrowed	1,043
Ill Loaned	825
Museum Passes Used	475



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### ***REPORT OF THE LIBRARY (Continued)***

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Total Programs Sponsored by the Library	200
Total Program Attendance	5,090
Summer Reading Programs	39
Summer Reading Program Attendance	1,503

#### **COMPUTER USE**

Adult Computer Use	9,043
Children/YA Computer Use	1,377

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer Hours	391
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#### **OTHER**

Website Hits	15,563
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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Diane Arrato Gavrish, Library Director*







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### ***REPORT ON MOSQUITO CONTROL***

The 2010 mosquito season was quiet and rather uneventful but I'm not complaining. It was nice to have a season where Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) wasn't ruining the summer. Dry conditions helped to keep the mosquito population down. New Hampshire didn't escape the year without some arboviral activity. There was one EEE horse in Freedom, one West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito sample in Manchester and a human case of WNV in Mason, NH. Over the border, Massachusetts was experiencing record levels of disease activity prompting the State to conduct aerial spraying in some counties.

Dragon has identified 115 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Plaistow. Crews checked freshwater sites 316 times throughout the season. There were 55 sites treated to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 1135 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. The mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and sent to the State Lab to be tested for diseases. None of the mosquitoes collected in town tested positive for disease. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was not conducted last season since no EEE or WNV was found in Plaistow.

The proposed 2011 Mosquito Control plan for Plaistow includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, marshes, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Dragon will be introducing an organic larvicide to our arsenal of products for the municipal control program. Natular™ will be the first organic larvicide used to control mosquitoes for municipalities in NH. Natular™ is listed by the Organic Material Review Institute (OMRI) for use in and around organic agriculture.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

If you're new to Our Community and do not want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a written request is needed. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Anyone who sent a written request in 2010 may call the office to reaffirm your request. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, the insecticides we use, spray dates, or questions about EEE or WNV.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Sarah MacGregor, President of Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.*



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### ***REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE***

Old Home Day is a true symbol of New Hampshire's enduring traditions. In 1899, Governor Frank West Rollins designed a week of agricultural events, known then as Old Home Week. One hundred and five years later communities throughout the country have adopted this New Hampshire based tradition by celebrating Old Home Day. This special day is designed to reunite current and past neighbors, while celebrating the uniqueness of individual towns.

The Town of Plaistow has successfully preserved the traditions of the past, while infusing an element of current customs into the Town's Old Home Day event. The Town holds Old Home Day on the last Saturday of June each year with the goal of the event to provide fun, food and festivities to residents and visitors alike. It is a special day to socialize and enjoy the cultural benefits of living in a New England community like Plaistow.

The Old Home Day Committee once again battled the budget restraints in 2010. The committee tried a couple of fundraisers to help raise money for fireworks. There two fundraisers held at Applebee's and one at Uno's. Northern Sky Aviation generously donated two tickets for a plane ride to Boothbay Harbor Maine. The committee sold raffle tickets with the proceeds going to the Fireworks Fund. We also had a couple of sponsors this year. Ashley MacLeod's Dance Dreams sponsored the Baby Contest and Rick Johnston Electric sponsored the softball game. The committee was able to raise \$2,144.87 for fireworks. Unfortunately it was not enough for this year but was earmarked for fireworks in 2011.

The parade went off without a hitch. The car show was moved over to the Pollard School to be close to other festivities. We also had a rock climbing wall and other children's events over at Pollard. There were plenty of vendors and activities going on around the Town Green including a Caricaturist and bouncy houses. There were also classical performances throughout the day by Heartstrings.

The Friends of Plaistow Recreation sponsored a Cow Patty Bingo and JR Olympics at P.A.R.C on Sunday again with great success. The Plaistow All Star Team stole the trophy from the Plaistow Fire Dept. this year at the "Hero's on the Diamond" softball game.

This year the committee was fortunate enough to have plenty of volunteers. We were able to get volunteers again from the Historical Honor Society from the high school to help out during the day while fulfilling their community service requirements. We also had many family members and friends of the committee dedicate their time to Old Home Day. Without all our volunteers the day would not run as smooth as it does. The Committee meets once a month beginning in January through June at the Plaistow Town Hall. The public is always welcome and volunteers are always needed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Tami Smith, Chairman*



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### ***REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE - FINANCIALS***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Transaction Description</u></b>	<b><u>Vendor Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
3/29/2010	Deposit	Dawn Sylvester	\$100.00
3/29/2010	Website	InMotion Hosting, Inc	\$48.00
3/29/2010	Deposit for 6/26/10	Vertical Dreams, Inc.	\$100.00
3/19/2010	Website	InMotion Hosting, Inc	-\$48.00
4/2/2010	Reimb Web Host Fee	Smith, Tami	\$48.00
4/26/2010	Car Show Dash Plates	Wilson, Bruce	\$202.50
5/17/2010	Car Show Trophies	Hampstead Trophy	\$601.00
5/17/2010	Breakfast Signs	Smith, Tami	\$34.90
5/23/2010	Raffle Tickets	Smith, Tami	\$44.77
6/21/2010	Parade	Plaistow Lions Club	\$11,358.00
6/21/2010	Entertainment	Cannon, Tim	\$500.00
6/21/2010	Bal Due on Pony's	Dawn Sylvester	\$760.00
6/21/2010	Cariatures	Jackson, Ashley	\$870.00
6/21/2010	Entertainment	Vertical Dreams, Inc.	\$850.00
6/21/2010	Staff Shirts	Atkinson Graphics	\$318.00
6/28/2010	Old Home Day	Smith, Tami	\$420.00
7/1/2010	Payroll Manifest# PR-000909		\$54.25
6/25/2010	Old Home Day	Smith, Tami	-\$420.00
7/2/2010	Puppet	Dan Grady	\$420.00
7/2/2010	Clean Up	Plaistow Little League/	\$500.00
7/2/2010	Award Ribbons	ROSETTES & RIBBONS	\$104.70
7/2/2010	Coffee/Donuts	Bush, Mandee	\$82.20
7/2/2010	Saturday Music	Bills, Elizabeth	\$400.00
7/9/2010	Toilets	Pete's Sewer Service	\$350.00
7/26/2010	Candy Parade	FIA Card Services	\$33.42
7/26/2010	Officer Detail	Rockingham Cty. Sheriff's	\$408.00
7/26/2010	Tents, Bouncy Houses, Stage	Westville Grand Rental Sta	\$2,198.00
7/26/2010	Awards	WalMart Community 1930	\$500.00
<b>Expenditure Total</b>			<b>\$20,837.74</b>
<b>Appropriation Total</b>			<b>\$21,315.00</b>
<b>Under Spent</b>			<b>\$477.26</b>



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#### ***REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee (PATAC) was formed as a grass roots organization in 1990 with charter members from Plaistow and all surrounding towns as well as representatives from Rockingham Planning Commission, NH State transportation officials, and local transit companies. A 3-phase goal was established to 1- create a Park and Ride lot at Westville Rd and Route 125, 2- establish Plaistow to Boston express commuter bus service and 3- extend the MBTA service from Haverhill to Plaistow. The 1<sup>st</sup> 2 goals were obtained in the mid 1990s and the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal is being actively worked; more progress was made in 2010 than in the last 10 years.



**Town Officials meet with State leaders to discuss Plaistow's future**

Nothing contributes more to a community's quality of life more than its infrastructure and transportation infrastructure is a significant piece of the community-wide infrastructure.

The completion of the Rt. 125 construction along with implementation of traffic calming techniques along Main St. will enhance the quality of life in the Village Center District of the town and should provide a more efficient flow of traffic on Rt. 125. Of any infrastructure improvement that a community makes, few have a bigger impact than the addition of a rail station. It not only improves the transportation options but also serves as a large economic driver for the Town's economy.

#### **Plaistow Rail Station Status:**

A Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant (\$976,000) was obtained by PATAC in 2001 to help fund the MBTA station. This grant of federal money was later modified such that it could be used to fund a Plaistow train station for either an MBTA stop or an Amtrak Downeaster stop. The expenditure of these funds was also placed on hold until 3 key issues were resolved: 1) source of 20% local matching funds, 2) trackage rights for MBTA to use Pan Am Railways' tracks in Plaistow, and 3) source of long term subsidies.

The MBTA has been under pressure for several years to move their layover station (where the Haverhill line commuter trains are parked at night) out of Bradford. This project was well underway until the Massachusetts budget crunch and the reorganization of various transportation agencies into a single Massachusetts Department of Transportation took center stage and put all projects on hold. This reorganization was completed on November 1, 2009 and the MBTA now has renewed interest in getting the layover facility relocation completed. The preferred site for the layover facility is at the former location of Westville Homes which is very close to the proposed location of the Plaistow rail station. As part of a required environmental assessment, an alternate site analysis must be undertaken to see if there is another site that could meet the facility requirements with less impact. Note that the assessment includes not only the obvious impacts to wetlands and natural resources but also includes historical, cultural, and social impacts such as fumes and noise. All must be mitigated to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.



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### ***REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE*** ***(Continued)***

A project team was put together to advance the project when a new round of CMAQ funding became available in 2010. The team included the Plaistow Town Manager (Sean Fitzgerald), the Plaistow Town Planner (Leigh Komornick), the Plaistow Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer (Mike Dorman), a Senior Transportation Planner from the Rockingham Planning Commission (Scott Bogle), the Executive Director of the Rockingham Planning Commission (Cliff Sinnott), the Deputy Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) (Mike Pillsbury), the Administrator of the NHDOT Bureau of Aeronautics, Rail, and Transit (Kit

Morgan) and Tim Moore. A technical assistance grant (\$30,000) was received from RPC and required a 20% local match which was provided by the Town of Plaistow. This grant was used to hire consultants Kris Erickson and Scott Bosworth both of whom have rail project experience as well as being former members of the MBTA staff providing an in depth knowledge of the MBTA personnel and policies/procedures.

The new round of CMAQ funding required a letter of intent [to apply for the grant] that was due in January, 2010. The letter of intent also required a general scope of what the project would be and an approximate cost estimate. The final application was due on April 1, 2010 and a final presentation to the NH CMAQ committee was made on December 10, 2010. The Town of Plaistow submitted a request to amend the scope of the previously awarded CMAQ grant to include additional funds the following:

- 1) Preliminary engineering and environmental assessment,
- 2) Construction enclosed rail station at the Park and Ride lot,
- 3) Construction of a rail siding and associated switching so the station is not on the main line tracks,
- 4) Purchase land/easement for the rail siding adjacent to the existing Park and Ride Lot,
- 5) Purchase of land for the layover facility,
- 6) Funds to mitigate any environmental impacts, and
- 7) Purchase of bi-level rail cars to provide seating capacity for NH riders and to offset any operating costs not covered by fare box revenues.

The revised CMAQ application requested an additional \$7.4 million to complete the above 7 items for a combined (2001 & 2010) total of \$8.4 million.

***We did it!!!*** On Friday, January 28, 2011, the NH CMAQ Committee informed us that our project has been selected and fully funded. A great job by a very knowledgeable and dedicated team made this happen. Thanks to all! The project team has worked and continues to work closely with the MBTA to remove all the barriers that have prevented this project from moving forward. Pan Am Railways and the MBTA now have a trackage rights agreement in place that will allow the MBTA to provide commuter rail service to Plaistow. The MBTA has agreed to provide the 20% local match for any federal funds, such as CMAQ, received for this project. The MBTA will fund the engineering and construction costs of the layover facility. The NHDOT, Town of Plaistow, and the MBTA are working on the details of the Pentucket Partnership that will specify capital equipment purchases for the MBTA in exchange for the rail service.



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### ***REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE*** ***(Continued)***

#### **Goals for 2011:**

1) Completion of the Pentucket Partnership, 2) Completion of the environmental assessment, 3) State and Local approvals required for start of service, and 4) Completion of the preliminary engineering required for the project.

#### **Downeaster Update:**

The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA), operator of the Downeaster service, received a \$35 million federal grant to complete the expansion of the service from Portland to Brunswick. The State of Maine will also contribute \$3 million to the project. Two of the 5 current Downeaster trains will travel to Brunswick where Maine Eastern Railroad will provide connecting service to Rockland, Maine. The Brunswick service is expected to start in 2012. The project is on schedule with 22 of 30 miles of track upgraded.

New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority (NHRTA) Update: NNEPRA was not alone in obtaining federal funds for rail improvements; Vermont and Massachusetts both received significant funding to improve rail service for their residents. The NHRTA was also successful in obtaining \$1.9 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and \$2.4 million from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for planning and preliminary design work on the New Hampshire Capitol Corridor rail service. These grants cover the area from Concord, NH to Boston, MA via the existing MBTA Lowell line (Lowell to Boston). The ultimate goal of the NH Capitol Corridor service is to be part of a Boston, MA to Montreal, QC high speed (defined as 110 mph or more) rail service.

#### **Route 125 Update:**

Construction resumed in 2010 for the next phase of improvements – the Danville Rd, Old Rd, Jesse George Rd, and Main St intersections as well as the jug handle on the east side of Rt. 125 across from the intersection at Walton Rd. It is expected the construction will take 2 construction seasons with a final completion date of late 2012 or early 2013.

The following phase of improvements is expected to begin in 2013 and will include the widening of Rt. 125 from East Rd. to Old Rd. with a signalized intersection constructed at the entrance to Brickyard Square plaza.

The final phase of construction will begin in 2015 and will include the widening of Rt. 125 from Old County Rd. to match the widening already completed for the intersection of Newton Junction/Hunt Rd. in Kingston. It will also include reconstruction of the Kingston Rd. intersection in Plaistow along with the reconstruction of Granite St. in Kingston to a signalized intersection at Roadstone Drive in Kingston. This is scheduled to be completed in 2017, more than 30 years since reconstruction efforts on Rt. 125 began at the Haverhill, MA line.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Timothy Moore, Chairman*



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### ***REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW FIRST COMMITTEE***

The Board of Selectmen established the Plaistow First Committee consisting of 10 citizens in an effort to provide effective tools to be used by management to determine and meet the long term needs of Our Community.

The Plaistow First Committee is made up of three (3) subcommittees as follows:

The Needs Subcommittee includes Bob Harb, Bob Gray and George Melvin. Their purpose is to create a needs list of property and buildings after reviewing the Master Plan and interviewing the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Department Heads, Fire, Police, and any else the Subcommittee deems they wish to interview. This discussion should include water and conservation issues (to be more particular defined by the Selectmen shortly in response to a request from this Committee.



**Plaistow First Committee Members**

The Use (Usage) Subcommittee includes John Sherman, Dick Latham and Charlie Lanza. Their purpose is to review how Town property is presently being used and to recommend properties that should be used differently.

The Disposition Subcommittee includes Tim Moore, Dave Hansbury and Paul Sickel. Their purpose is to report on suggested properties that should be disposed of /sold by the Town;

The Acquisition Subcommittee includes all members of the Plaistow First Committee. The purpose of this subcommittee is to report on properties the Town should consider acquiring and/or a plan for future Town acquisition of properties.

