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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

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Supervisors of the Checklist	George Bourque Marlene Todd Gladys A. B. Tozier
Selectmen	Norman L. Major, Chairman LeRoy S. Dube Milton H. Todd
Treasurer	Ruth E. Jenne
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Budget Committee

Irving S. Gilman, Chairman
Garold Morse, Vice Chairman
Eleanor P. Sargent, Secretary
Rosemarie L. Bayek
Robert Cheek
Richard Hawkins
Douglas Laing
Michael McPherson
John Merrill
John A. Palmer
William Sculley
Joyce Wright
LeRoy S. Dube, Selectman

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Administrative Assistant	Robert Casazza-----*
Attorney	James F. Fleming-----*
Board of Adjustments	Donald E. Wood, Chm.-----1977 John D. Fitzgerald, V. C.1980 John Hansbury, Clerk-----1978 Emile Langlois-----1979 George W. Colby, Jr.-----1979
Alternates on the Board of Adjustments	John A. Palmer-----* Robert R. Rivard-----* William J. Simmons-----* Neil Walker-----*
Bookkeeper	Brenda E. Major-----*
Building Inspector	Guy L. Sawyer-----*
Cemetery Sexton	Herbert K. Reed-----*
Census Taker	Theresa Bourque-----*
Civil Defense Director	T. Richard Latham-----*
Dog Officer	Donald Sargent-----*
Board of Health	Aretemus J. W. Packard-----* Bernard J. Dube-----*
Highway Supervisor	Robert W. Bennett-----*

Police Department

Part Time Patrolmen

Norman W. Beaton-----*
Ernest Brown-----*
Alfred E. Chase-----*
John W. Colby-----*
Frederick C. Copp-----*
Bernard J. Dube-----*
Ignatius A. Fournier-----*
Thomas McTeague-----*
Walter O'Connor-----*
Meredith Packard-----*
Gene V. Paul-----*
Nicholas Pichowicz-----*
Joan Pichowicz-----*
William Query-----*
Bryan Richards-----*
Clinton W. Senter, Sr.-----*
Bradley S. Smith-----*
Milton H. Todd-----*
Curtis Young-----*

Selectmen's Clerk

Ruth E. Jenne-----*

Recreation Commission

Rosemarie L. Bayek, Chm.-----*
Dorothy Ketchum-----*
Barbara James, Treas.-----*
Sue Sherman-----*
Michael McPherson-----*
Nickolas Sarbanis-----*
Earl Smith-----*

Southern Rockingham Regional
Planning District Comm.

Donald McKendry-----*
Thomas H. Cullen-----*

Southern Rockingham Regional
Transportation Policy

LeRoy S. Dube-----*

Greater Lawrence Solid
Waste Committee

Joseph MacFarlane-----*

Alternate

Thomas H. Cullen-----*

Highway Safety

Alexander Brown, Jr.-----*
Joseph E. Coakley-----*
T. Richard Latham-----*
John Fitzgerald-----*
Robert W. Bennett-----*
Milton H. Todd-----*

Mosquito Control

Peter Taylor-----*
Robert R. Rivard-----*

Industrial Commission	Charles R. Graham, Chm.----- *
	Irving S. Gilman----- *
	Carlton S. Ingalls----- *
	William F. Simmons----- *
	Joan Keezer----- *
	Albin Noyes----- *
Librarian	Susan Allison----- *
Assistant Librarians	Muriel Herrick----- *
	Marjorie Knowles----- *
Long & Short Range Committee	Arnold P. Ziemian, Chm.----- *
	Samuel Conti, V. Chm.----- *
	Rita Sampson, Sec.----- *
Merrimack Valley Health Planning District	Donald L. Durand----- *
Old Home Day Committee	Barry A. Sargent, Chm.----- *
	Sue Sherman, V. Chm.----- *
	Marsha Gallotti, Sec.----- *
	Brenda E. Major, Pub.----- *
	Rosemarie L. Bayek, Treas.----- *
Overseer of the Poor Welfare Department	Board of Selectmen
Planning Board	J. Alden Palmer, Chm.----- 1978
	Charles O. Stevens, II----- 1979
	Walter Pearson----- 1980
	Eleanor P. Sargent----- 1981
	Milton H. Todd, Selectman
Alternates to the Planning Board	Bernard J. Dube----- 1978
	Thomas H. Cullen----- 1979
Police Department	
Chief	Alexander Brown, Jr.----- *
Full Time Patrolmen	Robert L. Tanguay----- *
	Joseph E. Coakley----- *
	Kenneth J. Heim----- *
Clerk	Joan M. Pichowicz----- *

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Pollard School in said Plaistow on Tuesday, the fourteenth of March, next, at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept Trust Funds now held by the Cemetery Trustees.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
5. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the revised law relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this Town?
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800.00) for the purchase of approximately one acre of land on Sweet Hill Road for the eventual erection of a Water Tower (Map 71, Block 1, Lot 1). (Recommended by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to hot top the parking area at the Public Library. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) to reshingle and repair roof of the Public Library Building. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purchase of a water sump pump for the Highway Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) to purchase office furniture and equipment for offices of the Town Clerk and Tax collector which are being established at the Town Hall. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purchase of land and buildings on Elm Street owned by the Lagasse Amusement Company for future Municipal Facilities and authorize the withdrawal of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistant Act of 1972 with the balance to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Planning Board)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the renovation and completion of the second floor of the Town Library Building and to raise the said sum by the issuance of Town Notes and Bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue Bonds or Notes, and to fix the rate of interest and all other terms thereof and to take such action as may be required to effectuate the purpose of this vote or authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,700.00) to conduct a Feasibility Study and Water Quality Testing Program to develop Kelly Brook Dam and Reservoir for a municipal water supply. (Recommended by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to install an automatic fire alarm system in the Library Building, the Highway Garage and the Fire House. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900.00) to install an automatic fire alarm system in the Town Hall Building. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$5,270.00) for the purpose of conducting a Summer Recreation Program for all children of Plaistow in grades one through eight. Also, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate, and do all things necessary to get approval of and to accept and spend Community Services Administration (CSA) funds for the purpose of purchasing recreation equipment and materials. Said CETA and CSA funds to be used to reduce the above dollar sum appropriated by the Town. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,700.00) for the purchase and installation of a Hydraulic Sander for the Highway Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to be used in the construction of the Vic Geary Drop-In Center. Said Center to be built on Greenough Road in Plaistow. (By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) to conduct Halloween Parties for the children of Plaistow. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to defray the expense of Old Home Day for the citizens of Plaistow (RSA 31:4 XXI). (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) for extension of the water main system from the Pump House at the water reservoir down Nicholas Road to Kingston Road and to raise the sum by issuance of Town Notes or Bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue bonds or notes, and to fix the rate of interest and all other terms thereof and take such action as may be required to effectuate the purpose of this vote. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in a savings account for the Plaistow Conservation Commission. These monies plus any future monies received for this purpose, shall be used to purchase land which the Commission feels would be useful to the Town of Plaistow for conservation purposes. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be set aside and added to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund for the future purchase of new and improved equipment for the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be set aside for a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for future purchases of Highway equipment. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purchase of a One Ton Truck and Snowplow for the Highway Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thr sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) being a contribution to the Greater Salem Mental Health Association by the Town of Plaistow for service to its citizens. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the purchase of office furniture for the Police Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) being a contribution to to the Plaistow Historical Society, Inc. for a display case and storage cabinet for artifacts. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the installation of a well, pump and drinking fountain at the public Recreation Field. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to preserve and restore our 225th Flag and Banner. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purchase of widening the present entrance doors of the Fire House. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-One Dollars (\$81.00) to assist the Rockingham Child and Family Service for Counseling Services rendered to residents of the Town. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)
33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Ten Cents (\$3,371.10) to continue the position of the Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board from September 1st thru December 31st, 1978. (Recommended by the Planning Board) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)
34. To see if the Town will vote to receive and spend the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$1,583.00) for office equipment for the District Court. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

35. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to make application for and to receive and spend up to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) of funds that may become available to the Town under "Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1972" as amended (CETA) for the purpose of providing federally subsidized training and employment opportunities to benefit both residents of the community and the community-at-large. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend Two Hundred Forty-two Dollars (\$242.00) provided to the Town of Plaistow by the United States Office of Revenue Sharing as provided in their Anti-Recessional Assistance Fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
37. "Shall we adopt the new provisions of RSA 72:43-C relative to expanded exemptions on Real Estate for the Elderly, changing the eligibility requirement that a person may own no more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) in assets of any kind to a requirement that a person may own no more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in assets of any kind?"
- yes no
38. "Shall we adopt the new provisions of RSA 72:43-B relative to expanded exemptions on Real Estate for the Elderly, changing the the basis of the exemption from the equalized assessed valuation to the actual actual assessed valuation?"
- yes no
39. "Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to Five (5) members?"
- yes no
40. "Be it resolved by the Town of Plaistow that the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in the Town of Plaistow, in the State of New Hampshire, that said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project for the elderly/low income under Section 8 of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended, for any of the following accomodations: (a) existing standard housing 30 dwelling units; (b) rehabilitated housing 10 dwelling units. The Total number of Dwelling units authorized by this and all previous authorizations shall not exceed 40 dwelling units."
41. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-A which makes it unlawful for an owner of any dog licensed or unlicensed to permit said dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such?"
- yes no

42. To see if the Town wishes to exclude from its Social Security Plan services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set aside the Twenty Acres (20) more or less (Map 24, Block 3, Lot 3) 81-93 Old County Road for Recreation and open space use only.
44. To see whether the townspeople can and will authorize the expenditures of Town funds for the cost of Legal Representation of a Selectman contesting a Petition of residents and eligible voters seeking reconsideration of his election as Selectman. (By Petition)
45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell a parcel of land on East Pine Street (Map 53, Block 2, Lot 6) approximately 9800 square feet with 40' frontage and 330' depth to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Judson, Jr. for the sum of One Hundred and One Dollars (\$101.00) plus legal expenses.
46. To see if the Town will convey to William W. Conte a parcel of tax deeded land described on assessors Map 42, Block 2, Lot 25. The consideration for said sale shall be the amount of Ninety-Three Dollars and One Cent (\$93.01) which included back taxes and interest plus all legal costs, as well as the transfer to the Town of Plaistow for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) the following parcel of land approximately 7860 square feet located at the intersection of the Northerly side line of East Road leading from Westville to Hampstead, Southerly by the Northerly side of East Road 206' Northerly by the Southerly side of Old Westville Road 206' and Easterly by a curve extending in a Westerly direction and having a radius of 60' more or less and a length of arc of 154.98 more or less.
47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the above described tax deeded property on assessors Map 42, Block 2, Lot 25 at a public auction. (This article will be withdrawn if article #46 above is approved).
48. To see if the Town will rescind Article 1 of Special Town Meeting, June 6, 1970 "quote"
"To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of approximately 2,940 feet of pipe with necessary hydrants and appurtenances, for the purpose of extending fire protection to an additional section of the Town including a proposed new industry to be located therein; and to that end to appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for this purpose; and to raise the said sum by issuance of notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the provisions of revised statutes annotated Ch. 33 known as the municipal finance act; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue said bonds or notes upon the credit of the Town, and to take such other action as may be required to effectuate the purpose of this vote."

49. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain Federal Interest Free Loans, and to expend the same, as may be required for the preparation of plans and designs of Town Roads, Municipal Buildings, extension of Water System and Sewer System and other Town functions.
50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for specific purposes for the Town of Plaistow.
51. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to make application for and to receive and spend in the name of the Town, such advances, grants-in-aide, or other funds for Town purposes as may now, or hereafter be forthcoming from Federal, State, Local or private agencies that would be of benefit to the Town.
52. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Plaistow, as proposed by the Planning Board.

Amend Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Plaistow adopted March 14, 1956, and thereafter amended as follows:

ARTICLE III Definitions - Section K added in:

Piggery defined: The keeping, raising and maintaining of any pig for sale, breeding or any commercial purpose and/or the keeping, raising and maintaining at any time more than two (2) pigs for the owners personel use. (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IV SECTION G1 - Revised first paragraph to read:

Adoption of codes to govern the construction, fabrication, erection, enlargement, repair, location and use of one (1) and two (2) family detached dwellings entitled "One (1) and Two (2) Family Dwelling Code 1975 Edition and B.O.C.A. Basic Housing Property Maintenance Code 1975 Edition" and to adopt a code to secure safety to life and property from all hazards incident to the design, erection, repair, removal, demolition or use and occupancy of buildings, structures or premises other than detached one (1) and two (2) family dwellings entitled the B.O.C.A. Basic Building Code "1975" deleting from the B.O.C.A. Basic Building Code the following sections: (Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IV SECTION G - Add #2:

A change or proposed change in ownership or usage in any non residential building, conducting or proposing to conduct a commercial or industrial enterprise, shall be caused for the owner or leasee of such property to obtain an occupancy for use of the premises certificate as required under regulations of B.O.C.A. code #120.0. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IV SECTION G-3 being added:

No person shall maintain a piggery as herein defined in any district within this Town. Two (2) pigs for the use and pleasure of the owner thereof may be kept, raised and maintained subject to the following regulations:

1.) The owner thereof must obtain a permit from the Health Officer of the Town, which permit shall remain in full force and effect provided:

- a) The applicant intends to pen the pigs on a lot with a minimum of two (2) acres.
- b) The sty and any associated enclosure is a minimum of 200' from a lot line.
- c) The maintenance of said pigs is not in violation of RSA 147.

2.) Said permit may be revoked by the Health Officer of the Town for failure to conform to the permit and continued maintenance of pigs without a permit shall subject the owner to a violation for each and every day said maintenance continued after revocation.

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE V SECTION 6A - revised to read:

The proposed occupation may not occupy more than 25% of the gross floor area in the dwelling " and must be carried out entirely within the principle dwelling structure".