As staff support to all of the subcommittees, resource assignments will be carried out by Leigh Komornick, Mike Dorman and Sean Fitzgerald.

Upon completion of the work of the above three sub-committees, the Plaistow First Committee will collectively review and present recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. These recommendations will include the disposition, acquisition, and usage of land and easements in order to best use the Town's resources for the future of Our Community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bob Harb, Chairman*



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### ***REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT***

The Plaistow Planning Board is an important elected municipal board comprised of five members – four elected citizens and one Selectmen’s representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen. In addition to elected members, the Planning Board is often joined by citizens who volunteer to serve as an alternate. The Planning Board meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

While Our Community remains a desirable place to live and work, there has been a slowdown in building activity. Residential and commercial growth continued to be “sluggish”. However, the number of vacancies in existing plazas and buildings did not increase.

Each year, the Planning Board prepares amendments to the Town's zoning and land use regulations which help guide land use and development activity. The Planning Board is also responsible for maintaining the town's Capital Improvement Program and Master Plan. In the fall, the Planning Board heard a presentation by Steven Lewis, of Steven Lewis Inc., on low impact development techniques utilized in his projects. These techniques are being evaluated and will be considered for amendments prepared in 2011.

During 2010, the Planning Board proposed several Zoning Amendments including:

- ❖ Rezoning of a few parcels to be entirely within the residential district.
- ❖ Clarification of requirements for mixed uses in the Village Center District.
- ❖ A New Post Construction Stormwater Ordinance

A major role of the Planning Board is to review and approve subdivision and site plan applications for residential and commercial development. Also throughout 2010, the Planning Board reviewed and approved numerous subdivision, site plans and minor site plan applications. Highlights include:

- A site plan for the construction of a new 3,200 square foot building to be used as an auto body shop at 38 Westville Road.
- A site plan for a 35 unit Elderly Housing Project. Access to this project will be through an extension of Hillcrest Avenue in Plaistow and will be located on 23.11 acres.
- A subdivision and site plan for property located at 166 Plaistow Road for additional parking and septic system.
- A minor site plan for ProBark to sell mulch, soil, pellets, firewood and related landscape materials at 96 Plaistow Road.
- A site plan amendment for 8 additional exam rooms, the reduction of bedrooms, and more parking spaces at an existing dental office and four-bedroom residence located at 159 Main Street. The plan included a one-way internal travel aisle and improved entrances off of Main Street.





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### ***REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

- An “As-Built” plan for the removal of 409 square feet of bituminous concrete pavement located within a wetlands buffer for property located at 116 Main Street.
- A site plan amendment to the building located at 63-65 Plaistow Road for 800 square feet of additional building to be used for coolers for the existing “Signal Variety Store”.
- A site plan amendment to create a display area for the sale of one car at 117 Newton Road.
- Review of a proposed new use at 95 Plaistow Road (Most of the site is in Haverhill) to include the construction of a “Sonic” restaurant.
- A site plan amendment at 144 Main Street for a new tenant named “Rebars and Mesh, Inc., whose primary activity is the fabrication of rebar structures from rebar material shipped to the site.
- A lot line adjustment between 14 and 16 Nicholas Road.
- The approval of numerous Special Business Events" throughout Town and the relocation of various businesses.
- A lot line adjustment and Subdivision for property located at 243 and 245 Main Street. The lot line adjustment involves the transfer of .60 acres from one parcel to another and the subdivision of one lot into two.
- A site plan by MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility (“WCF”) to be constructed inside the cupola of the existing Mortgage Specialists Building located at 2 Main Street.

As a part of updating the Master Plan, the Planning Board held a public forum in June to provide an overview of the contents of the 2004 Master Plan and to review and solicit input on updating the Goals and Objectives.

The text associated with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was also significantly updated this year to include complete description and pictures of the projects. Each year, this process involves months of meetings of the CIP Committee which is made up of representatives of the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board, with staff assistance from the Town Manager and Town Planner.

Increased traffic along Main Street continues to be an important planning issue and will continue to be addressed in the coming year. In 2009, the Rockingham Planning Commission was hired to conduct a study of Main Street from Hazeltine Street through the northern connection with NH Route 125 to its intersection with NH Route 121A at Kelly Road. Main Street provides a parallel route to NH Route 125 that bypasses many of the traffic signals and congestion, making it a popular



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### ***REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

alternative for drivers. Because of this, more traffic travelling at high speeds and truck traffic continues to increase on Main Street. A draft of the study has been presented to the Town, with its goal to develop a plan of improvements for Main Street to reduce the traffic impacts and to slow the traffic down. Main Street hosts Plaistow's historic town center which is an area that is envisioned to become more of a "Village Center."

The possible extension of rail service into Plaistow by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) also continues to be investigated and studied. In 2010, the Town applied for two separate grants, one through a program called the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding program, the other through a U.S. transportation grant. Much work has and must continue to be done to determine the feasibility of this public transportation option.

If you are interested in becoming an alternate, please feel free to contact Leigh Komornick, Town Planner, in the Planning Office at 382-7371, Ext. 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, visit her upstairs on the third floor of the Town Hall!

The following citizens served on the Planning Board in 2010:

Timothy E. Moore, Chairman  
Peter Bealo, Vice Chairman  
Charles Lanza  
Larry Gil (*Appointed, resigned*)  
Steven Ranlett (*Appointed*)  
Robert Gray, Selectman Ex-Officio

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Leigh G. Komornick, Town Planner*



**Town Planner Leigh Komornick and  
Planning Board Chairman Tim Moore**



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### ***REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT***

2010 presented the Department with significant challenges through the year, mostly financial. The biggest challenge was meeting our law enforcement and community policing responsibilities in the same manner as expected while recognizing that financial efficiencies needed to be met as well. We were successful in that regard by coming in well under budget at year end. Our prior reports emphasize the need for a partnership between department members and the community we serve, which is reflected in our mission statement and core values. This report is no different.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Plaistow Police is to protect our residents and all those who pass through our town.

This goal will be accomplished by forming and maintaining positive and informative relationships with the community to improve the quality of life and safety for future generations through establishing high standards of impartial and professional law enforcement.

#### **Core Values**

##### **PROFESSIONALISM**

Dedication  
Serving with Pride  
Fairness to All

##### **TEAMWORK**

Peers  
Community  
Positive Approach

##### **VISION**

Learn from the Past  
Meet the Present Challenge  
Plan for the Future

We undertook a very large construction project this year with permission of the Board of Selectmen; that was to build an animal kennel/shelter through donations that could assist residents with their pets during an emergency. With Building Inspector, Mike Dorman's expert guidance, we have completed a two-room kennel/shelter attached to the Highway Garage at an estimated value of \$40,000. The project was completed without using any tax dollars. A tremendous amount of in-kind donations and money from businesses and residents was raised for the project. We intend to publicly thank all donors at a later date.

We were also able to complete a training facility building at our Firing Range through local donations, a project that took approximately two years. The building is generator-equipped and will be used for storage and classroom training for officers.



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### ***REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)***



**The New Animal Shelter/Kennel**

The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) of which we are very proud, continued to conduct serious felony investigations through the year as evidenced below.

<b>Special Investigation Unit Cases from January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010</b>			
Assaults/Sexual Assault	21	Secondhand Dealer Licenses	10
Burglary/Robbery	13	Pawn Transactions	16,000
Theft/Receiving Stolen Property	79	Sex Offender Registrations	39
Fraud	32	Calls for Service	1,095
Drug	115		

Our drug investigations have soared as there is a direct correlation to property crimes and, often, crimes against persons. The Unit was responsible for clearing a local bank robbery, and in doing so, cleared six additional bank robberies in Massachusetts. Also, they are responsible for the seizure of seven (7) motor vehicles and \$478,000 worth of real property. Many drug cases are still ongoing and often take months and years to resolve!

This past year, the Town Clerk's Office, assisted by our Animal Control Officer, Dave Sargent, licensed 1,244 dogs with 9 residents being summoned to Court. The Animal Control Officer handled a total of 468 calls for service during the year ranging from raccoons to dog complaints. These kinds of calls, although seemingly minor in nature, are those that are very upsetting to callers.

The Regional Prosecution team processed a total of 1,581 complaints during the year, of which 561 were from Plaistow. The team, consisting of Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook and Legal Assistant, Paula Quigley, performs a valuable function in the administration of justice in our District Court catchment. Working in tandem with Prosecution is our Victim Witness Advocate, April Aucoin who serviced a total client base of 431 in the catchment area of which 121 were in Plaistow. She was also able to collect a total of \$15,909.52 in victim restitution.



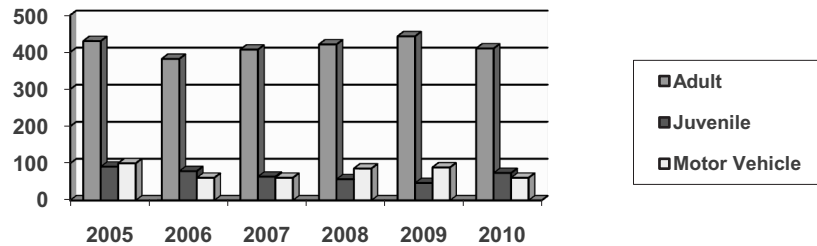
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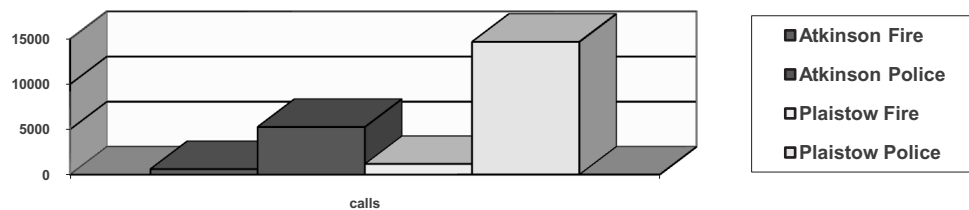
### REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)

#### SIX YEAR ARREST COMPARISON



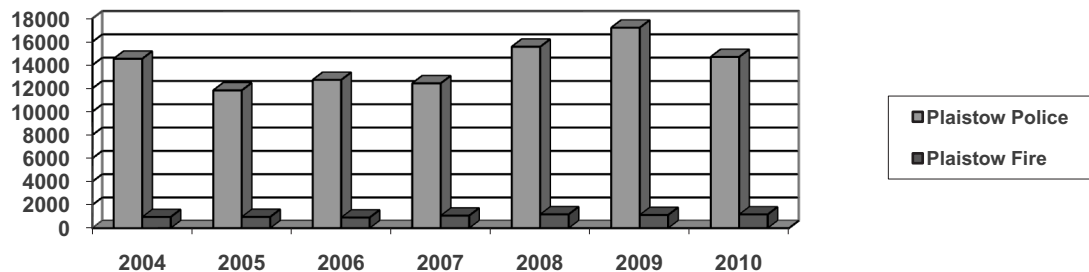
Our Communications Center continues to excel in their emergency services duties to citizens and represents a solid foundation of experience based on the six (6) dispatchers' longevity with the Town.

#### 2010 POLICE AND FIRE CALLS FOR SERVICE - PLAISTOW AND ATKINSON



The calls for service over the past seven years are:

#### 2004 - 2010 POLICE AND FIRE CALLS FOR SERVICE - PLAISTOW



Our superlative support staff of Sarah Gibbs, Jennifer Page, and Wendy Ventura continues to field a myriad of citizen requests for information, maintain the administrative case flow data, and liaise with the Prosecutor on District/Superior Court cases.

Our training unit scheduled approximately 1,544 training hours for all employees this past year, a significant drop in hours over FY2009. We chose to balance training needs with the limited resources available while still providing quality training for employees.



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### ***REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

Crime Statistics for 2010			
Murder/Manslaughter	0	Alarms (Police)	715
Burglary	38	Assaults	73
Theft/Robbery	308	Sexual Assaults	50
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	Traffic Citations	273
Criminal Mischief	120	Motor Vehicle Stops	5,508
DWI	17	Domestic Calls	118
Motor Vehicle Accidents	413		

In preparation for this Town Report, we reflected on our accomplishments over the past year. Our two building projects were pretty much completed; we maintained our work force in a stressful economic time thereby promoting stability inside; none of our officers were injured on the job; we sought and received a \$231,502 COPS Grant over a 3-year period for one entry-level officer; and we began to replace all of our static building surveillance cameras and monitors with drug asset/forfeiture money.

We are thrilled that our police facility planning appears to be back on track, by consideration being given for acquisition of an abutting piece of property to the present facility and renewed meetings with HKT Architects of Somerville, Massachusetts. All of us look forward to the day when we can move into a new facility without overcrowded conditions and serious safety deficiencies.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Stephen C. Savage, Chief of Police*

***“Heroes are the people who do what has to be done when  
it needs to be done regardless of consequences.”***



**Chief Stephen Savage directing traffic on Old Home Day**



**Police/School Resource Officer  
Joan Marsilia at Old Home Day**



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### ***REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE***

During the year, the Committee continued to discuss options as to siting a new police station. The general consensus of the Committee, however, was to focus energy and resources on the current site and to separate the police/fire functions. A new stand-alone police facility at the rear of the current site was recommended. The Fire Department and perhaps other Departments would expand into the current Police side of the Public Safety Complex. The Committee also recommended to the Board of Selectmen to commence discussions with a neighboring property owner about the possibility of acquiring a small piece of land to assist in siting. The Committee also suggested renewal discussions with HKT Architects of Somerville, Massachusetts, the firm previously retained by the Town for the Space Needs Assessment.

We are excited that the process of building a new station is back on track and hope to be ready for presentation to tax payers when the economy warrants such a presentation.

Our current facility was designed in 1981 when the Department consisted of seven (7) employees. Today, our staffing level is at 32 and the footprint for the Police function remains the same at 5,000 square feet. The serious deficiencies with the facility compel us to plan for relocation. Some of them include: handicap accessibility, critical safety issues for officers, staff, and prisoners, lack of confidentiality, lack of conference rooms, lack of juvenile/gender sound and separation in cells, suicide risks in cell block, lack of an Investigative Unit facility, and lack of ample parking.

For further information about Committee meetings, please visit the Town's website, click on Police Department, and follow the prompts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Stephen C. Savage, Chief of Police, Chairman*

#### ***2010 Public Safety Complex Building Committee Members***

Sean Fitzgerald, (Town Manager), Co-Chairman  
Stephen Savage (Chief of Police), Co-Chairman  
John McArdle, (Fire Chief), Co-Chairman  
Michael Dorman, (Building Inspector)  
William Scully, (Emergency Management)  
Dan Poliquin, (Selectman Representative)  
Sarah Gibbs, (Recorder)





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### ***REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT***

2010 was a year of great community involvement for Recreation. We value all our partners in recreation to make many recreational opportunities happen for all ages.

The Plaistow Area Recreation Complex (PARC) facility received a new flagpole and flag in front of the concession stand. This was donated by the American Legion Carl G. Davis (Post #34) in Plaistow. At



**Recreation Director Carli Malette holding a kangaroo during "Around the World Animal Tour" show at the Library**

our baseball/softball opening day World War II Veteran Thomas Cullen threw out the first baseball pitch while Greg Mason retired Recreation Commission Chair threw out the first softball pitch.