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE VI SECTION 10 - revised to read:

One permanent sign having an area on one side of over 15 square feet but not over 30 square feet and one permanent sign having an area pf 15 square feet or under with no one dimension exceeding 8 feet on either sign shall be permitted in a commercial zone provided it pertains to enterprises conducted on the premises. Each such sign shall be permitted upon application approval by the Building Inspector and providing it conforms to the code set forth in the building code requirements and the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Upon the Building Inspectors approval the permit will be issued to the owner after the \$15.00 permit fee has been paid to the Town for each such sign.

Any sign having an area of over 30 square feet, or not covered by the building code requirements pertaining to enterprises conducted on the premises shall not be erected or maintained without permission being granted by the Board of Adjustment and a finding by the board that such use is not objectionable under the terms and in accordance with the spirit of this ordinance, which findings shall not be made without proper notice and hearing. Upon approval by the Board of Adjustment the Building Inspector shall upon application, issue a sign permit to the applicant after a fee of \$15.00 for such sign has been paid to the Town. No more than two permanent signs for each occupancy shall be permitted in this zone in the Town.

Temporary sign permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 90 days providing they are non flashing and pertain to business conducted on the premises. Such signs shall have a square footage of not more than 32 square feet and no one dimension of over 8 feet. Only one temporary sign permit will be issued to any one business during any one twelve month consecutive period. Permit fee upon application approval by the Building Inspector shall be \$25.00 per sign payable to the Town.

All electrically illuminated signs shall be certified as to the electric wiring and devices by the Building Inspector and all wiring and accessory electrical equipment shall conform to the National Electric Code as adopted. All signs shall conform to the B.O.C.A. code with the following exception: flashing signs will not be permitted.

Delete the following from the B.O.C.A. Basic Building Code.

Sections;

1402.2.1

1402.2.2

1402.2.5'

1402.3.1

1410.

Amend the following in the B.O.C.A. Basic Building Code

1409.2 and change from "a ground sign shall not be set nearer to the street lot line than the established building line". To read "a ground sign shall be set back 30' from center of the road on Town roads, and as prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, on State roads".

1409.5 Amended to read "the maximum height of 30 feet".

Temporary banners and cloth signs shall meet the requirements as set forth in the code and shall require a permit from Building Inspector. The permit fee shall be \$25.00 payable to the Town. They shall meet the size requirements for temporary signs.

All applicants receiving sign permits shall agree to maintain their signs in a neat and orderly fashion as therein described in the building code. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE VIII SECTION 2A- Add at the end:

"Start-up time for all machinery associated with a quarry or gravel or sand pit shall be no earlier than seven (7) A.M. and removal of material from the site shall be no earlier than seven-thirty (7:30) A.M. Termination of removal from the site shall be no later than four-thirty (4:30) P.M. and all machinery must be shut down by six (6) P.M. These operating hours shall be for Monday through Saturday. No operation will take place on Sundays.

No excavation shall take place closer than fifteen (15) feet from the top of the bank to any boundary line and be no closer in depth than five (5) feet from the seasonal high water table.

The final slopes will be a reasonably desirable grade for the development of the area in relation to the surrounding areas within the district. Under no circumstances will any finished slopes be steeper than one vertical to one horizontal."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3-A - Revised to read:

Every person intending to erect, construct, alter, restore, move or "demolish" any structure or portion thereof within the Town shall, before proceeding to do any of the work connected therewith, file with the Building Inspector a request for a permit to do so accompanied by so much of the following information as may be pertinent: (Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3A.3 - to be added:

"One set of the plans will be retained by the Building Inspector for his records." (Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3A.6 - adding new section:

"Building permits will not be required for the following exceptions: Reshingling an existing building, or the paving of existing driveways, erecting fences, the replacement of windows or doors (providing the replacement casings are the same size and basic design as the old casements), or the general maintenance of property providing work is done in accordance with the Town's established codes and ordinances."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3B - Revised to read:

The permit shall clearly state at which stage of construction each inspection shall take place. The permit shall become void unless work thereunder is commenced within six (6) months of the date of issuance thereof and such work shall proceed with reasonable expedition once it has begun.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3C.1

The applicant shall pay to the Town a fee at the time of filing application. Said fee to be based upon estimated cost at time of such filing as follows:

Estimated cost - \$299 or less - no fee

Estimated cost - \$300 to \$4,000. - \$10.00 fee

Estimated cost - over 4,000. - \$2.50 fee per thousand dollar construction cost.

Demolition permits fee \$5.00/floor to be demolished.

"Separate permits shall be required for all chimney construction, wiring and plumbing installations, changes or alterations. There will be no charge for these permits. Such permits must be obtained by the person actually performing the work."

"No permit or fee shall be required for temporary repairs to a building due to a fire or an accident."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3C.2 - Add in:

"Estimated Cost for residential buildings shall be \$25./sq. ft. first floor and unfinished basement; \$15./sq. ft. for each additional finished area; and \$10./sq. ft. for each additional unfinished area."

"Estimated Cost for garages in residential areas shall be \$2000. per stall up to two stalls then \$1500. per stall for each additional stall."

"Estimated Costs for Industrial or Commercial buildings shall be computed at \$18./ sq. ft. for each floor to be used."

"Estimated Cost above is used for determining the cost of the permit not assessment."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 3C.3 - Add in:

"If violations are found, an additional \$5.00 fee per inspection will be charged."

"In the event work has started prior to the issuance of any building permit or permit covered in Section 10, a \$25.00 fee will be charged in addition to the regular per fee."

"In the event an unsafe structure or cease and desist order has been issued there will be a \$10.00 fee for its removal."

"The fee for a requested inspection of an existing building by the owner shall be \$10.00."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 4 - Revised to read:

"It shall be unlawful to occupy a new dwelling, additional or any new or existing commercial or industrial building or any part of any building approved for home occupation or use a new garage, structure or swimming pool without first obtaining an occupancy or usage permit from the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector shall notify the Fire and/or Health Inspector as necessary to in-

spect for occupancy or usage of any of the above as the situation warrants. Permits will be issued only after all work authorized under the building permit has been completed and only if the work on the premises meets code requirements for the type of occupancy desired. Occupancy permit fees will be \$5.00, if no building permit fee was required. Each additional inspection for occupancy or usage where violations are found will result in additional \$5.00 fee. Any owner of any new dwelling, structure, home occupation, pool, or commercial or industrial property that uses or occupies or allows to be used or occupied without a proper occupancy or usage permit shall pay to the Town \$10.00 for each day or part thereof such an occupancy or usage exists."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

ARTICLE IX SECTION 9 - add in:

"All fees and fines as defined and written in this Ordinance shall be payable to the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire.."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

yes

no

53. To see if the Town will vote to accept as submitted the reports of Agents, Auditors, and other officers and committees heretofore appointed.
54. To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

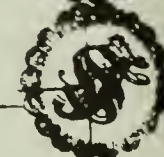
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

Selectmen
of
Plaistow

Norman L. Major
Norman L. Major, Chairman

LeRoy S. Dube
LeRoy S. Dube

Milton H. Todd
Milton H. Todd



TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Guy L. Sawyer & Donald Sargent, Dog Officers

The following lists covers the time from January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

71 Calls for information

There are a lot of changes in laws. Please check in this book on amendments. My main goal will be getting dogs licensed and restrained. I ask for your support and cooperation.'

Guy L. Sawyer & Donald Sargent
Dog Officers

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978
Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year, January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1977	Actual Revenue Prev. Year 1977	Estimated Revenue Ens. Year 1978
<u>From State:</u>			
Interest & Div. Tax \$	20,000.00	\$ 21,283.87	\$ 20,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	6,300.00	8,521.53	8,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	32,000.00	43,867.66	40,000.00
Highway Subsidy	20,434.30	20,434.30	32,292.43
Reimb. Bus. Profit Tax	7,612.00	7,612.00	7,993.00
<u>From Local Sources:</u>			
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	2,583.65	2,000.00
Bus. Permits & Filing	10.00	16.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	90,000.00	136,293.00	110,000.00
Int. on Taxes & Dep.	20,000.00	49,637.42	20,000.00
Income from Tr. Funds	10.00	8.90	10.00
Withdraw from Capital Reserve Funds	1,750.00	1,750.00	-0-
Fines & Forfeits District Court	10,000.00	12,812.35	10,000.00
Resident Tax Retained	32,000.00	31,740.00	31,000.00
Rent of Town Property	10.00	20.00	10.00
Income from Depts.	2,100.00	38,855.75	2,100.00
<u>From Federal and State Sources</u>	<u>355,821.00</u>	<u>355,821.00</u>	<u>288,470.00</u>
Total Revenue from all Sources except Property Taxes	\$599,347.30 =====	\$692,401.68 =====	\$571,885.43
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes; ex- clusive of County & School Taxes			<u>\$373,265.30</u>
Total Revenue			<u>\$945,150.73</u> =====

Purpose of Expenditures	Appropriations Prev. Year 1977	Appropriations Recommended By Budget Committee 1978	Appropriations Without Rec. of Budget Committee 1978
<u>General Government:</u>			
<u>Town Officers' Salaries</u>	\$ 14,900.00	\$ 16,331.70	
Town Officers' Expenses	27,900.00	53,320.00	
Elections & Registrations	1,200.00	2,621.78	
District Court	16,200.00	19,350.00	
Town Hall Expense	18,000.00	17,550.00	
<u>Protection of Persons and Property:</u>			
<u>Police Department</u>	97,380.00	110,940.07	
Fire Department	36,250.00	40,809.45	
Care of Trees	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Planning and Zoning	4,050.00	5,940.00	
Damage by Dogs	2,400.00	3,000.00	
Damages and Legal Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<u>Health:</u>			
<u>Ambulance Service</u>	8,325.00	11,100.00	
Board of Health	640.00	600.00	
Vital Statistics	150.00	100.00	
Sanitary Land Fill	24,320.00	27,423.00	
<u>Highways and Bridges:</u>			
<u>Highway Department</u>	94,260.00	110,109.93	
Street Lighting	22,500.00	23,625.00	
Town Road Aid	569.35	581.80	
<u>Libraries:</u>			
<u>Library Trustees</u>	17,974.00	24,100.00	
<u>Public Welfare:</u>			
<u>Town Poor</u>	12,000.00	16,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	9,000.00	

<u>Patriotic Purposes:</u>				
Memorial Day	\$	300.00	\$	500.00
<u>Recreation:</u>				
Recreation Commission		5,434.00		5,094.00
Parks and Playgrounds		1,100.00		1,000.00
<u>Public Service Enterprises:</u>				
Municipal Water Syatem		10,000.00		13,000.00
Cemeteries		4,000.00		4,000.00
Conservation Commission		300.00		300.00
Industrial Commission		300.00		1.00
Regional Planning District		3,534.00		3,401.00
<u>Interest on Debts:</u>				
Temporary Loans		20,000.00		20,000.00
Long Term Notes		8,511.00		7,857.00
<u>Payments on Debt Principal:</u>				
Long Term Notes		31,500.00		33,000.00
Total Operating Budget	\$	498,497.35	\$	587,155.73
<u>Special Articles:</u>				
Fire Dept. - Equipment Fund	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
Highway Dept. - Equipment Fund		5,000.00		5,000.00
Gr. Salem Mental Health Assoc.		3,000.00		3,000.00
Vic Geary Drop-In Center		3,000.00		
Summer Recreation Program	(a)	5,268.00	(a)	5,270.00
Children's Halloween Parties		600.00		700.00
Administrative Assistant		5,200.00		
Harriman Road Developments		4,500.00		
Glendale Circle Improvements		2,500.00		
Greenough Road Survey		3,600.00		
Miscellaneous Road Surveys		990.00		
Town Employees F.I.C.A.		4,588.00		
Independent Audit Town Books		3,000.00		
Anti Recessional Assistance	(a)	387.00	(a)	242.00
Old Home Day Services		600.00		500.00
Storage House - Recreation Park		1,700.00		
Arts & Crafts - Recreation Park		1,000.00		

Water Line Extensions - E.D.A.	(a)	\$ 351,966.00	\$	
Treasurer's Salary Increase		500.00		
Well and Pump - Recreation Park				500.00
Sweet Hill Land Purchase				5,800.00
Purchase of Lagasse Property	(b)			100,000.00
C.E.T.A. Funds	(a)			125,000.00
Alternations to Front Entrance - Fire House				2,500.00
Extension of Water Line to Kingston Road	(c)			70,000.00
Renovate 2nd Floor of Library				
Hot Top Parking Area at Library				2,000.00
Repair Roof of Lib. Building				1,300.00
Hist. Society Display Cabinets				500.00
Water Quality Testing Program - Kelly Brook				3,700.00
Planning Bd. - Adm Asst.				
Savings Acct. - Cons. Commission				3,371.10
Rock. Child & Family Service				5,000.00
Water Sump Pump - High. Dept.				81.00
Police Dept. - Office Furniture				1,000.00
District Court - Office Furniture				1,500.00
Town Clerk & Tax Collector				1,583.00
Office Furniture				1,400.00
One Ton Dump Truck with Plow				
Highway Dept.				10,000.00
Hydraulic Sander - High. Dept.				3,700.00
Fire Alarm Syatem - Town Hall				
Fire Alarm System - Fire House, etc.				2,500.00
Storage Cab. - 225 Anniv. Flag & Banner				300.00
				<u>3,900.00</u>
			\$	40,352.10
			=====	
(a) Federal or State Source		\$ 140,275.93	\$	
(b) Revenue Sharing Funds		90,000.00		
(c) Issuance of Town Notes or Bonds		70,000.00		25,000.00

SUMMARY AND INVENTORY

Land		\$ 11,614,470.00
Buildings		\$ 36,942,635.00
Public Utilities:		
Gas	\$ 335,150.00	
Electric	<u>\$ 1,245,692.00</u>	\$ 1,580,842.00
Boats and Launches		\$ 8,850.00
Less:		
Current Use Value Credit		<u>\$ 101,195.00</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed		\$ 50,045,602.00
Less:		
Elderly & Blind Exemptions		<u>\$ 704,250.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		<u>\$ 49,341,352.00</u> =====