The fields at PARC were used every night during the spring by our own Plaistow Recreation baseball and softball teams and the Timberlane Youth Lacrosse League. In the fall, the Timberlane Tornadoes Youth Football Organization utilized the fields at PARC. Area Town's baseball and softball leagues play on the fields during their seasons. Partnering with the surrounding towns brings

numerous opportunities to the players and their teams. An all star game, play offs, spring tournaments and summer ball are all made possible by playing with the Little League and Babe Ruth organizations.

Our Senior activities continue to grow. Plaistow Recreation working with the Plaistow Lions Club was able to organize a cookout for area seniors at the Vic Geary Center. The Lions Club organized the cooking and Plaistow Recreation organized the set up and serving. We partnered with the Towns of Danville, Atkinson and Sandown to make this happen. A nice time was had by all. Our seniors at the center working with donations of yarn from the Plaistow Exchange Club and Wal Mart, were able to



**Vic Geary Craft Fair**

knit and donate over 75 pairs of mittens and hats to Mealey's Meals at the Timberlane High School and 20 lap robes and afghans to the Veterans Home in Tilton NH. Another partnership between the Timberlane Middle School Student Senate and Plaistow Recreation made it possible to bring many events to the seniors at the Vic Geary.

The Student Senate helped set up and serve the seniors at our special socials along with helping out with raffle prizes. At Christmas time a special cookie swap was held for the seniors. The seniors were treated to homemade cookies made by the Student Senate and numerous wonderful other





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#### ***REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

Plaistow bakers who donated cookies for the seniors pleasure. This will now become an annual tradition for Our Community.

Another new experience for the seniors was the addition of a painting class by partnering with Michelle's Creative Expressions. This has been a great experience where the seniors are shining. A new addition to our calendar is Senior Coffee for Plaistow Seniors on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall. We had our first Plaistow Senior Luncheon held in the Sargent Hall, this event was attended by 43 seniors. It was a great first luncheon.

The Recreation Department and the Plaistow Library worked together to bring Plaistow numerous vacation activities and entertainer's, including our first April Vacation Carnival. Over 250 children and their parents had a great time with the games, pony rides, popcorn and prizes. The weather was great, watch for 2011's carnival. Christmas week we had Animal Encounters Zoo entertain a packed room with the kangaroo, snake, birds, and hedgehog along with many other animals taking us around the world. Plaistow Recreation and the Plaistow Library will be working together to bring Our Community many more exciting opportunities.

Another partnership that brings us a great time is our Pumpkin Lighting on the Town Green with the Pollard PTA. Games, carved pumpkins, cider, donuts, a DJ, face painting along with much more is made available by working together. We had over 300 carved pumpkins that were lit, with too many families participating to count. Thank you families for such a great turn out.



#### **2010 Summer Recreation Program Goes to Canobie Lake Park**

In 2010 we moved our Summer Recreation program to the PARC Facility at Old County Road. This move provided us much more room for activities, indoor bathroom facilities, a concession area and storage and a much better drop off, pick up and parking situation. We worked with the Plaistow Highway Department, the Fire Department and Maintenance Department to make this happen. This was accomplished in a short period of time by working together. Thank you. This year we had a new addition to our Summer Staff -Officer Joan Marsilia, Plaistow Police Resource Officer. Officer Marsilia was a great addition for our campers and staff. She provided education on safety, drug awareness and bullying along with day to day assistance to the campers in our program. We appreciate working with the Police Department and look forward to next summer.

Our first town wide yard sale was held in April. We worked with the Planning Department to use the Town's Geographic Information System to provide maps of Our Community to everybody who



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#### ***REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT (Continued)***

attended which was a big help. We are working together on improvements to the maps for our 2011 yard sale.

The Friends of Plaistow Recreation purchased and donated to the Town a new playscape which has been delivered and is being stored until installation in early spring at PARC. The ground is all prepped and ready. We installed an ice rink which we hope to have ready in mid January. The Plaistow Fire Department has been flooding that area for us. We are at the mercy of Mother Nature with snow, warm weather, rain and other conditions.

Christmas time in Plaistow shows what community stands for in Plaistow. Recreation is proud to work with Our Community to provide a nice holiday to those less fortunate - both seniors and children. The partnership with the Plaistow Lions Club and Vic Geary is priceless. The Plaistow Fire Department along with WalMart work with us to hold an ambulance drive for toys and clothes at WalMart, we continue on with Giving Trees at the Town Hall, First Baptist Church, TD Bank, Stillwells Ice Cream, Recesso Physical Therapy, The Plaistow Library, Pollard School and Wal Mart. The Ladies Fish and Game, the American Legion in Plaistow along with numerous other businesses donated to this wonderful cause making it a reality. By working together with the help and support of Our Community, we were able to put many smiles on many faces. Thank you, Plaistow for your support.

This is the one time of the year we can reach out in the Town Report to say thank you to our great community for support. We value our partnerships within Our Community and will be working to expand them in 2011. Thank you to everyone at the Town Hall, Fire Department, Highway Department, Police Department and Library for your support of Recreation and all we provide to Our Community. Working together is the only way we can accomplish this.

For Recreation news, downloadable forms, links and calendar check the Plaistow Web site [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Carli Malette, Recreation Director*



**Police/School Resource Officer Joan Marsilia  
in "Dunk Tank" at  
Summer Recreation's "Carnival Day"**



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### ***REPORT ON RECYCLING***

#### ***(RECYCLING, TRASH AND LANDFILL INFORMATION)***

**CURBSIDE TRASH:** is picked up on a weekly basis. All curbside trash must be bagged and placed on the curb by 7:00 AM.

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING:** is easy, economical, and environmentally necessary. Your efforts save natural resources. Recycling containers are collected every other week on your regular trash collection weekday.

#### **DUAL STREAM RECYCLING SERVICE RECYCLABLE ITEMS:**

##### **Acceptable Paper: (Placed In Separate Paper Bag or Bin Next To Commingled Container)**

- ✓ Newspapers and inserts
- ✓ All cardboard, with the exception of waxed cardboard
- ✓ Envelopes, including window envelopes
- ✓ Telephone books
- ✓ Cereal, cake and gift boxes
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Paperback books
- ✓ Office paper, computer paper, fax paper, notebook paper and covers (no metal rings/clips)

##### **Unacceptable Paper:**

- No napkins, tissues, toilet paper, or soiled food wrappers

##### **Acceptable Commingled Materials: (Placed in Recycle Bin/Barrel w/Recycling Stickers\*)**

##### **Acceptable Plastics:**

- ✓ All plastics #1 - #7, excluding #6 (Styrofoam)
- ✓ Butter/margarine tubs, desert/yogurt cups and plastic condiment containers
- ✓ Six and twelve pack rings

##### **Unacceptable Plastics:**

- No plastic bags, styrofoam or packaging peanuts
- No plastic wrap, newspaper sleeves or plastic film

##### **Acceptable Glass:**

- ✓ Glass bottles, jars, food containers and beverage containers

##### **Unacceptable Glass:**

- No window glass or mirrors
- No light bulbs
- No ceramics

##### **Acceptable Cans and Foil:**

- ✓ Clean aluminum cans and foil
- ✓ Tin and steel cans
- ✓ Lids from jars
- ✓ Empty and non-hazardous aerosol cans

**\*Recycling Stickers (Commingled & Paper) for barrels can be obtained at Plaistow Town Hall**



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### ***REPORT ON RECYCLING (Continued)***

#### ***(RECYCLING, TRASH AND LANDFILL INFORMATION)***

**WHITE GOODS:** Dishwashers, stoves, clothes washer/dryer, hot water tanks, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners and other appliances are picked up, by appointment, on the first Saturday of each month. To schedule a removal call JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to be placed on list for pick-up. There is a \$25 charge per item.

**Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT)/Computer Collection:** CRT's (computer set up-monitor, processor, keyboard) or TV can be picked up by appointment. To schedule a pick-up call JRM at 1-800-323-4285. There is a \$25 charge per item.

**JRM HOLIDAYS:** collection will be delayed one day on the holidays listed below. The holidays are subject to change by JRM.

#### **2011 JRM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King Day	President's Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day	Labor Day
Columbus Day	Veteran's Day	Thanksgiving
	Christmas	

**BULK ITEMS:** residents are allowed to place one bulk item out each week on their regularly scheduled collection day.

**LANDFILL:** is located off Old County Road in Plaistow. Hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, on the first and third Saturdays in May thru November and 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the second and forth Wednesday in May thru October. An additional Saturday is added in October for the convenience of residents. Items accepted are brush, which is five inches or less in diameter and untreated wood. All dates and time are subject to change without notice, pending weather and facility conditions. See the Landfill schedule.





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### ***REPORT ON RECYCLING (Continued)***

#### **2011 Landfill Schedule**

<b>MAY:</b>	Sat:	7 <sup>th</sup>	&	21 <sup>st</sup>	*HHW 14 <sup>th</sup>
	Wed:	11 <sup>th</sup>	&	25 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>JUNE:</b>	Sat:	4 <sup>th</sup>	&	18 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	8 <sup>th</sup>	&	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
<b>JULY:</b>	Sat:	9 <sup>th</sup>	&	16 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	6 <sup>th</sup>	&	20 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>AUGUST:</b>	Sat:	6 <sup>th</sup>	&	20 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	10 <sup>th</sup>	&	24 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>SEPTEMBER:</b>	Sat:	10 <sup>th</sup>	&	17 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	7 <sup>th</sup>	&	21 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>OCTOBER:</b>	Sat:	1 <sup>st</sup>	&	15 <sup>th</sup>	& 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>NOVEMBER:</b>	Sat:	5 <sup>th</sup>	&	19 <sup>th</sup>	

**NOTE:** The facility is open on the listed Saturdays from 7am to 3pm and Wednesdays 4pm to 8pm. Dates and times are subject to change pending weather &/or facility conditions. Any questions, please call the Highway Department at 603-382-6771.

\*HHW – Household Hazardous Waste Day

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:** Is a program designed to properly dispose of common household items such as lawn and garden pesticides, automotive fluids, left over oil base paints, and other potentially harmful chemicals that can pose a significant threat to the environment if not disposed of properly. This day is held once a year. Please check our website [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com), Channel 17, or your local paper for the 2011 date.



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### ***REPORT ON RECYCLING (Continued)***

#### **“THINK GREEN PLAISTOW”!**

##### ***Why Recycle?***

“I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I still can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do.” Helen Keller

(From [www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts](http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts))

##### ***Did you know?***

- The average American individual consumes 120 pounds of natural resources every day, and throws away 3 and 1/2 pounds of trash per day.
- About 75 percent of the water we use in our homes is used in the bathroom. (California Energy Commission, 2006)
- Improperly sealed/caulked windows can account for up to 25% of total heat loss from a house. (Environment Canada, 2007)
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are an energy-saving alternative to incandescent bulbs
- Each of us uses approximately one 100-foot-tall Douglas fir tree in paper and wood products
- Recycling paper instead of making it from new material generates 74 percent less air pollution and uses 50 percent less water. (EPA, 2008)
- Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy needed to produce new aluminum
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours
- Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass.
- Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas
- If every American household recycled just one out of every ten HDPE bottles they used, we'd keep 200 million pounds of the plastic out of landfills every year.
- The junk mail Americans receive in one day could produce enough energy to heat 250,000 homes.
- The average baby generates a ton of garbage every year. (Mostly in plastic diapers)
- \$1 out of every \$11 Americans spend for food goes for packaging

**TOWN OF PLAISTOW  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
— 37 OLD COUNTY ROAD —**

**Landfill Site Recycling Area**

**Open to Residents :**  
**1st & 3rd Saturdays of each Month**  
**7:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**BRUSH, LEAVES, & CLEAN METAL ONLY**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** **EMERGENCY NO. (603) 382-1200**  
**BUSINESS NO. (603) 382-5200**

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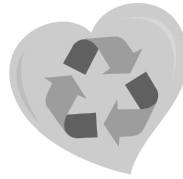
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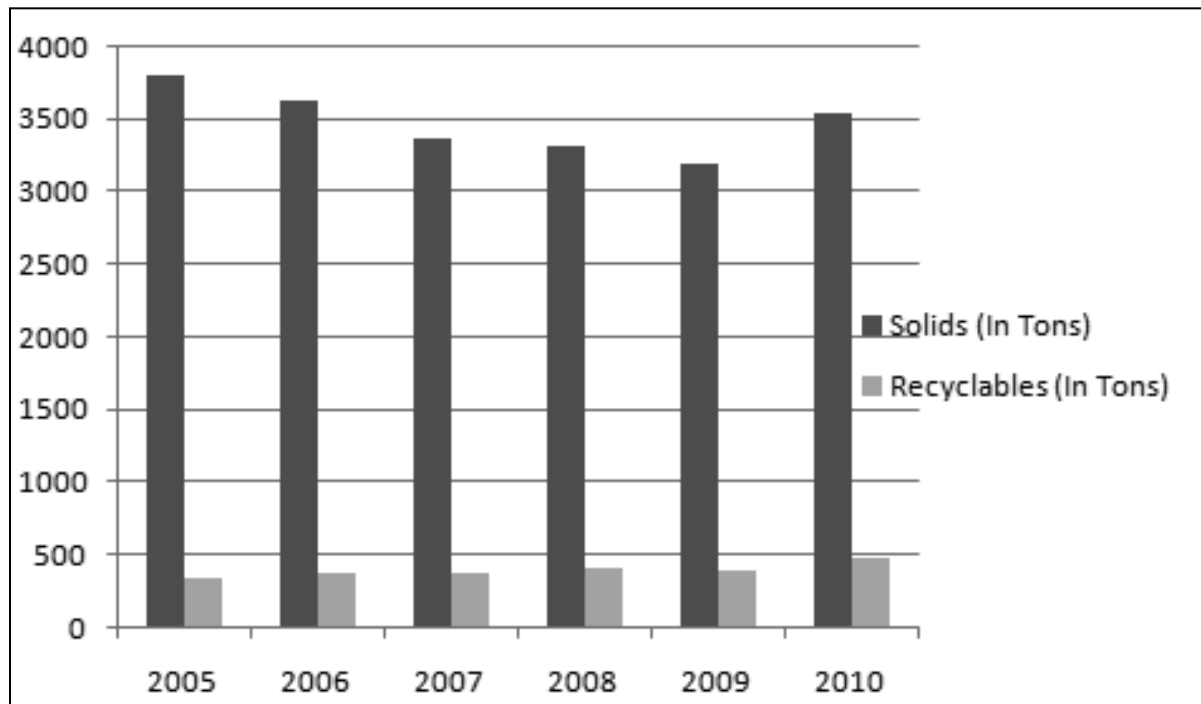
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*Here Are 3 Great Web Sites to Help You with Your Recycling!!*



<http://www.nhptv.org/planetgranite/>  
[http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/recycling.](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/recycling)  
<http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/whyrecycle.html>

### *Recycling Trends in the Town of Plaistow (2005 – 2010)*



Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Sherman, "Think Green Plaistow" Committee



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### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT***

Our Mission is to Conserve and Sustain the Natural Environment for Present and Future Generations by working to make Wise Land Use Decisions. The RCCD was formed in 1946 as a legal sub-division of the State of New Hampshire and is directed by a Board of Supervisors, a state appointed governing body made up of five residents of the county. The position of District Supervisor is a public office and as such the Board of Supervisors has a legal and moral responsibility to the people of the District, its constituents.

The Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) delivers soil and water conservation at the local level. We get a small portion of our funding from the County, but rely heavily on funds generated from our services to keep us operating.

The Conservation District offers numerous services to both towns and individuals including the following:

#### **Conservation Partnerships With Municipalities and Organizations**

- ❖ Conservation Grant Application Assistance
- ❖ Non-Point Source Pollution Control
- ❖ Watershed Management
- ❖ Natural Resource Evaluation
- ❖ Ecological Restoration
- ❖ Invasive Species Control
- ❖ Sustainable Agriculture Promotion
- ❖ Green Energy and Conservation
- ❖ Conservation Easements/Open Space
- ❖ Education & Outreach



#### **Landowner Assistance Landowner Initiated Conservation**

- Guidance on Best Management Practices
- Current Use Application Assistance
- Soil Potential Index Calculation
- Soil Interpretation
- Conservation Easements
- Sustainable Agriculture

#### **Municipal Review Assistance Plan Reviews, Impact Assessment, Monitoring**

- Stormwater Management Plan Review
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review
- Wastewater Disposal Test Pit Witnessing
- Wastewater Disposal System Reviews
- Natural Resource Impact Evaluation
- Wetland Impact Permit Reviews
- Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Compliance
- Construction Monitoring & Compliance
- Conservation & Agriculture Zoning Assistance





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### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (Continued)***

The Rockingham County Conservation District also offers several sales programs as follows:

- ❖ ***Conservation Plant Sale*** - A spring bare-root transplant sale includes deciduous and coniferous trees, landscape shrubs, fruit trees, berry bushes, and other plant material. The tree and shrub sales starts in early February. Orders for the plant sales close in March with delivery in early May. (***Look for updates on our website!***) We try to add some new varieties each year, keep some old favorites and offer miscellaneous items associated with your gardening needs.
- ❖ ***Trout Stocking*** - Trout stocking for ponds every spring. Rainbow and Brook Trout size 6-8" ordered in multiples of 25 already for pick up or large 10-12", minimum order of 50, are delivered directly to pond. The sales program for trout begins in early March with delivery normally in late April. We have stocked tens-of-thousands over the years to happy pond owners and fishing derby sponsors.
- ❖ ***Barley Straw to Control Pond Algae*** - Excess algae growth is one of the most common problems occurring in ponds. In recent years, the use of barley straw has become more common in other parts of the country as an alternative method for controlling excessive algae growth. When applied at the proper time and rate, barley straw has been a very successful algae control technique in ponds.

The Rockingham County Conservation District has an office staff of 4 people and another 4 professionals who are contracted to carry out the work of the Conservation District.

Through their work with conservation easements the district now manages more than 95 different easements protecting over 4,500 acres of land, which includes the Cox Farm in Plaistow. Their efforts have been hugely successful in helping to maintain Rockingham County's rural characteristics.

The Conservation Commission has been in contact with the Conservation District many times over the past years for advice on current use, best management practices, and soils information. More information about the services available to all of us from the conservation district can be found on their web site, <http://rockinghamccd.org>.

Respectfully Submitted by the Rockingham County Conservation District,  
*Leonard A. Lord, PhD , District Manager*





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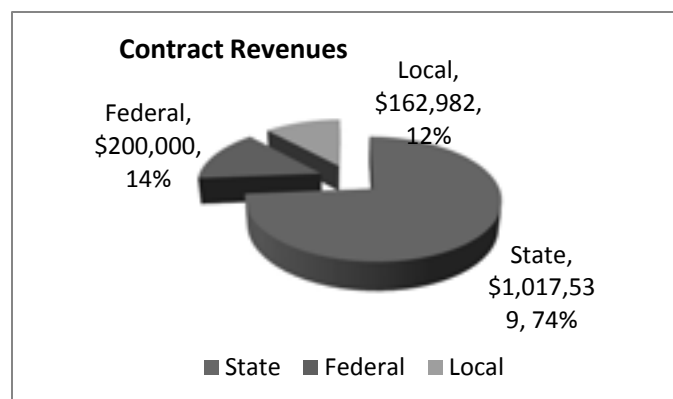
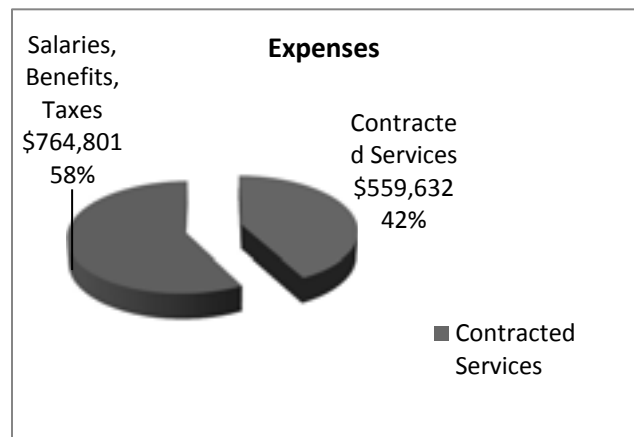
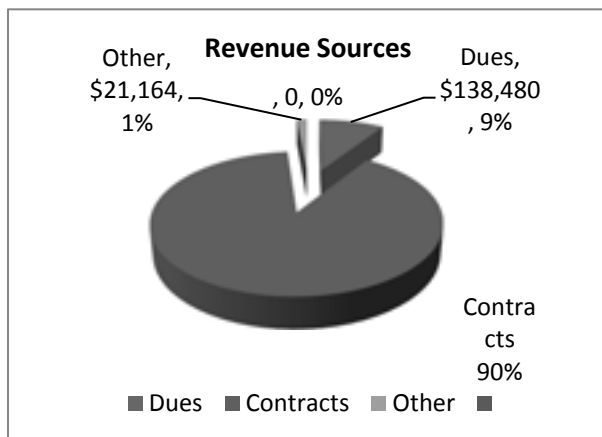


### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION***



The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is a voluntary local public regional planning commission established under state law (RSA 36). It exists in an advisory capacity to provide professional planning assistance to local governments and to coordinate local and regional planning in the areas of land use, transportation, natural resource protection, and housing and economic development. The Commission, which is not affiliated with Rockingham County, serves a state-defined planning region that includes 27 municipalities in southern and seacoast Rockingham County with a population of approximately 180,000. Commission membership is voluntary and is maintained through the payment of annual dues from each of the 27 municipalities based on their respective population. The 2011 dues are based on a per capita rate of \$0.93 or \$7,079 for Plaistow.

The number of commissioners from each municipality is also based on population; Plaistow is entitled to 2 commissioners who serve 4-year terms. Alternates may also be named. Generally planning boards make recommendations to boards of selectmen who then appoint a person as a commissioner. The RPC is controlled by a Board of Commissioners (appointed from each municipality), who set policy, oversee the budget and decide what work the Commission will undertake. The Commission has a very modest budget of approximately \$1.5 million. The following charts show the sources of revenues and expenses.





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### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)***

The Commission holds monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The meetings rotate each month among the member towns. The meeting in Plaistow is typically held in April.

The Commission undertakes many ***land use activities***; typical activities include the following:

- ❖ Provides Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) Committee support.
- ❖ Provides Geographic Information System (GIS) support for use in local and regional planning.
- ❖ Updates RPC web site and continues to make commonly requested planning documents available for download. We can be found at: [www.rpc-nh.org](http://www.rpc-nh.org).
- ❖ Fulfills numerous inquiries and requests for statistical information regarding the region regarding demographic and related information and maintained the RPC's role as State Data Center Affiliate for Census and other data.
- ❖ Provided technical assistance to the NH Office and Energy and Planning in administering the FEMA Flood Insurance Program.

The Commission is involved in the ***activities that promote regional water quality***.

The Commission is involved in ***economic development planning*** and provides assistance to the Rockingham Economic Development Council.

The Commission provides ***educational programs*** for its members including the following:

- ❖ Organized and sponsored the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Planning Board Training. The RPC and the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast held two workshops; a Workforce Housing Forum for Planning Boards and a Training Workshop for Planners to assist communities respond to requirements of SB 342. We also offered a training workshop for new planning board members.
- ❖ Organized and held the ***Annual Legislative Forum***, where RPC legislative priorities were presented and local officials and legislators were invited to discuss current bills before the Legislature.

The Commission undertakes many transportation planning activities; typical activities include the following:

- ❖ ***Traffic Counting:*** In cooperation with NHDOT, the RPC maintains a robust traffic counting program in the region. This data is used by NHDOT, communities and RPC to monitor traffic growth and flow, to update and calibrate the regional traffic model and to identify congestion mitigation projects.



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### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)***

- ❖ ***Safe Routes to School:*** Staff worked with several member communities in the development of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiatives, including Rye, Hampton, Plaistow, Newfields and Portsmouth. Staff also completed SRTS Travel Plan for the Town of Rye under contract.
- ❖ ***2009-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan:*** A new Long Range Transportation Plan was developed for the region to ensure that it reflects current long range transportation needs in the region and that it complies with current requirements of Federal Planning regulations. New TIP and Plan project lists, financial estimates, and air quality conformity analysis were completed based on project solicitations to communities.
- ❖ ***Regional Transportation Project Priority List; 10 Year Plan Update:*** In winter/spring of 2009, staff worked with the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee to develop a prioritized list of projects to submit to NHDOT for the most recent update of the 10 Year Plan. Communities were solicited for projects to be added to the MPO Long Range Plan and these projects were then prioritized by the MPO based on evaluation criteria developed by Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee. A prioritized list of projects was submitted to NH DOT in June 2009 that represents the most comprehensive identification of transportation system needs in the region developed to date.
- ❖ ***MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee Meetings:*** Prepared for, supported and attended MPO Technical Advisory Committee meetings during July and September of 2008 and February, March, April, May, and June of 2009. Prepared for and attended MPO Policy Committee meetings during September of 2008 and January, March (TIP Amendment only), April of 2009 and October 2009.
- ❖ ***CMAQ & TE Project Monitoring & Implementation Assistance:*** Staff provided technical assistance to several communities working to implement funded TE and CMAQ initiatives, including the Town of New Castle and its SAFEPATH initiative, the Town of Windham on its depot restoration/trailhead project, the Town of Newfields in negotiations with Newmarket, SRPC and NHDOT regarding the Newmarket-Newfields NH108 bicycle shoulder project. Worked with the Town of Exeter in revising train station parking expansion project. Participated in State CMAQ Advisory Committee. Provided input to NHDOT on revisions to TE project selection process, and worked with applicants on Letters of Intent for 2010 funding round.
- ❖ ***General Support for Regional Rail and Bus Transit Development:*** Met with development team regarding revitalization of passenger rail service between Portsmouth and Rockingham Junction (the Portsmouth Branch), tying in with Downeaster service. Developed proposal for State Planning and Research funding to contribute to feasibility study of rail service on the Portsmouth Branch. Provided input to start-up transit organization in Souhegan Valley regarding transit coordination and demand estimation. Responded to requests for letters of support for FTA 5310 vehicle application.



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#### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)***

- ❖ ***New Hampshire Transit Association:*** Participated in the NH Transit Association (NHTA) and NHTA Legislative Committee. Provided input to state policymakers on state funding for public transportation in New Hampshire in comparison to other states.
- ❖ ***Stormwater Management:*** RPC planning staff met to discuss the new Phase II NPDES permit requirements and its affect on MS4 communities in the region. Over the course of two meetings, RPC planning staff discussed the status of stormwater regulations in the region, including strategies to provide outreach to those communities who lack regulations or need to improve existing regulations, with particular emphasis on providing water quality and Low Impact Development implementation and design. Coordinated with UNH Stormwater Center staff to organize a stormwater work group to develop stormwater and water quality standards for redevelopment in the region, as well as addressing the technical and regulatory gaps in stormwater management at the local level. Members were identified and a workgroup was formed, with the first meeting held in August 2009.
- ❖ ***Share the Road/Bicycle Safety Initiative:*** Staff began work with Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes (SABR) and the Bike/Walk Alliance of NH (BWANH) on a regional share the road initiative in the wake of several serious crashes. Initial work included a forum for group ride leaders on ensuring lawful and respectful riding with large groups. Follow-up work with local police departments and a public education initiative are being planned for FY2010.

**During 2010, the Rockingham Planning Commission worked specifically with Plaistow on the following:**

- ❖ ***Park and Ride Usage Study:*** Developed initial scope of work to conduct region wide P&R usage surveys during the winter of 2009-2010. The objective of this project is to gather current data on use of regional park and ride facilities, with an emphasis on the Portsmouth Transportation Center (PTC), but also the new lot at Exit 2 in Salem, existing lots in Hampton, Hampstead, Plaistow and the second lot in Portsmouth. Of particular interest is assessing multi-day use of the lots vs. daily use by commuters.
- ❖ ***Plaistow MBTA Extension:*** Met with Town of Plaistow, MBTA, and NHDOT regarding extension of MBTA service to Plaistow, and relocation of MBRA Haverhill layover facility to Plaistow. Assisted town planner with letter to MBTA indicating Town's interest in evaluating station and layover facility locations per MBTA's offer. Attended many meetings and conference calls with State, Town, and MBTA officials regarding the MBTA project. The Scott Bogle and Cliff Sinnott of the Commission provided countless hours of assistance with the preparation and submittal of CMAQ request and a federal TIGER II request to help fund the MBTA extension to Plaistow. Provided a \$30,000 technical assistance grant to enable the Town to hire consultants to help move the MBTA extension project forward. The grant required a 20% or \$6,000 match from the Town.



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### ***REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)***

- ❖ ***Plaistow Main Street Traffic Corridor/Traffic Calming Study:*** The scope of this project is being finalized and is expected to include an analysis of the Main Street corridor and potential traffic control changes and the impacts of growth on traffic on the roadway. Developing a micro-scale model to simulate traffic movement and gauge the impact of changes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rockingham Planning Commission*



**NHDOT Commissioner George Campbell, Senator Downing and Assoc. NHDOT Commissioner Mike Pillsbury visit Plaistow**



**Selectman Michelle Curran, Deputy Police Chief Kathy Jones, and Director of the RPC Cliff Sinnott Meet the NHDOT Commissioner George Campbell to Discuss Various Transportation Issues in Plaistow**



**Cliff Sinnott, Tim Moore, and Leigh Komornick  
at the NH State House**



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### ***REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST***

Election records are kept at the Town Hall for reference by anyone who is authorized and in need of that information. Voting checklist is retained for a period of 6 years and can be referenced as proof of voting in any given election if needed.

Residents may change their voting record any time that the Town Clerk's Office is open, at an Election or during any work session of the Supervisors of the Check List.