Number of Inventories Distributed for 1977

Mailed	1941
Date Mailed	March 15, 1977
Number of Inventories Returned	1035

Selectmen:

Norman L. Major, Chairman
LeRoy S. Dube
Milton H. Todd

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR 1977

Town Officers Salaries	\$	14,900.00
Town Officers Expenses		27,900.00
Elections & Registrations		1,200.00
District Court		16,200.00
Town Hall Expense		18,000.00
Police Department		97,380.00
Fire Department		36,250.00
Care of Trees		1,500.00
Planning & Zoning		4,050.00
Damages By Dogs		2,400.00
Damages & Legal Expenses		4,000.00
Civil Defense		1,000.00
Health Department		8,965.00
Vital Statistics		150.00
Town Dump Maintenance		24,320.00
Highway Department		94,260.00
Street Lighting		22,500.00
Town Road Aid		569.35
Library		17,974.00
Town Poor		12,000.00
Old Age Assistance		8,000.00
Memorial Day		300.00
Recreation Commission		5,434.00
Parks & Playgrounds		1,100.00
Water Service Maintenance		10,000.00
Cemeteries		4,000.00
Conservation Commission		300.00
Industrial Commission		300.00
Southern Rockingham Regional Planning		3,534.00
Payments on Debts - Principle		31,500.00
Payments on Debts - Interest		28,511.00
*Greater Salem Mental Health		3,000.00
*Halloween Parties		600.00
*Summer Recreation Program		5,268.00
*Extension of Water Line		351,966.00
*Treasurer Salary Increase		500.00
*Cont. Administrative Assistant		5,200.00
*Vic Geary Drop-In		3,000.00
*Fire Department Equipment Fund		10,000.00
*Storage Area - Ingalls Terrace		1,700.00
*Arts & Crafts - Ingalls Terrace		1,000.00
*Highway Department Equipment Fund		5,000.00
*Harriman Road Improvement		4,500.00
*Glendale Circle Improvement		2,500.00
*Town Audit		3,000.00
*Employees Social Security		4,588.00
*Anti-Recessional		387.00
*Old Home Day		600.00
*Greenough Road project		3,600.00
*Highway Survey		990.00
County Tax Assessment		91,349.00
Timberlane Regional School District	25	1,948,374.00
TOTAL		\$ 2,945,619.35

Less - Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 21,283.00	
Savings Bank Tax	8,521.00	
Highway Subsidy	20,434.00	
Meals & Rooms Tax	37,227.00	
Yield Tax	233.00	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	12,000.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	290.00	
Fighting Forest Fires	100.00	
Resident Taxes Retained	32,590.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	6.00	
Summer Recreation Program	400.00	
Police - ASAP	1,000.00	
Water Tower Reimbursement	1,750.00	
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing	550.00	
Fines & Forfeits - District Court	12,000.00	
Rent of Town Property	10.00	
Interest Received on Deposits	22,000.00	
Income from Trust Funds	10.00	
Income from Departments	1,700.00	
Income from Water Dept.	2,100.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits	120,000.00	
Federal EDA Funds	351,966.00	
Anti-Recessional	387.00	
Cash Surplus	<u>70,000.00</u>	\$ 717,857.00
Total of Town, School and County		\$ 2,227,762.00
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted 170 Special Session		\$ 146,403.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits Overlay		27,400.00 <u>7,985.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised		\$ 2,116,744.00 =====
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Gross Property Taxes		\$ 2,116,744.00
Less War Service Credits		<u>27,400.00</u>
Total Tax Committment		\$ 2,089,344.00 =====

Tax Rate Approved by State Commission per \$100.00

Municipality	\$.43
County	.17
School	3.69
	<u>\$ 4.29</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 1977

Appropriation Account	Amount	Receipts	Payments	Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 14,900.00	\$	\$ 14,807.15	\$ 92.85	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	27,900.00	4,114.60	43,665.56		11,630.96
Elections & Reg.	1,200.00	15.00	719.64	495.36	
District Court	16,200.00	12,812.35	15,250.00	13,762.35	
Town Hall	18,000.00	25.00	16,365.75	1,659.25	
Police Department	97,380.00	12,508.59	105,943.78	3,944.81	
Fire Department	36,250.00	1,658.53	35,548.11	2,360.42	
Care of Trees	1,500.00		1,124.41	375.59	
Planning & Zoning	4,050.00	2,169.00	4,066.84	2,152.16	
Damages by Dogs	2,400.00		2,459.65		59.65
Damages & Legal Exp.	4,000.00		3,880.50	119.50	
Civil Defense	1,000.00		975.87	24.13	
Health Department	8,965.00	710.00	8,834.82	840.18	
Vital Statistics	150.00		70.38	79.62	
Town Dump	24,320.00	2,088.00	25,356.65	1,051.35	
Highway Department	94,260.00	2,588.87	96,769.32	79.55	
Street Lighting	22,500.00		19,633.19	2,866.81	
Town Road Aid	569.35		569.35	-	
Library	17,974.00	124.20	18,098.20	-	
Town Poor	12,000.00	1,426.25	16,340.87		2,914.62
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	233.63	8,567.19		333.56
Memorial Day	300.00		291.58	8.42	
Recreation Commission	5,434.00	29.95	5,463.95	-	
Parks & Playgrounds	1,100.00		784.91	315.09	
Water Tower Maint.	10,000.00	6,707.74	9,434.25	7,273.49	
Cemeteries	4,000.00	3,511.13	4,652.59	2,858.54	
Conservation Comm.	300.00			300.00	
Industrial Comm.	300.00			300.00	
So. Rock. Regional	3,534.00		3,534.00	-	
Temporary Loan - Int.	20,000.00	37,186.95	31,915.34	25,271.61	
Long Term Note - Int.	8,511.00		8,696.92		185.92
Long Term Note	31,500.00		31,500.00	-	
Treasurers' Increase	500.00		500.00	-	
Salem Mental Health	3,000.00		3,000.00	-	
Halloween Parties	600.00		600.00	-	
Summer Recreation	5,268.00	400.00	4,517.04	1,150.96	

Water Line - EDA	\$351,966.00	\$	\$351,966.00	\$	-	
Cont. Adm. Assistant	5,200.00		5,200.00		-	
Vic Geary Drop In	3,000.00		3,000.00		-	
Fire Department Equip.	10,000.00		10,000.00		-	
Storage Shed - Rec.	1,700.00		1,700.00		-	
Arts & Crafts - Rec.	1,000.00		1,000.00		-	
Highway Dept. Equip.	5,000.00		5,000.00		-	
Harriman Rd. Improve.	4,500.00		4,500.00		-	
Glendale Circle Improve.	2,500.00		2,500.00		-	
Town Audit	3,000.00		3,000.00		-	
Anti-Recessional	387.00		387.00		-	
Old Home Day	600.00	789.33	570.26	380.93		
Greenough Rd. project	3,600.00		3,600.00		-	
Highway Survey	990.00		990.00		-	
Employees Soc. Security	4,588.00	3,010.46	7,598.46		-	
CETA - Highway		26,362.17	26,889.05			526.88
CETA - Town Hall		9,722.88	10,670.88			948.00
CETA - Planning Board		1,908.88	2,508.88			600.00
	\$905,896.35	\$ 129,884.44	\$977,960.24	67,762.97		17,219.59
	=====	=====	=====			
Less Overdrafts				17,219.59		
Unexpended Balance				50,543.38		
Overlay	\$ 7,985.00			4,999.47		
Refunds & Abatements				55,542.85		
(by voucher)						
Less Abatements to Collector:						
Property and Resident 1977		\$ 8,222.96				
Property and Resident Prior Yrs.		3,791.06		\$ 12,014.02		
Net Unexpended Balance				43,528.83		