**REGISTERING TO VOTE:** New residents may register to vote during regular office hours in the Town Clerk's office; during any session of the Supervisors of the Check List; or on Election Day at the polls. The Supervisor's sessions are posted on the Cable TV station (Channel 17) and also in the local newspapers. The session is held about 10 days prior to any election. A person cannot register to vote in the Town Clerks' office 10 days prior to any election. New Hampshire has a same day registration policy, so they can register at the polls on Election Day and still vote. Residents may not register at the Deliberative Session.

To register as a voter a resident must prove that he/she is a resident of Plaistow. To do this we require a mortgage statement or notarized letter from your landlord, plus a current utility bill showing that they are indeed living there. An ID is also required, this can be in the form of a current NH driver's license, certified birth certificate or a current passport. If a person's name has changed and it doesn't reflect the new name on their documents, we will need to see the document that confirms the name change. Anyone that has become a citizen after moving to the USA will need to show his or her naturalization papers as well. Should a resident not have any of the above documentation during an Election Day Registration, they will be allowed to sign an affidavit as proof.

***PLEASE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY – GET OUT AND VOTE!***



**Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant Town Clerk Nancy Bolduc  
and Her Husband Ralph Help the Town Clerk with  
Counting the Ballots**



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### ***REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR***

If you are a "New Resident," WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

In New Hampshire, the Tax Collector is an elected position with the Tax Collector's Office responsible for maintaining the detailed accounting of the taxes due, collected, and abated; and all of the property sold for nonpayment of taxes (NH RSA 41:35). This office strives to provide accurate, courteous and efficient services while collecting monies to the citizens of Our Community. The folks who come through our doors are not just residents to us; we get to know them and their families, and we try to steer them in the right direction to receive help, whatever it may be.

Plaistow issues two tax bills per year (semi-annually). The tax year runs from April 1st –March 31st (NH RSA 76:15-a). The first tax bill is an estimated bill, *approximately* the entire previous year's bill amounts divided by two. The second bill is determined by the new tax rate set by the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (the "DRA"). The DRA usually sets the tax rates for the towns in the late fall. Once the rate is set, the second bill is then

calculated by multiplying the new tax rate by the assessed value of the property minus any payments made on the first bill.



**Tax Collector Rose Bayek**

Plaistow mails two tax bills per year, and payment is due in July and December and the office has expanded hours for month prior to the due dates. During these periods, the Tax Office is open Monday, 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday's from 8:30a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Our regular schedule is Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

State Law requires that tax bills be mailed to the owner of record. If your taxes are escrowed by a mortgage company, and they request that you send them the bills, please provide them with a copy, as our office does not do so. Most mortgage companies do request tax bill amounts, however, it is not guaranteed. Feel free to call us at any time to check status on tax payments! Per the state laws, tax records are public records and fall under the Right to Know law. Taxpayers that have questions and/or concerns about their assessment, exemptions, and credits, should contact the Assessing Department.

Our office is currently investigating the use of electronic payment, including E-Checks, and debit and credit cards for all payments. However, while trying to look into, and keep up with the new technology of the world to provide better service, we enjoy the personal one on one contact with the residents of Our Community who come in to pay their taxes in person.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rosemarie L. Bayek, Tax Collector*





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### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK***

The Town Clerk's Office had a very busy 2010. At the end of March, we instituted the use of credit cards for payments in our office as well as on-line. We are seeing the most use of them on line, but have done many transactions at the counters also. The biggest drawback is the fact that Visa will not allow us to charge the credit card fee of 2.75% back to the customer at the counter. Those customers who need to use their cards seem pleased that they have that option.

Adding credit cards brought another change for the residents of Our Community. We now collect only 1 check for payment of vehicle registrations. We find collecting only one check is a big time saver and the electronic transfer of state funds is quick and easy too.

In the coming year we will be losing our Assistant Clerk, Nancy Bolduc, as she will be retiring. She will be missed by the rest of the office staff. We will be training a new face and ask that the residents be patient while that person is training.

We have added e-mail notification for our dog owners. If any resident has not signed up and would like to, please come in or call us with you e-mail address. As a reminder, residents can process their dog licenses on line if they choose.

We look forward to another year of service to Our Community and we are always open to suggestions.

Respectively Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



**Town Clerk Maryellen Pelletier with Deputy Town Clerk Joyce Thurston "Live it Up" at the Town Hall Christmas Party**

***Please Note the Town Clerk's Office Hours Are As Follows:***

**Mon. 8am-7pm / Tue., Wed, & Thur. 8am-4:30pm / Fri. 7am-12 noon**



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### ***NEW RESIDENTS INFORMATION***

1. **Establish Residency:** We will need either a notarized letter from the landlord stating that you live at their property or a copy of your mortgage statement showing both your name and the Plaistow address. **Plus** you will need a current utility bill or at least recent mail showing a recent postmark and your name with the Plaistow address.
2. **Register your vehicles:** We will need your titles to each vehicle, if you hold them, to register and issue plates to you. If you have a bank loan on the vehicle, bring in the following: your current registration and the name and address of the bank that is holding the title. We will also need to know the date you bought the vehicle and the mileage at the time of the sale. We will then get the title application ready and have you mail it to the Title Bureau; they will contact your lien holder and have your title swapped for a NH title. When this is finished, Concord will mail you a letter explaining that you should bring the letter to us along with your blue copy of the title application, and we can issue the plates. You will be charged a state fee and a town tax, which is an excise tax.
3. **Change your license:** You will need to bring 1 Primary, 1 Secondary and 1 Residency document or 2 Primary and 1 Residency document.

*\* You have 60 days after moving into the State of NH to change your vehicle title and registration, and drivers license.*

Primary Documents	Secondary Document	Residency
Birth Certificate	Photo image driver’s License	Valid NH Title
Valid Passport	Non-driver ID	Blue copy of a Title App.
Valid Military ID	State of NH employee ID	Valid NH Registration
Valid Photo Drivers Lic.	Marriage of Civil Union Cert.	Notarized letter from landlord
	Divorce Decree for name change	Mortgage Statement
	Social Security Card	Current utility bill
	Current student Photo ID	Property Tax bill
	Military discharge papers	Government check or doc.
	!	Issued by an official in place of residency
		Payroll check or document
		Verification by a parent
Please Note: All Documents Must Be In English		

4. **If you have a dog, obtain a dog license:** Dog licenses need to be obtained for all dogs over 3 months old. We will need a current rabies certificate. The cost is \$10.00 or \$7.50 for a fixed animal. Senior's, over 65, get one dog for a fee of \$2.00.



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#### ***INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: HOW TO AND WHAT YOU NEED!***

**AUTO REGISTRATIONS:** Renewals can be done in person, by mail, with a mail notice or by e-reg [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) (cost is \$2.50 each vehicle plus a \$.35 per transaction fee). To do a new vehicle, you will need to present a certificate of origin, a title or title application prepared by a NH dealer for 1997 and newer vehicles. For 1996 and older vehicles, a bill of sale is required along with a previously issued NH registration, or a copy of a previous title or a TDMV 19A form (available at the Town Clerk's Office). With all transactions, you will need to show proof of residency and proof of identification. Fees for the town tax are based on value of the vehicle. State fees are based on weight. There are also fees for the title, plates, special plates, mail notices and e-reg fees. The State also adds a surcharge to all pass plates for August 2009 –July 2011. This is to balance the State Budget and will be revisited in July 2011.

**DOG LICENSES:** All dogs three months or older must be licensed annually on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Late fees and fines will be assessed on all unlicensed dogs after June 20<sup>th</sup>. A valid rabies certificate is needed for all dogs. Plaistow holds an annual Rabies Clinic in late March at the Fire Station. At this time, you may also license your Plaistow dogs.

**BOATS:** You may register your boats at the Town Clerk's office even if you are not a resident of Plaistow. We only accept cash for boat registrations.

**VITAL RECORDS:** You may obtain certified copies of Divorce, Birth, Death and Marriage records that occurred anywhere in NH from 1990 to the present from any NH Town Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals that demonstrate a "direct and tangible" interest may request the records by showing IDS and filling out the required form/s. The cost is \$15.00 each for a first copy and subsequent copies (at the same time) are only \$10.00. Marriage licenses cost \$50.00 and are available to anyone who is at least 18 years old and wants to be joined in NH. ID is required as well as the certified document ending any prior marriage or civil union (if applicable).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*





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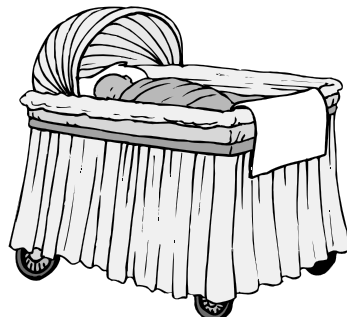


### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS (BIRTHS)***

#### ***Record of Resident Births in Our Community***

<b><u>Child's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Father's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Mother's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Birth</u></b>
Logan Rylee Byron	Daniel Byron	Jennifer Byron	01/15/2010
Ava Marie Martinez	Anthony Martinez II	Rachel Meuse	02/01/2010
Kara Amyann Saltalamacchia	Jeffrey Saltalamacchia Jr.	Megan Saltalamacchia	03/13/2010
Alysa Jane Shanahan	Jeffrey Shanahan	Kelly Shanahan	04/08/2010
Sarah Elizabeth Chevalier	Andrew Chevalier	Laura Chevalier	04/15/2010
Brooke Ava Newhouse	Ralph Newhouse III	Eileen Warford	04/17/2010
Ryland Daniel Robinson	Donald Robinson III	Jennifer Robinson	05/08/2010
Liam Edward-Joseph Stack	Brian Stack	Erica Stack	05/19/2010
Jaeden Tucker Bradstreet	Walter Bradstreet	Crystal Bradstreet	06/04/2010
Matthew Evan Gusler	Bruce Gusler Jr	Jennifer Gusler	06/29/2010
Caleb Joseph Ryan	Joseph Ryan	Susan Ryan	08/09/2010
Julian Paul Colantoni		Sabrina Colantoni	08/17/2010
Hannah Rae Ahern	Timothy Ahern	Robin Ahern	08/20/2010
Genevieve Rose Backus		Melissa White	09/05/2010
Jessica Michelle Gould	Robert Gould II	Christine Gould	09/22/2010
Colby Arthur Jillson		Annalouise Jillson	09/23/2010
Gary Joseph Simard	Gary Simard	Alexis Wronski	09/30/2010
Kian Patrick McKenna Nicholson	Sean Nicholson	Daniele McKenna	10/02/2010
Lilly Makayla Jones	David Jones	Maria Jones	10/21/2010
Brayden-Paul Henry Miller	Tyler Miller	Jade Carolan-Kennedy	10/28/2010
Charles Christopher Alexopoulos	Christopher Alexopoulos	Amy Alexopoulos	11/08/2010
Madison Kylee Wezesa	Joshua Wezesa	Lindsay Wezesa	11/10/2010
Vince Thomas Rigattieri	Nicholas Rigattieri	Tessa Parziale	11/13/2010

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*





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### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS (DEATHS)***

#### ***Record of Resident Deaths in Our Community***

<b><u>Decedent</u></b>	<b><u>Father's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Mother's Maiden Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>
Maryanne Colantoni	Alfred Scafidi	Alice Lowe	01/27/2010
Patricia Peters	Walter Watson	Myra Fear	02/01/2010
Edna Morrison	Unknown	Marie Therrien	02/08/2010
Roland Korb	Emil Korb	Louise Minzner	02/16/2010
Rita Robertson	St Cyr, Joseph	Alina Fornier	03/01/2010
Wilfred Raymond Jr.	Wilfred Raymond	Margaret Herlihy	03/19/2010
Helen Mills	Henry Lavalley	Mary Hartigan	03/25/2010
Ronald Snow Jr.	Ronald Snow Sr.	Judith Barnstein	05/08/2010
Frances Pelletier	Raymond Henderson	Blanche Blouin	06/23/2010
Sheryl Wahlen	Paul Hancock	Ruth Anerson	07/22/2010
Rita Payette	Arthur Beauregard	Agnes Comeau	08/09/2010
Mary Officer	Colman McDonagh	Bridget Lydon	09/30/2010
Joseph Longey	Delmar Longey	Frances Schell	10/01/2010
Helen Ayers	Forrest Hall	Jean Sherlock	10/31/2010
Francis Cegelis	Louis Cegelis	Julia Neversy	11/23/2010
Jamie Martin Jr.	Jamie Martin	Jane Wiggins	12/23/2010

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*





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### ***REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS (MARRIAGES)***

#### ***Record of Resident Marriages in Our Community***

<b><u>Person A Name</u></b>	<b><u>Person B Name</u></b>	<b><u>Issuance</u></b>	<b><u>Marriage</u></b>
Matthew J Smith	Jessica E. Dollard	Plaistow	01/052010
Eleanor B West	Gordon L Sykes	Chester	01/30/2010
John R. Wood	Ashley J Winter	Plaistow	02/16/2010
Kimberly A Kimball	Aaron L Wolf	Newton	02/20/2010
Jeffrey R Barrett	Jacquelynne W Simpson	Plaistow	02/20/2010
Christopher J Simard	Christin Daly	Plaistow	02/26/2010
Paul S Nutile	Catherine E. White	Plaistow	04/04/2010
Peter D Day	Brenda M Johnston	Plaistow	04/15/2010
Donald R. Jones	Dorothy A Nyambok	Plaistow	04/20/2010
Michael J Mazzola	Melissa Roberts	Plaistow	05/15/2010
Jake D McKinney	Nicole M Lamert	Newton	06/12/2010
Randall A Mikkelsen	Tatiana Carvajal	Plaistow	06/19/2010
Shane W. Welch	Katlyn E Shackley	Kingston	06/19/2010
Matthew J Hennessey	Brittney A Knight	Plaistow	06/23/2010
James P Vitale	Rachel J Janzegers	Kingston	07/09/2010
Warren F Hogan	Michelle R Scates	Plaistow	07/20/2010
Joshua M Wezesa	Linsay L Peabody	Plaistow	07/24/2010
Thomas J Hodgkins	Heather B Rideout	Plaistow	08/07/2010
Jeffrey A Hitchcock	Melanie R McCormack	Plaistow	08/07/2010
Jason L Shuff	Jaime E Nuttoli	Plaistow	08/14/2010
Jeffrey B Senter	Meghan A Seavey	Danville	08/14/2010
Jonathan E Gifford	Christine A Tannian	Salem	08/21/2010
Glenn D Oleary	Annette Veliz	Plaistow	08/21/2010
Richard E Dennis	Lisa A Tortora	Plaistow	08/21/2010
Timothy O Dusombre	Kristine G Wood	Plaistow	09/03/2010
David A Jones	Dawn M Reardon-Lewis	Plaistow	09/11/2010
Mark J Ragust	Rita A Schaejbe	Plaistow	09/25/2010
Erin L Sumner	Christopher M Poole	Danville	09/25/2010
Thomas C Sawyer	Jessica E Hackney	Plaistow	10/08/2010
Jeffrey W Salvi	Jaciline C Parshley	Plaistow	10/10/2010
Nicholas B Thornbury	Melanie G Roberts	Plaistow	10/17/2010
Kevin M Bergeron	Laura L Cayer	Plaistow	10/24/2010
Shawn P Hussey	Kelly M Healey	Plaistow	11/13/2010
Joao A Estrella	Jennifer L Kanter	Plaistow	11/14/2010
Michael F Ryder	Miran Park	Plaistow	12/29/2010

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



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### ***REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS***

The Trustee's decided to return all the accounts to one investment house showing the best rate until the market stabilizes. As directed by the 2010 Town meeting - warrant article P-07-08, the Building Capital Reserve fund was established with a beginning balance of \$20,000. No other new accounts were created. The Trustees currently oversee twelve (12) accounts with a total balance of \$760,661.08.

The accounts are invested and managed by New Hampshire Public Pool (NH PDIP). The Trustees are under strict laws that govern how the Trustees are able to invest Our Community's funds. At all times, the Trustees must protect the principal of each account and distribute the funds in accordance with the intent of each individual warrant article that created it. As always the Trustee will continue to manage the Trust Funds entrusted to the Board to the best of our abilities in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jill Senter, Chairman*



**Trustee of Trust Fund and Conservation Commission  
Chairman, Jill Senter with Her Grandson, Jonathan (3),  
at the Official Opening of the Town Forest**



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### ***REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT***

2010 was a relatively quiet year for the Water Department. In addition to our primary responsibility of maintaining the fire suppression system for Our Community, we engaged in the planning efforts for the soon to be completed NHDOT widening project of Route 125. As this project moves forward, we will be installing water mains from Old Road north to Walton Road, tying into the system that was installed in 2009, thereby bringing that portion of the system on-line. When this project is finished, we will have completed a major expansion of the fire suppression system at a reduced cost due to the ability to coordinate with NHDOT and using the construction crews in place to install our water lines.

We are also converting the former pump facility located at the Testa site to accommodate some limited storage of town equipment. This conversion has entailed removal of two large boilers and associated equipment. The next phase will be to remove the out-of-service fire pump. Hopefully, we will complete this during 2011.

The Town began a long-term maintenance project for the former water tower, which has been converted to a cell tower. Last year the town voted to establish a maintenance reserve account to allow us to put funds away in order to support long-term maintenance of the tower. We estimate the life expectancy of the tower to be approximately 30 years. During that period, we will need to ensure it remains a stable platform to continue to generate approximately \$125,000 annually. This past year, we engaged the services of a masonry contractor to effect repairs to the concrete anchor pads for the tower. If these were left unattended, the tower could become unstable over time and require more involved repairs.

I thank the Town for their continued support of our efforts to maintain and upgrade this segment of our infrastructure. Our system is unique in that this is one of very few systems in the country that is used solely for fire protection and suppression. By expanding the system into the areas of greatest potential for commercial development, we can attract a greater variety of businesses to Our Community and provide them with fire suppression capabilities that make Plaistow a viable option for them. As they benefit, so benefits Our Community due to the added revenue of not only their tax base, but from the anticipated user's fee assessed when connected to the water system.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John H. McArdle, Water Superintendent*



**Fire Chief John McArdle**





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### ***REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT***

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is a quasi-judicial board that has authority under the NHRSA's (State Laws) to grant certain relief when there is a proposal that is in conflict with Our Community's Zoning Ordinances.

The five (5) member board hears requests on a monthly basis and averages about twenty to twenty-five applications a year. Applicants are generally sent to the ZBA by a town board, committee or department, as in the case of a variance request, or by specific requirement of an ordinance, as in the case of an in-law apartment or home occupation request. The Board also hears appeals in the case where a decision or another board, committee or department is challenged.

This board is in place to give persons who have hardships in their property, relief from the one-size-fits-all concept of a zoning ordinance. Just imagine if Plaistow tried to write the ordinances to fit every individual circumstance, there would be thousands of them. The ZBA appeal process is the avenue that allows those with special circumstances to level the field and make improvements to their property that otherwise might not be allowed under the strictest interpretation of the ordinances.

The ZBA also reviews special exception applications for in-law apartments and home occupations to insure that all the minimum requirements are in place and can be monitored so as to protect our neighborhoods and resources.

The types of applications that are heard by the ZBA can be an indication as to when a certain ordinance may be in need of review or updating. Times and needs of Our Community are ever-changing and the ZBA appeal process is a valuable tool in showing where change needs to be considered. If the Board should see an increase in a particular type of relief request, they can then alert the Planning Board that review of that ordinance may be warranted.

The volunteers who sit as members of the board are thoughtful people, who live in Our Community. They take seriously their responsibilities to interpret the Zoning Ordinances and fairly consider relief requests with an open mind and in the best interests of the Town of Plaistow. It's a tough job, the ordinances aren't always black and white; the stories of the applicants and abutters can be compelling; the RSAs can be restrictive and the very nature of the decision making process can mean that not everyone is always going to walk away happy. But someone has to do the job and these people have stepped up.

The current members of the Board are: Julie Matthews, Vice-Chair; Robert Loeffler, Member; Roderic Cole, Member; Paul Boniface, Member; Joyce Ingerson, Alternate Member; James Allen, Alternate Member, and Kim Crapo, Alternate Member. Each of them has shown a level of dedication to Our Community that we as residents can be proud of. Their understanding that even the smallest decision can have larger implications shows me that they always have the best interests of Our Community foremost in their minds. I am honored to continue to serve with this fine group of people.



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### ***REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Continued)***

In 2010 we welcomed Laurie Pagnottaro as our new minute-taker. Our in-house staff is Dee Voss, who has been with the Board for ten years as our Administrative Assistant. She, along with Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Dorman, provide full-time resources for the public on zoning matters as well as procedures for seeking relief.

If you're looking to have a real impact, the ZBA is always looking for community-minded residents to step up and volunteer to serve as members or alternates to the board. Please direct any letters of interest to the ZBA at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lawrence Ordway, Chairman*



**Pollard Elementary School Children Gather at Town Hall to Sing Christmas Carols**

Make your home

# The Solution to Stormwater Pollution

A homeowner's guide to healthy habits for clean water.

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

## *Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water* Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to **minimize** the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.

- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Clean up **spilled fluids** with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain.

- **Recycle** used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations.

## Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers **sparingly**. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- Select **native** plants and grasses that are drought- and pest resistant.
- **Sweep up** yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't over water your lawn. Water during the **cool** times of the day, and don't let water run

off into the storm drain.

- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies.

## Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and **protect** them from debris and other materials.

- **Sweep up** and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.

- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the **smallest amounts possible**, and follow the directions on the label.

- Purchase and use **non-toxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable** products whenever possible.

- **Clean** paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.

- **Reduce** the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard.



## 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly



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**TOWN OF PLAISTOW**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**2011 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**AND BUDGET**  
**Town Meeting (Senate Bill 2)**



- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 5, 2011**  
***Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street***  
***Great Hall (2nd Floor)***  
**10:00 a.m.**
- **Deliberative Session Snow Date Saturday, February 12, 2011**  
***Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street***  
***Great Hall (2nd Floor)***  
**10:00 a.m.**
- **Ballot Voting - Tuesday, March 8, 2011**  
***Pollard School, 120 Main Street***  
**Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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***PLEASE NOTE: Article P-11-02 - P-11-20 may be amended at the  
Deliberative Session. Any changes will appear as part of the Warrant and  
Budget insert in the Annual Report.***



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## 2011 Plaistow Town Warrant State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street in said Plaistow on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to explain, discuss and amend each Article and to determine the form for the questions on the ballot, except those Warrant Articles where wording is prescribed by law. The snow date will be at the Plaistow Town Hall on Saturday, February 12, 2011 starting at 10:00 AM.

The final voting on all Warrant Articles will take place by official ballot at the second session. Therefore, you are hereby notified to meet for this second session of the annual town meeting at Pollard School, Main Street, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 7:00 AM in the forenoon until 8:00 PM in the afternoon to elect officers and to act on the following Articles by official ballot voting.

The articles begin with "P" to differentiate these town articles from the school district article numbers.

**Article P-11-01:** To elect all necessary Town Officers for ensuing year.

<b><u>SELECTMAN</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>THREE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN ONE</u></b>
Robert J. Gray	
<b><u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>THREE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN FOUR</u></b>
Joyce C. Ingerson	
Kristin Lewis Savage	
Martha L. Sumner	
<b><u>PLANNING BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>THREE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN TWO</u></b>
Timothy E. Moore	
<b><u>PLANNING BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>ONE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN ONE</u></b>
<b><u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>THREE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN ONE</u></b>
Deborah E. Hoadley	
<b><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>THREE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN TWO</u></b>
<b><u>AUDITOR</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>ONE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN TWO</u></b>
<b><u>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE FOR NOT</u></b>
<b><u>THREE YEAR TERM</u></b>	<b><u>MORE THAN ONE</u></b>
Pat Macomber	



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### **OPERATING BUDGET**

**Article P-11-02:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling seven million, five hundred forty-four thousand, four hundred forty-eight dollars (**\$7,544,448**)?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be seven million, three hundred forty-eight thousand, five hundred forty-eight dollars (**\$7,348,548**) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0).*

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

**Article P-11-03:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000 to be added to the existing Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future purchases of Highway Department vehicles. Putting funds aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. These funds will be invested in an interest bearing account.]**

**\* Balance of this Capital Reserve Fund is \$116,683.64 as of January 31, 2011.**

### **PURCHASE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD SIDE BRUSH CUTTER**

**Article P-11-04:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 to purchase a Road Side Brush Cutter, a new piece of equipment for the Highway Department and to withdraw those funds from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose?

Appropriation:	\$110,000
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve:	-\$110,000
Amount to be raised from 2011 taxes:	\$0

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: This piece of equipment is being added to the inventory of the Highway Department in response to a changing work program. The Highway Department is cutting the brush along the sides of the Town's roads to keep down the growth of vegetation under power lines to prevent possible storm damage accompanied by power loss. The brush clearing also helps to keep driver's line of sight intact so they can more safely negotiate intersections as well as see pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the roads.]**



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#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

**Article P-11-05:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future purchases of Fire Department vehicles. Putting funds aside each year will allow for orderly replacement of fire vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at town meeting. This money is invested in an interest bearing account.]**

**\* Balance of this Capital Reserve Fund is \$214,930.18 as of January 31, 2011.**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Article P-11-06:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding a study to determine if it's in the Town's best interest to renovate, expand or relocate the Public Safety Complex; which includes the Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments?

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: The feasibility study would provide detailed cost estimates based on the detailed space needs assessment for the current and future needs of the Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments. The Study will also be used to provide additional justifications for facility related capital needs, including, but not limited to HVAC Systems, Power and Electrical Systems, Communication Systems, Computer Systems and Security.]**

#### **BUILDING SYSTEMS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

**Article P-11-07:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600 to be added to the existing Building Systems Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: To replace funds spent in 2010 for emergency maintenance or repairs to Town-owned buildings. This reserve fund was set up for long-term building maintenance projects such as roof repair or heating/cooling system replacements. It can also be used for emergency repairs that were not predicted. This money in this Capital Reserve Fund is invested in an interest bearing account.]**

**\* Balance of this Capital Reserve Fund is \$15,403.26 as of January, 31, 2011.**



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#### **COMMUNICATIONS RADIO REPEATER ENHANCEMENT**

**Article P-11-08:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 for the addition of two wireless radio canopy repeaters on Route 108 as needed by the Fire and Police Departments?

Appropriation: \$62,000  
Developer Contribution: -\$31,000  
Amount to be raised from 2011 taxes: \$31,000

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: This project includes the necessary improvements needed to improve radio communications on the Route 108 Corridor. This project is highly recommended by the Fire and Police Chiefs in order to maintain proper communications on all calls. A developer has agreed to pay half the cost (\$31,000).]

#### **FIRE SUPPRESSION PUMP AND PUMP HOUSE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article P-11-09:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Fire Suppression Pump and Pump House Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing the Fire Protection System Pumps and the Pump House they are contained in and to raise and appropriate \$70,000 for said fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To replace the pumps for the Fire Protection System and the pump house they are located in. The building that houses the pump that distributes the water for the fire suppression/protection system must be replaced at the same time that the pumps are replaced. The replacement is scheduled for 2015 at an estimated cost of \$200,000 for the pumps and \$150,000 for the pump house, totaling \$350,000. The money in this Capital Reserve Fund will be invested in an interest bearing account.]

#### **CELL TOWER MAINTENANCE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

**Article P-11-10:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the existing Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: The 2008 SFC Engineering Partnership, Inc. Water Tower Assessment Study indicated that there is continual degradation of the concrete footing of the tower's legs, and portions of the structure are beginning to rust. With moderate maintenance, it is estimated the structure will remain useful for approximately 30 years and will generate over \$3,750,000 in revenue for the Town. Annual revenue from the Cell Tower is over \$125,000, which goes into the General Fund to offset taxes. The multi-year maintenance plan is estimated to cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000 over the next 30 years as outlined in the 2008 SFC Engineering Report. The money in this Capital Reserve Fund is invested in an interest bearing account.]





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**\*Balance of this Capitol Reserve fund is \$8,201.90 as of January 31, 2011.**

#### **CONSERVATION FUND DEPOSIT**

**Article P-11-11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the existing Conservation Fund as provided for in RSA 36-A?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: To add funding to the Plaistow Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission intends to purchase land, easements and/or other land rights to preserve the natural environment. This money is invested in interest bearing accounts.]**

**\* Balance of this Fund is \$54,721.73 as of January 31, 2011. There is also \$28,043.41 in the Forestry Fund as of January 31, 2011.**

#### **IMPROVEMENTS AT RECREATION FACILITIES**

**Article P-11-12:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the equipment needs at both PARC (Plaistow Area Recreation Complex) and Smith Field (on Ingalls Terrace)?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)  
and this funding is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

**[Intent: This would remove the existing dilapidated tennis courts and replace them with more modern and cost effective activity zones including, Sand Volleyball Court and Skate Board Park. Additionally, PARC lacks such equipment as seating (benches and picnic tables) and a bike station. The funding of this article would allow the town to move forward with improving both facilities].**

#### **RAISE FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR**

**Article P-11-13:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$892.06 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$802 from \$26,726 to \$27,528, effective April 1, 2011? The additional \$90.06 is to cover the Town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0).*

**[Intent: To increase the salary of the Tax Collector by 3%. The Tax Collector position has not had an increase in salary since 2008.]**

#### **RAISE FOR THE TOWN CLERK**

**Article P-11-14:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1293.60 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$1163 from \$38,753 to \$39,916, effective April 1, 2011? The additional \$130.60 is to cover the Town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0).*



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**[Intent: To increase the salary of the Town Clerk by 3%. The Town Clerk position has not had an increase in salary since 2008.]**

#### **VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT**

**Article P-11-15:** Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II for an increase of \$150 in the optional veteran's tax credit and in expanded qualifying war service for veteran's seeking the tax credit and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety? This modification would make the optional veteran's tax credit \$500 rather than \$350.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).*

#### **HUMAN SERVICES—CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES OF NH**

**Article P-11-16:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Child and Family Services of New Hampshire whose funds primarily help low income families who are uninsured or underinsured access their services and to leverage state grants requiring matching funds and charitable dollars?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (7-6-0).*

**[Intent: Plaistow residents are served through the Exeter and Portsmouth offices as well as in home, school and community settings. From 7/1/09 – 6/30/10, 35 Plaistow Residents were served and 202 hours of direct service were provided for a total value of \$11,018. (If approved, money for this may appear in the operating budget in future years.)]**

#### **HUMAN SERVICES—AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**Article P-11-17:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the American Red Cross whose funds provide support and relief after a disaster, emergency preparedness training; courses in health and safety; blood drives; volunteer and youth leadership opportunities; and aid to military families?

*Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-3-0);  
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-5-0).*

**[Intent: Plaistow residents are serviced by the Great Bay Chapter, who is available to respond any time to disasters free to everyone and are not duplicated by any other agency or organization. An appropriation from Plaistow would help train and prepare citizens. The American Red Cross helped a total of 674 people from the 41 communities in the area chapter. (If approved, money for this may appear in the operating budget in future years.)]**

#### **HUMAN SERVICES—CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES)**

**Article P-11-18:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) whose funds provide support for the children in the court system who cannot speak for themselves?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0);  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee (1-12-0).*



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[Intent: Plaistow residents are serviced by the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), who are available to respond and act on behalf of the children in the family court system. An appropriation from the Town of Plaistow would allow the persons to be trained and able to be

in attendance for the children in need. (If approved, money for this may appear in the operating budget in future years.)]

#### **ACQUISITION OF LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS FUND**

**Article P-11-19:** Shall the Town vote to establish a Land and/or Buildings Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and that the income from the disposition of any Town-owned land (not already designated as conservation land or cemetery properties) and/or buildings is deposited into this fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote by the Board of Selectmen.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0).*

[Intent: To establish a fund that would be used for the future purchase of land and/or buildings that would be of use to the Town. Per a Warrant Article approved at the 2001 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen would be required to have at least two public hearings before they can purchase or sell land. Should there be dissent to purchase or sale via public petition, then the purchase or sale must be voted on at a future Town Meeting. These funds will be placed in an interest bearing account.]

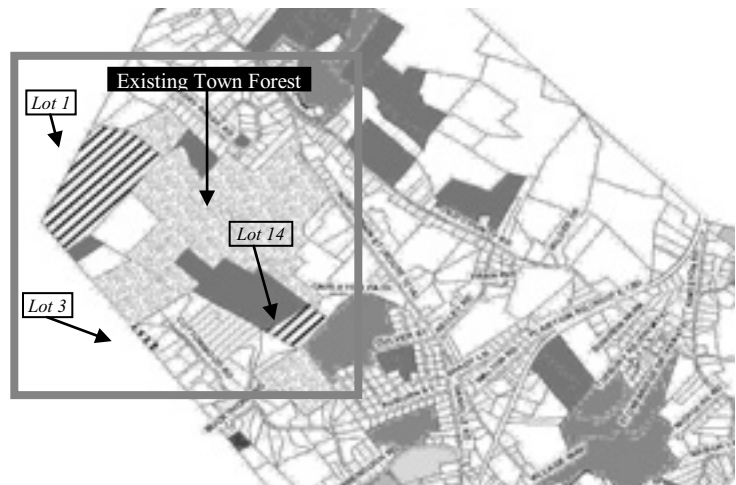
#### **ADDITIONAL PARCELS TO BE DESIGNATED AS TOWN FOREST LAND**

**Article P-11-20:** Shall the town vote to designate the following Town-owned parcels as Town Forest Land to be added to the existing Town Forest under the provisions of RSA 31:110, 31:111; 31:112II, and RSA 31:113?

Properties are located off North Main Street:

- **Tax Map 6, Lot 3; (1.83 Acres)**
- **Tax Map 7, Lot 1; (88 Acres) and**
- **Tax Map 18, Lot 14 (14.5 Acres)**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
(5-0-0).*



[Intent: To add lands to the existing Town Forest to continue to preserve the natural environment. Any monies obtained from the management of the Town Forest are to be placed in the Forestry Fund in accordance with RSA 31:110-113]



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### **ZONING AMENDMENT**

**Article P-11-21:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance to amend the Plaistow Zoning Map by rezoning two lots currently located in two zones (Industrial 1 and Low Density Residential) to entirely Low Density Residential. These lots are known as Tax Map 55, Lot 12 and Tax Map 55, Lot 9, and are bounded by Crane Crossing Road and Kingston Road as shown in the crosshatched area below:



**[Reason for Change: To allow the two parcels containing residential structures, currently split between the Low Density Residential District and Industrial District, to be located entirely within the Low Density Residential District.]**

*(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)*

### **ZONING AMENDMENT**

**Article P-11-22:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance to amend Article V – Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32D “VC” – Village Center, B. 11 to read as follows:  
Mixed Use where the work place or the residence must be owner occupied.

**[Reason for Change: To allow properties included in the Village Center District to be utilized for mixed uses (Residential and Commercial), as long as the owner of the property occupies either the residence or business.]**

*(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)*

### **ZONING AMENDMENT**

**Article P-11-23:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, by adding a new Article XVIA, “Plaistow Construction/Post-Construction Stormwater Ordinance, as proposed on a separate attachment “A”?

**[Reason for Change: To enhance our existing Zoning Ordinance to be in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Stormwater Permit Requirements.]**

*(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)*



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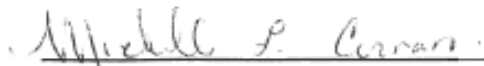
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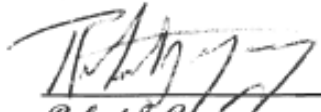


Given under our hands and seal this twenty-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

  
Daniel J. Poliquin/Chairman

  
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Vice Chairman

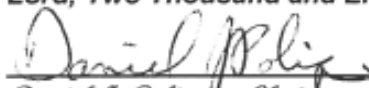
  
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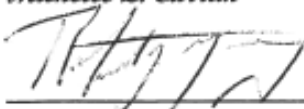
Plaistow, New Hampshire  
January 28, 2011

We certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named Town to meet at the time and place for this purpose, within mentioned, by causing to be posted an attached copy at the Plaistow Public Library, the Pollard Elementary School and the Plaistow Town Hall, being public places in said Town on the twenty-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Chairman

  
Charles L. Blinn, Vice Chairman

  
Michelle L. Curran

  
Robert J. Gray

  
John A. Sherman





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### VOTER'S NOTES

		Yes	No
P-11-01	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-02	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-03	Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-04	Purchase Highway Department Road Side Brush Cutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-05	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-06	Public Safety Expansion Feasibility Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-07	Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-08	Communications Radio Repeater Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-09	Fire Suppression Pump and Pump House Capital Reserve Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-10	Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-11	Conservation Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-12	Improvements at Recreation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-13	Raise for the Tax Collector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-14	Raise for the Town Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-15	Veteran's Tax Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-16	Human Services - Child & Family Services of NH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-17	Human Services - American Red Cross	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-18	Human Services - CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-19	Acquisition of Land and/or Buildings Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-20	Additional Parcels to Be Designated As Town Forest Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-21	Rezone Two Lots Located in Two Zoning Districts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-22	Occupation of Units To Qualify as a Mixed Use in the Village Center District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11-23	Construction/Post Construction Stormwater Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE OF: PLAISTOW, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

or Fiscal Year From 2011 to 2012

### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

*[Handwritten signatures of Budget Committee members]*

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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	GP Bud. Warr. Act #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DMA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS Ending Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS Ending Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ending Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ending Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 280,110	\$ 221,260	\$ 276,302		\$ 276,302		
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	2	\$ 123,039	\$ 110,391	\$ 122,421		\$ 122,421		
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 267,290	\$ 259,942	\$ 305,957		\$ 305,957		
4152	Revaluation of Property								
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 42,000	\$ 43,939	\$ 46,000		\$ 46,000		
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	\$ 1,315,502	\$ 1,259,573	\$ 1,372,711		\$ 1,372,711		
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	2	\$ 85,283	\$ 72,596	\$ 87,588		\$ 87,588		
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 180,776	\$ 161,706	\$ 181,785		\$ 181,785		
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 3,525	\$ 2,735	\$ 3,525		\$ 3,525		
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 71,000	\$ 67,584	\$ 76,720		\$ 76,720		
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2	\$ 23,643	\$ 22,511	\$ 25,643		\$ 25,643		
4199	Other General Government	2	\$ 31,572	\$ 38,385	\$ 27,905		\$ 27,905		
PUBLIC SAFETY									
4210-4214	Police	2	\$ 1,787,047	\$ 1,789,342	\$ 1,842,727		\$ 1,842,727		
4215-4219	Ambulance								
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$ 449,709	\$ 411,834	\$ 459,999		\$ 459,999		
4240-4249	Building Inspection	2	\$ 108,786	\$ 103,262	\$ 108,630		\$ 108,630		
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$ 5,857	\$ 4,475	\$ 18,000		\$ 18,000		
4299	Other (Including Communications)								
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER									
4301-4309	Airport Operations								
HIGHWAYS & STREETS									
4311	Administration	2	\$ 271,134	\$ 236,471	\$ 269,740		\$ 269,740		
4312	Highways & Streets	2	\$ 575,090	\$ 491,993	\$ 557,090		\$ 557,090		
4313	Bridges	2							

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3-V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DBA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS Enabling Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS Enabling Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enabling Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enabling Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.									
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 85,000	\$ 76,853	\$ 85,000	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 85,000	XXXXXXXXXX	
4319	Other					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
SANITATION									
4321	Administration					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4323	Solid Waste Collection	2	\$ 615,000	\$ 597,558	\$ 565,000	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 565,000	XXXXXXXXXX	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,583	\$ 46,000	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 46,000	XXXXXXXXXX	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4326-4328	Sewage Collection & Other Disposal					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT									
4331	Administration					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4332	Water Services	2	\$ 47,355	\$ 28,368	\$ 53,344	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 53,344	XXXXXXXXXX	
4336-4338	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
ELECTRIC									
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4353	Purchase Costs					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4359	Other Electric Costs					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
HEALTH/WELFARE									
4411	Administration	2	\$ 78,914	\$ 65,077	\$ 79,384	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 79,384	XXXXXXXXXX	
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 15,810	\$ 12,107	\$ 15,158	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 15,158	XXXXXXXXXX	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	2	\$ 69,996	\$ 67,332	\$ 73,122	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 73,122	XXXXXXXXXX	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	2	\$ 54,190	\$ 30,383	\$ 54,440	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 54,440	XXXXXXXXXX	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:3-V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTION'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTION'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 203,779	\$ 202,151	\$ 203,872	XXXXXXX	\$ 203,872	XXXXXXX	
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 437,094	\$ 437,094	\$ 432,741	XXXXXXX	\$ 432,741	XXXXXXX	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,018	\$ 1,000	XXXXXXX	\$ 1,000	XXXXXXX	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2	\$ 21,619	\$ 21,158	\$ 26,619	XXXXXXX	\$ 26,619	XXXXXXX	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>									
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	2	\$ 4,925	\$ 5,722	\$ 20,025	XXXXXXX	\$ 20,025	XXXXXXX	
4619	Other Conservation	2				XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>									
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ -	\$ -		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ -	\$ -		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	2	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 26,000	XXXXXXX	\$ 26,000	XXXXXXX	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>									
4901	Land					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4903	Buildings					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	ARRA	\$ 712,000	\$ 530,659		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4914	To Enterprise Fund					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
	Sewer.					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
	Water.					XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Qtr Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DGA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.									
	Electric		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
	Airport								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *		\$ 307,400	\$ 307,400					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except 84917 *								
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *								
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919	To Fiduciary Funds								
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			\$ 7,328,045	\$ 6,552,829	\$ 7,464,448		\$ 7,464,448		
MS-9 Budget - Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire FY 2011									
Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designate on the warrant as a special article or as a nontransferable article.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Qtr Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DGA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**									
	Any Dept Equip. Capital Reserve Deposit	3	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 74,000		\$ 74,000		
	Any Dept Head State Budget Summar	4			\$ 110,000		\$ 110,000		
	Fire Department Capital Reserve Deposit	5	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 95,000		\$ 95,000		
	Public Safety Expansion Feasibility Study	6	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		
	Building Systems Capital Reserve Deposit	7	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,600		\$ 4,600		
	Communications Radio Separation Enhancement	8			\$ 31,000		\$ 31,000		
	Fire Supervision Pump/Jump Vehicle Capital Reserve Deposit	9			\$ 70,000		\$ 70,000		
	Jet Tender Maintenance Capital Reserve Deposit	10	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		
	Conservation Fund Deposit	11	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000		
	Improvements at Recreation Facilities	12			\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000		
	Machine for the Tax Collector	13			\$ 892		\$ 892		
	Machine for the Town Clerk	14			\$ 1,294		\$ 1,294		
	Human Sex Child & Family Serv of Nat	16			\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000		
	Human Sex American Red Cross	17			\$ 500		\$ 500		
	Medical Res Clinic	18			\$ 500		\$ 500		
	Fire Dept Water Line Expansion Capital RESERVE DEPOSIT	P10-D	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 500
	Fire Dept. Supervision Water Capital Reser	P10-J	\$ 58,400	\$ 58,400	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 500
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			\$ 307,400.00	\$ 307,400.00	\$ 344,828.00	\$ 500	\$ 448,288.00		
**INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DGA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	
	Garden Head Bridge	ANRA	\$ 712,000	\$ 530,659					
	Emergency Power Generator Purchase	P10-H	\$ 45,000	\$ 42,960					
	Veteran's Tax Credit	19							
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			\$ 757,000.00						



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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 70,000	\$ 49,881	\$ 65,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,765	\$ 4,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,138,065	\$ 1,145,000
3230	Building Permits		\$ 75,000	\$ 71,394	\$ 75,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		\$ 40,000	\$ 53,188	\$ 40,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 30,000	\$ 40,471	\$ 30,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		\$ 326,310	\$ 326,310	\$ 338,636
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$ 135,232	\$ 135,232	\$ 141,968
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$ 10,000	\$ 53,327	\$ 10,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		\$ 85,000	\$ 98,643	\$ 85,000
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 68,000	\$ 81,499	\$ 116,000
3409	Other Charges		\$ 5,000	\$ 36,169	\$ 5,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 164,500	\$ 121,104	\$ 125,000
3502	Interest on Investments		\$ 60,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 10,000
3503-3509	Other		\$ 170,000	\$ 85,969	\$ 128,026
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				



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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds		\$ 35,000		
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				\$ 104,015
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 308,209
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			\$ 2,662,542	\$ 2,703,345	\$ 2,730,854

### \*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	\$ 7,328,045	\$ 7,464,448	\$ 7,464,448
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$ 307,400	\$ 448,286	\$ 448,286
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$ 360,392		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$ 7,995,837	\$ 7,912,734	\$ 7,912,734
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$ 2,662,542	\$ 2,730,854	\$ 2,730,854
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 5,333,295	\$ 5,181,880	\$ 5,181,880

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$ 780,212  
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)



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### NOTES



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### *CENSUS 2010*

The results of the 2010 Census are eagerly awaited by many of us. The Census is a full count of the country taken every 10 years, at a snapshot in time. The detailed data releases began in December, 2010 and go right through to 2014 and this data will be used to report on many of the characteristics of our population.