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Cash on Deposit		\$	520,977.39
Cash on Deposit - Specials:			
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	\$ 13,910.38		
Fire Dept. Truck Account	34,376.09		
Town Hall Brick Pointing	2,444.94		
Planning Board Recreation Acct.	12,776.33		
Mt. Misery	202.22		
Mt. Misery Grant	257.49		
Revenue Sharing Account	45,048.42		
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste Acct.	115.99		
Highway Dept. Account	217.32		
Water Line Account	5,469.03		
Library Gift & Note Account	1,476.90		
Highway Equip. Account	5,000.00		
Harriman Road Account	3,800.00		
Town Audit	3,000.00		
Glendale Circle Account	1,810.00		
Adm. Assistant Cont. Salary	5,200.00		
Greenough Rd. Urban D.	3,150.00		
Treasurers' Salary Inc.	125.00		
EDA Public Works Account	700.00	\$	139,080.11
Unredeemed Taxes:			
Year 1976	\$ 80,125.60		
Year 1975	30,273.16		
Year 1974	11,473.96		
Previous Years	11,733.51	\$	133,606.23
Uncollected Taxes:			
Property & Resident Taxes			
1977	\$483,076.37		
1976	1,250.00		
1975	228.07		
Previous Years	5,406.78		
Head Tax	220.00	\$	490,181.22
		\$	1,283,844.95
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STATE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (cont.)

Liabilities

Timberlane Regional School District		\$ 981,374.00
State of New Hampshire:		
Unremitted Resident Taxes		\$ 132.00
Special Reserve Account:		
Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 13,910.38	
Fire Department Truck Account	34,376.09	
Town Hall Brick Pointing	2,444.94	
Planning Board Recreation Acct.	12,776.33	
Mt. Misery Acct.	202.22	
Mt. Misery Grant Acct.	257.49	
Revenue Sharing	45,048.42	
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste	115.99	
Highway Department	217.32	
Water Line Account	5,469.03	
Library Gift & Note Account	1,476.90	
Highway Equipment Fund	5,000.00	
Harriman Road Account	3,800.00	
Town Audit	3,000.00	
Glendale Circle	1,810.00	
Adm. Assistant Cont. Salary	5,200.00	
Greenough Rd. Urban D	3,150.00	
Treasurers' Salary Inc.	125.00	
EDA Public Works Account	700.00	\$ 139,080.11
		<u>\$ 1,120,586.11</u>
Surplus		\$ 163,258.84
		<u>\$ 1,283,844.95</u>
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall:		
Land and Buildings	\$	160,000.00
Furniture and Equipment		9,000.00
Library:		
Land and Buildings		100,000.00
Furniture and Equipment		18,171.00
Police Department:		
Equipment		14,000.00
Fire Department:		
Land and Buildings		36,000.00
Equipment		69,000.00
Highway Department:		
Land and Buildings and Disposal Area		40,000.00
Equipment		70,000.00
Recreation:		
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds		42,000.00
Water Supply Facilities:		187,000.00
Water Holes:		7,500.00
Cemetery Equipment:		<u>400.00</u>
	\$	753,071.00

LAND AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEEDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	
Addie Carter	24A Mt. Misery	1	\$ 5,100.00
Arthur Cote	29A Merrill Land	2	12,100.00
G. Lorentzen	1A Noyes Farm	2	50.00
G. Denoncour, Est.	1A Castle Land	2	50.00
L. Demarais, Est.	Land - Danville Rd.		100.00
H. Harris	Land - Old County Rd.		19,100.00
H. Harris	Land - Main St.		10,350.00
H. Harris	Land - Main St.		9,300.00
W. Conti	Land - Main St.		<u>200.00</u>
			\$ 56,350.00

Code 1 Held for future town value

Code 2 Town's title clouded - not free to sell

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Fund Balance

Available Funds, January 1, 1977	\$	824.41
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Add Revenue:

Entitlement Payments	\$ 43,016.00	
Interest	<u>1,208.01</u>	<u>44,224.01</u>

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$	45,048.42
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Less Expenditures:

Capital Expenditures:		<u>-0-</u>
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Available Cash - December 31, 1977	\$	45,048.42
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Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized)
December 31, 1977

Capital Outlay:		-0-
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Available Unobligated Funds - December 31, 1977	\$	45,048.42
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We have examined the accounts and record for the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Plaistow, N. H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1977.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue Appropriations, Encumbrances & Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures & encumbrances incurred, & status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Plaistow, N. H. for the year ended December 31, 1977.

Signed,

Robert H. Chooljian
John Fitzgerald

Auditors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1977 Permits \$ 136,293.00

Filing Fees: 16.00

Dog Licenses Issued:

277 Neutered Dogs	\$ 691.30	
323 Male Dogs	944.50	
66 Female Dogs	409.35	
6 Lost Tags, Replaced @ .25	1.50	
230 Fees, Delayed	468.00	
2 Kennel Licenses @ 12.00	24.00	
1 Kennel License	25.00	
1 Kennel License	20.00	
		<u>2,583.65</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED \$ 138,892.65

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicles Permits	\$ 136,293.00
Filing Fees	16.00
Dog Licenses	<u>2,583.65</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TREASURER \$ 138,892.65

Respectfully submitted,

Helen A. Hart
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1977

-Debits-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,093,482.37	
Residents Taxes	32,590.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	6.50	

Total Warrants		\$ 2,126,078.87
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 202.30	
Resident Taxes	1,380.00	1,582.30

Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes		91.00
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 2,127,752.17
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-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,606,285.34	
Residents Taxes	30,070.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	6.50	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	91.00	\$ 1,636,452.84

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,182.96	
Resident Taxes	40.00	8,222.96

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977: (as per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 479,216.37	
Resident Taxes	3,860.00	483,076.37

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 2,127,752.17
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1976

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$	253,965.95	
Resident Taxes		<u>4,080.00</u>	\$ 258,045.95

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	510.00
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<u>Interest Collected on</u> <u>Delinquent Property Taxes:</u>	12,026.16
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<u>Penalties Collected on</u> <u>Resident Taxes:</u>	<u>296.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 270,878.11	=====
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-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$	251,956.51	
Resident Taxes		3,330.00	
Interest Collected During Year		12,026.16	
Penalties on Resident Taxes		<u>296.00</u>	\$ 267,608.67

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$	2,009.44	
Resident Taxes		<u>10.00</u>	2,019.44

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:
(as per Collector's List)

Resident Taxes	<u>1,250.00</u>
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 270,878.11	=====
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1975

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,581.94	
Resident Taxes	<u>260.00</u>	\$ 1,841.94

<u>Penalties Collected on</u> <u>Resident Taxes</u>		<u>6.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,847.94 =====
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-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1977:

Resident Taxes	\$ 60.00	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>6.00</u>	\$ 66.00

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes		1,553.87
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:
(as per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 28.07	
Resident Taxes	<u>200.00</u>	<u>228.07</u>

TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 1,847.94 =====
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1974 back to 1957

- Debits -

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Polls	\$	70.00	
Property		5,001.46	
Resident		440.00	
Yield		<u>200.80</u>	\$ 5,712.26

Interest Collected on Delinquent
Property Taxes:

28.31

Penalties Collected on
Resident Taxes:

3.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 5,743.57
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-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$	89.76	
Resident Taxes		30.00	
Interest Collected During Year		28.31	
Penalties on Resident Taxes		<u>3.00</u>	\$ 151.07

Abatements Made During Year:

185.72

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:

Polls	\$	70.00	
Property		4,911.70	
Resident		410.00	
Yield		<u>15.08</u>	<u>5,406.78</u>

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 5,743.57
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax

Levy of 1970

-Debits-

<u>Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1977:</u>	<u>\$ 220.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$ 220.00</u> =====

-Credits-

<u>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:</u> <u>(as per Collector's List</u>	<u>\$ 220.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$ 220.00</u> =====

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Tax Sales Account - As of December 31, 1977

-Debits-

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	1976	1975	1974	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1977	\$	\$42,271.99	\$20,733.95	\$21,336.94
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	94,302.95			
<u>Interest Collected After Sale</u>	<u>121.70</u>	<u>1,174.14</u>	<u>1,453.60</u>	<u>2,353.86</u>
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	<u>\$94,424.65</u>	<u>\$43,446.13</u>	<u>\$22,187.55</u>	<u>\$23,690.80</u>

-Credits-

Remittances to
Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$14,177.35	\$11,981.87	\$ 9,216.32	\$ 8,181.93
Interest & Costs after Sale	121.70	1,174.14	1,453.60	2,353.86
<u>Abatements During Year</u>			32.03	
<u>Deeded to Town During Year</u>		16.96	11.64	1,421.50
<u>Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1977</u>	<u>80,125.60</u>	<u>30,273.16</u>	<u>11,473.96</u>	<u>11,733.51</u>
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>	<u>\$94,424.65</u>	<u>\$43,446.13</u>	<u>\$22,187.55</u>	<u>\$23,690.80</u>

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977		\$ 727,099.29
<u>Received from Tax Collector:</u>		
1977 Property Taxes	\$ 1,634,134.83	
1976 Property Taxes	225,857.02	
1975 Property Taxes	89.76	
1977 Resident Taxes	26,520.00	
1976 Resident Taxes	5,090.00	
1975 Resident Taxes	100.00	
1974 Resident Taxes	30.00	
Redemptions	48,660.77	
Bank Stock Tax	6.50	
Interest & Penalties	12,450.47	1,952,939.35
<u>Received from Town Clerk:</u>		
Auto Registrations	\$ 136,293.00	
Dogs & Kennels	2,583.65	
Filing Fees	16.00	138,892.65
<u>Received from Arlington Trust:</u>		
Temporary Loans	\$ 1,400,000.00	
Int. on C of D & RSA acct.	37,186.95	1,437,186.95
<u>Received from United States Treasury:</u>		
Revenue Sharing	\$ 42,914.00	
Economic Dev. Adm.	219,800.00	262,714.00
<u>Received from State of New Hampshire:</u>		
Highway Subsidy	\$ 20,434.34	
Business Profits Tax	146,404.08	
Interest & Dividends Tax	21,283.87	
Meals & Rooms Tax	43,867.66	
Savings Bank Tax	8,521.53	
Police Safety Projects	8,592.00	
Gas Tax Reimbursements		
Police	889.14	
Highway	309.07	
Fire	143.16	
Old Age & Disability Asst.	912.28	
Town Road Aid	2,113.92	
Forest Fire Reimb.	1,515.37	
Rec. Park Grant Balance	1,943.05	256,929.47

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (CONT.)

Received from District Court:

Court Receipts & Small Claims	\$	12,812.35
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Received from Cemetery Trustees:

Perpetual Care & Interest on Trust Funds		968.13
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Received from Police Department:

Insurance Reports	\$	536.75	
Parking Tickets		392.00	
Pistol Permits		150.60	1,079.35

Received from Other Sources:

Plan. Board Subdivisions	\$	1,595.50	
Plan, Board Recreation Acct.		8,540.00	
Plan. Board Hearing Fees		280.00	
Plan, Board Recording Fees		140.00	
Sale of Maps		100.00	
Building Fees		2,596.00	
Septic Systems		765.00	
Zoning Books		52.00	
Code Books		31.50	
Temporary Sign Permits		325.00	
Bd. of Adjust. Hearing Fees		630.00	
Bid Documents		475.00	
Sale of Checklists		15.00	
Pent. 5¢ Savings		8.90	
Copy Machine		120.84	
Rent - Town Hall		20.00	
Cemetery - Lots & Care		2,525.00	
Licenses & Permits			
Beano		700.00	
Fleas		60.00	
Junk		75.00	
Engineering		10.00	
Palminstry		50.00	19,114.74

Received from Arlington Trust (Sp. Accts):

Library Gift & Note Accts.	\$	66,409.96	
Exploratory Test Wells		1,380.60	
Water Tower Acct.		1,830.98	
Ambulance Acct.		2,820.51	
Antirecessionnal		388.27	
Fire Truck Acct.		1,326.15	
Highway Acct.		16,700.05	
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste		400.00	
Water Line Acct.		49,190.62	140,447.14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (CONT.)

Reimbursements:

CETA - Rock./Strafford Manpower	\$	40,861.61	
Plaistow Library W. T. & S.S.		508.59	
Hills Insurance - Truck		1,280.78	
Hills Insurance		18.00	
Police Cruiser Insurance		250.85	
Water Tower Maintenance			
Process Engineering		1,233.42	
Westville Homes		1,233.42	
Penn Box		4,240.90	
Senter Bros. - Gravel		2,088.00	
Police & Highway Insurance		565.13	
Planning Board Soil Survey		75.00	
U.S.F.G. Towing Charge		102.00	
Old Home Day		570.26	
Midway Water Line - Police		513.00	
Scott Pontiac - Cruiser		700.00	
Timberlane Jr. Football		29.95	
Welfare		430.00	
City of Nashua		20.00	
Court Decrees		297.60	
Miscellaneous		90.00	
			<u>\$ 55,108.51</u>

Total Receipts	\$ 5,005,291.93
Less Selectmen's Orders	<u>\$ 4,484,314.54</u>
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1977	\$ 520,977.39

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Jenne
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The total valuation of the Town amounted to \$49,341,352.00. The Town closed the year with an unexpended balance of \$43,528.83.