On December 21, 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau released population totals for all states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This first release of 2010 Census data is used to determine the future apportionment of congressional seats. New Hampshire's total population at the 2010 Census was 1,321,445, with a resident population of 1,316,470. (The difference of 4,975 persons represents the overseas military and federal civilian employees and their dependents living with them for which their parent agencies have provided counts.)

**According to the U.S. Census Bureau, New Hampshire's resident population grew by 80,684 from the 2000 Census, for a growth rate of 6.53%.**

New Hampshire's resident population grew by 80,684 from the 2000 Census, for a growth rate of 6.53%. The state's percentage growth was the highest in New England, but the numeric growth was third, behind Massachusetts and Connecticut. Tables and maps depicting the changes in population and in congressional representation can be viewed and downloaded from the U.S. Census Bureau website. Detailed results (known as the Redistricting Data Summary File) from the 2010 Census, including populations for all political subdivisions, census tracts and blocks in the state, will become available in February or March of 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Leigh Komornick, Town Planner*







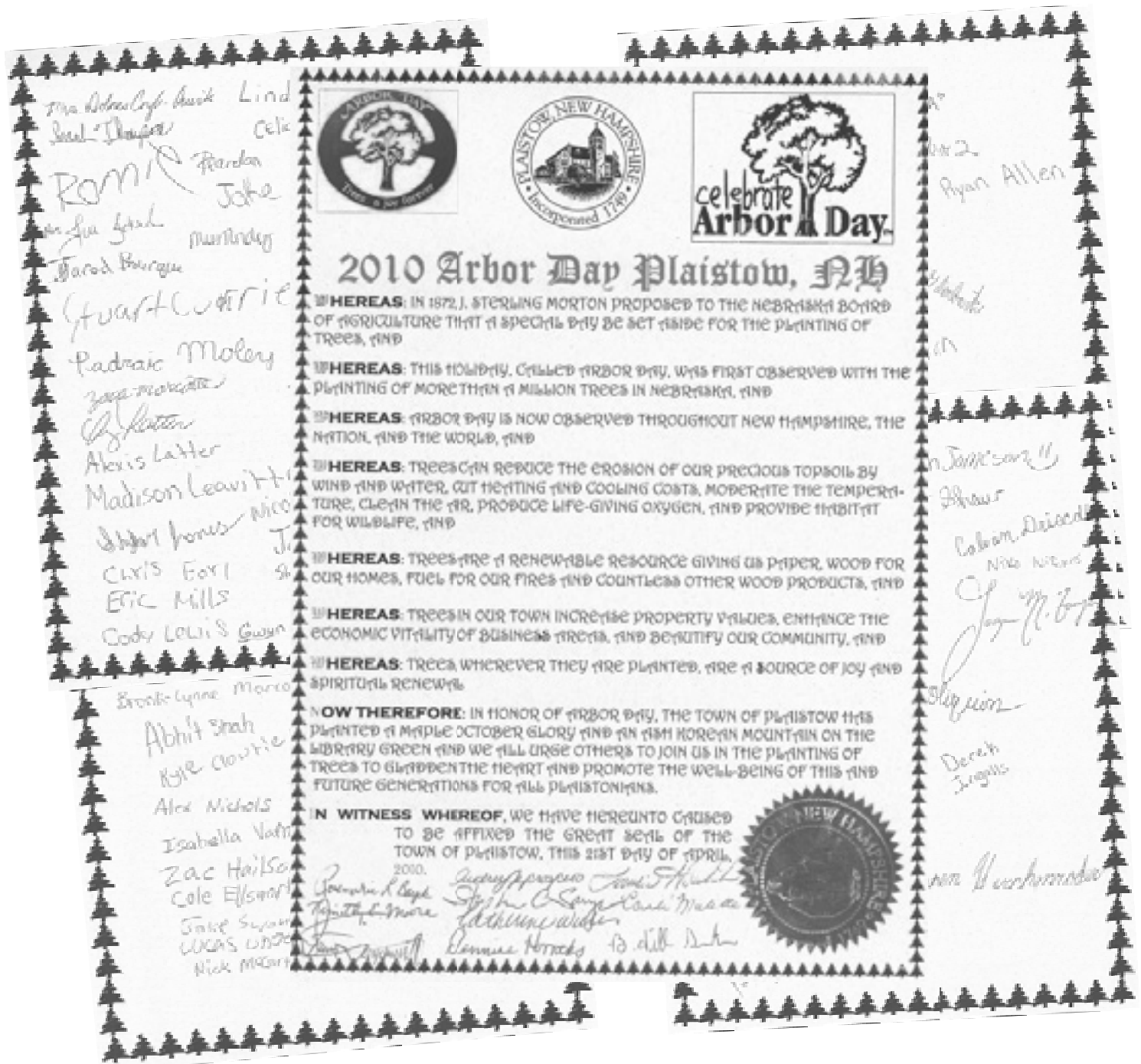
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### ARBOR DAY CITATION

In honor of Arbor Day, Our Community planted a "Maple October Glory" and an "Ash Korean Mountain" tree on the Library Green. We urge others to join us in the planting of trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations of all Plaistonians. The following citation was issued and signed by Town officials, staff and Pollard Elementary School students.





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### **WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP**

<b>PROBLEM/QUESTION</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>
AIDS Hotline	Aids Response Seacoast	433-5377
Animal Problems	Plaistow Animal Control Officer	382-1200
After School Program	Sad Café	382-8893
Assessments	Plaistow Assessing Department	382-8469 X11
Auto & Boat Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Battered Women Shelter	A Safe Place	1-800-852-3388
Birth Certificates	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Building Permits	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Burning Permits	Plaistow Fire Department	382-5012
Cemetery	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Chamber of Commerce	Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange	382-3634
Child Abuse	Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	1-800-894-5533
Child Care	Rockingham County Childcare Info.	1-800-310-8333
Child & Family Services	Child & Family Services	1-800-640-6486
Child Medical Coverage	NH Healthy Kids	1-877-464-2447
Conservation Commission	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Consumer Complaint	NH Better Business Bureau	228-3789
Death Certificate	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Disaster Relief	American Red Cross	624-4307
District Court	Plaistow District Court	382-4651
Dog License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Driver's License	NH Dept. Motor Vehicles	271-2251
Elections	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Electrical Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
<b>EMERGENCY: Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>		<b>911</b>
Environment	NH State Dept. Environmental Services	289-2111
Family Services (Juvenile)	Family Mediation	362-9957
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-5012
Fish & Game	Fish & Game Club Office	382-3675
Fishing License	Wal-Mart	382-2839
Food & Nutrition Assistance	WIC (pregnant & child under 5)	1-800-256-9880
Food & Nutrition Assistance	CSFP (60 years and older)	1-800-942-4321
Food Pantry	Holy Angels Parish	382-8324
Food Stamps	NH Dept. of Health & Human Services	1-800-852-7492
Genealogical Information	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
General Assistance	Human Services Department	382-8469 X25
Health Care	SeaCare Health Center	772-8119
Health Care	Lamprey Health Care	659-2494
Health Care	Community Health Services	425-2545
Health Officer	Plaistow Health Department	382-2494 X21
Heating Assistance	Fuel Assistance 10/01 thru 4/30	898-8435
Heating Assistance	Rock. Community Action Program	893-9172
Home Budgeting	Credit Counseling	1-800-327-6778
Homeless	NH Coalition for Homeless	1-800-852-3388



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### *WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP (Continued)*

<b>PROBLEM/QUESTION</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>
Housing	NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
Human Service Department	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X25
Human Service Department	Help Line	1-800-852-3388
Humane Society	NH SPCA	772-2921
Hunting License	Wal-Mart	382-2839
Landfill	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
Legal Assistance	Legal Advice & Referral Center	1-800-639-5290
Library	Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
Marriage License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Meals on Wheels	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Medication	NH Health Access Network	225-0900
Mental Health	CLM Behavioral Health	893-3548
Notary	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Off Road Vehicle Registration	Gilly's or DaSilva	382-4334 or 382-1515
Parenting Problems	Parents Anonymous	1-800-750-4494
Passport	Federal Building	666-7568
Planning Board	Plaistow Planning Office	382-7371 X14
Plumbing Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Police Station (non-emergency)	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-6816
Post Office	U.S. Post Office	382-8529
Property Taxes	Plaistow Tax Collector	382-8611 X17
Recreation & Parks	Plaistow Recreation Department	382-5200 X18
Recycling & Curbside Removal	Waste Management	1-800-447-5303
Red Cross	Great Bay Chapter	978-766-5440
Roads & Streets	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
School Administration Unit	Timberlane Regional School District	382-6119
School –Elementary	Pollard Elementary School	382-7146
School – Middle	Timberlane Regional Middle School	382-7131
School – High	Timberlane Regional High School	382-6541
Secretary of State	Office of Secretary of State	271-3242
Senior Citizen Center	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Senior Services	Elderly & Adult Services	1-800-852-7492
Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Support Serv. 24 hr.	436-4107
Sheriff	Rockingham County	772-4716
Social Security	Social Security Administration	978-374-1960
Superior Court	Rockingham Clerk of Courts	642-5256
Teen Pregnancy	Pregnancy Care Center	978-373-5700
Town Ordinances	Plaistow Code Enforcement Officer	382-1191 X20
Transportation	Retired Sr. Volunteer Program	436-4310
Unemployment Comp.	NH Dept. of Employment Security	893-9185
Veterans	Veterans Administration	1-800-562-5260
Visiting Nurses	Rockingham VNA	772-2981
Voter Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Welfare	NH Dept. of Human Services	1-800-852-7492



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### ***APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT***

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Plaistow is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the town to continue this tradition.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees are made up of volunteers. Recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations, and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Plaistow residents.

If you are a registered voter of Plaistow and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectmen's Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Board of Adjustments

\_\_\_\_\_ Building Needs Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Cable TV Advisory Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Highway Safety Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ Recycling Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Qualifications:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_





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### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CARD**

In an effort to assure preparedness in the event of an emergency in Plaistow, please complete this Emergency Assistance Card and either mail it to Plaistow Emergency Management, 27 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH 03865 or fax to 382-4172 or call Plaistow Emergency Management at 382-5847 and provide the information below.

**(THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND  
WILL BE FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY.)**

Please mark an "X" in EACH box that applies to you.

I/This person will need help in the event of an emergency:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TDD \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you to update this information? Yes ☐ No ☐

I consider myself to be:

Help needed:

☐ Deaf or Hard of Hearing

☐ Translator (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Blind/Low Vision

☐ Need a ride

☐ Wheelchair user

☐ Need a wheelchair accessible ride

☐ Confined to bed

☐ Need an ambulance for transportation

☐ Developmentally disabled

☐ Need individualized notification

☐ Learning disabled

☐ Service Animal

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Relative or emergency contact:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

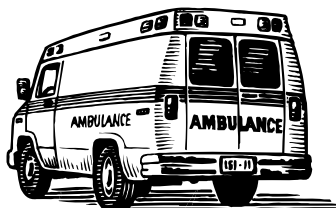
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (work) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***PREPARING A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN***

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out of Town Contact Name:	Telephone Number:
Email:	
Neighborhood Meeting Place:	Telephone Number:
Regional Meeting Place:	Telephone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Telephone Number:

**Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.**

Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:

**Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.**

#### **Work Location One**

Address:
Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:

#### **Work Location Two**

Address:
Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:

#### **Other place you frequent**

Address:
Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:

#### **School Location One**

Address:
Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:

#### **School Location Two**

Address:
Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:

#### **Other place you frequent**

Address:
Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s):			
Other:			
Pharmacist:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			

***DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES!***



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## TOWN PHONE NUMBERS

### **TOWN HALL – 145 Main Street**

■ Assessor's Office	382-5200 X 11
■ Cable Channel 17/Comcast Comments	382-5200
■ Cable Studio	382-5200 X 43
■ Department of Building Safety	382-1191 X 20
■ Finance Department	382-5200 X 12
■ Health Department	382-2494 X 21
■ Highway Department	382-6771
■ Human Services Coordinator	382-5200 X 25
■ Planning Department	382-7371 X 14
■ Recreation Director	382-5200 X 18
■ Selectmen's Office	382-5200 X 10
■ Tax Collector	382-8611 X 17
■ Town Clerk	382-8129 X 16
■ Town Manager	382-5200 X 13
■ Zoning Board of Adjustment	382-1191 X 20

### **DISTRICT COURT – 17 Elm Street**

■ Clerk of Court	382-4651
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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT – 27 Elm Street**

■ Emergency	911
■ All other calls	382-5012

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – 27 Elm Street**

■ Emergency	911
■ Animal Control Officer	382-6816
■ All other calls	382-1200

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY - 85 Main Street**

■ Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
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### **SCHOOLS**

■ School Administration (SAU 55), 30 Greenough Road	382-6119
■ Pollard School, 120 Main Street	382-7146
■ Timberlane Regional Middle School 44 Greenough Road	382-7131
■ Timberlane Regional High School, 36 Greenough Road	382-6541

## 2011 TOWN HALL HOLIDAYS

<b>New Year's Day:</b>	<b>Friday, December 31st</b>
<b>President's Day:</b>	<b>Monday, February 21st</b>
<b>Memorial Day:</b>	<b>Monday, May 30th</b>
<b>Independence Day:</b>	<b>Monday, July 4th</b>
<b>Labor Day:</b>	<b>Monday, September 5th</b>
<b>Columbus Day:</b>	<b>Monday, October 10th</b>
<b>Veterans' Day:</b>	<b>Friday, November 11th</b>
<b>Thanksgiving:</b>	<b>Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th</b>
<b>Christmas (2 Days)</b>	<b>Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th</b>

## TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Day of the Month:	Mondays
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Location:	Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

### PLANNING BOARD

Day of the Month:	First & Third Wednesday
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Location:	Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Day of the Month:	First & Third Thursday
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Plaistow Town Hall, Third Floor

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Day of the Month:	Last Thursday
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

### RECREATION COMMISSION

Day of the Month:	Second Wednesday
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Location:	Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

Day of the Month:	Third Tuesday
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Plaistow Public Library (Except July and August)

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Day of the Month:	Tuesday
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Location:	Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall (Fall & Winter)

### CABLE COMMITTEE

Day of the Month:	Third Wednesday
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Location:	Basement Plaistow Town Hall

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Day of the Month:	Third Tuesday
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Historical Society Museum

## TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Assessing Office	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Code Enforcement	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Finance Department	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Health Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Human Services	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Planning Department	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30PM
Recreation Dept.	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30PM
Selectmen's Office	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tax Collector Office	Monday – Wednesday 8:30 AM – Noon and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Town Clerk Office	Monday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday 8:00AM - 4:30PM Friday 7:00AM – Noon

Remaining Town Hall Departments are open from  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday

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