There were 464 Veteran's Exemptions and seven total disabled exemptions for a total of \$28,100.00. 102 Elderly Exemptions and two Blind Exemptions were granted for a total valuation of \$740,800.00.

Town elections will be held at Pollard School on March 14th. The Town Meeting will be held at Timberlane Regional High School on March 15th at 7:30 P.M.

This has been a very busy year for the Selectmen. Some of the major items of business are shown below for your review.

The portion of the extension of the original water line and hydrants appropriated in 1975 (\$52,000.00) has been completed from the Railroad Tracks to the Fire House.

The EDA Federal Water Main and Reservoir Project (\$352,000.00) has been completed from the Fire House to the Keezer Manufacturing Plant. Also from the Railroad tracks to the northern end of Maple Ave. and into the reservoir located N.W. of the Exeter-Hampton Electric Maintenance Building. It is hoped that we will have sufficient funds to bring the water line from the Old Westville Road to the east side of the B & M Railroad tracks.

The Library was moved to their new quarters on Elm Street by the Summer CETA youth and the Highway Department. The new quarters were dedicated October 9, 1977, thanks to the large gift from Mrs. Nelson in memory of her husband and for the many smaller gifts from others.

The CETA Town Hall restoration project was approved for three positions for a year for a total of \$23,000.00. The project consists of 1- renovating two rooms located upstairs in the Town Hall for use of the Clerk of Courts and a general meeting room; 2- renovating a portion of the old Library space for use of the Building Inspector and Planning Board; 3- renovating the remaining section of the old Library space for use as a meeting room for the Selectmen and offices for the Selectmen's Clerk, Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant; 4- renovating the old Selectmen's Office and part of the kitchen into four separate rooms for use of the Police Department; and 5- renovating the former Police Department space into a room to be jointly used by the Tax Collector and Town Clerk. The first four projects have been completed and the remaining project is underway.

The CETA project was submitted and approved for town positions for 50 weeks to assist the Planning Board in the Development of a Master Plan for the Town (\$15,713.00).

The Summer SPEDY program consisting of a grant for 24 youths positions from the CETA program was received and utilized as follows:

14 for Highway Department, 4 for Pollard School and 6 for the Recreation Department for a total of \$14,344.00.

Two positions have been fully funded for the entire year under the CETA program for Highway Maintenance (Approximately \$18,000.00 plus one laborer directly on CETA payroll).

This year the Administrative Assistant's Salary was paid half with CETA funds and half with EDA funds.

We were fortunate in obtaining an employee from the Green Thumb Program sponsored by the Department of Labor without cost to the Town who is employed as a dispatcher at the Highway Garage.

Revenue Sharing funds on hand and anticipated during 1978 amount to \$90,000.00. The entire amount has been requested for purchase of the Lagasse Land and Building pending a decision of the townspeople whether or not to approve this purchase. Another request has been received to complete the second floor of the Library at a cost of \$25,000.00.

The State Municipal Accounting Division has been scheduled to complete an audit of town accounts for the years 1976 and 1977, sometime in early 1978.

We wish to thank the Old Home Day Committee for a job well done. Their program was well accepted by the community and a spirit of pride and love for the Town was evidenced by the many attending the events.

The Band Stand presented by the Plaistow Lion's Club was completed and dedicated on November 13, 1977. Many thanks to the Lions and to the donors. This bandstand is a symbol of the generosity and the cooperative spirit which has been expressed by the citizens, businessmen, and Lions who joined together to unselfishly give of their time and money to complete this project.

There continues to plague the Selectmen many violations of zoning ordinances and building codes, which are slow in resolving and require much tact and time. It is expected with the growth of the Town much more time will have to be devoted to these problems. The cooperation of all residents is requested in helping the Selectmen uphold the rules of the Town.

The Highway Department is now well established. The Sanitary Land Fill has been taken over by the Department with the acquisition of a bulldozer. We feel that this in the long run will be much more economical and a more efficient operation. Some projects scheduled were delayed due to the wash out of the Kelley Road Bridge, which took many man hours not planned and required the diversion of TRA funds to complete the project. Considerable expense and effort has been made in the widening of a half mile of Harriman Road. It is expected this portion of the road will be regraded and paved as soon as the weather permits. The Glendale Circle project has been started and will be complete early this year.

RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED THE NEW RSA CH. 231 IMPOSES A MANATORY PENALTY FOR FAILING TO FILE A COMPLETED ANNUAL PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM BY APRIL 15th OF EACH YEAR. PENALTY IS 1% OF THE PROPERTY TAX BUT IN NO CASE LESS THAN \$10.00 NOR MORE THAN \$50.00. ALSO ANY PERSON FAILING TO FILE SUCH AN INVENTORY WILL LOSE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ANY PROPERTY TAX OR CLAIM EXEMPTIONS.

No parking signs have been installed on both sides of Elm Street adjacent to Main Street which will permit more visibility for drivers of motor vehicles and reduce the potential accident hazard.

We wish to thank all the Boy and Girl Scout organizations in Plaistow for their labor of love so generously given to their Town during their annual Spring Town Clean-Up Drive. Also our thanks to Kevin Major for his efforts in beautifying the grounds in front of the Library as his Eagle Scout Project. Thanks also to Mark Caskie for another Eagle Scout Project beautifying the grounds around the gates at the Sanitary Land Fill site.

We acknowledge and appreciate the important contributions to the Town made by the following persons who have completed their tenure in various town boards, committees, commissions and appointed positions. Mahlon T. Keezer, Supervisor of the Checklist; Thomas H. Cullen, Selectman; Barbara Nichols, Library Trustee; Dennis Cronin, Cemetery Trustee; George Nott, Norbert Gauron and Pauline Keezer, Municipal Budget Committee; Richard Ripley, Custodian; Barbara Burnin, Health Department; Bernard J. Dube, Building Inspector; Guy Sawyer, Dog Officer; Bruce James, Planning Board; Nancy Hall, Police Clerk; Robert Jackson, Police Officer; Arnold Ziemian, Recreation Commission; and Leon Bowie, Tree Warden and Conservation Commission.

We appreciate the support given us by the townspeople in the past and we wish to solicit your your support in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman L. Major, Chairman
LeRoy S. Dube
Milton H. Todd

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	14,807.15	
Town Officers' Expenses		43,665.56	
Elections & Registrations		719.64	
District Court		15,250.00	
Town Hall Expenses		16,365.75	\$ 90,808.10

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	\$	105,943.78	
Fire Department		35,548.11	
Care of Trees		1,124.41	
Planning & Zoning		4,066.84	
Damages by Dogs		2,459.65	
Damages & Legal Expenses		3,880.50	
Civil Defense		975.87	\$ 153,999.16

Health:

Health Department	\$	8,834.82	
Vital Statistics		70.38	
Town Dump Maintenance		25,356.65	\$ 34,261.85

Highways & Bridges:

Highway Department	\$	96,769.32	
Street Lighting		19,633.19	
Town Road		569.35	\$ 116,971.86

Libraries:

\$ 18,098.20

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$	8,567.19	
Town Poor		16,340.87	\$ 24,908.06

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day			\$ 291.58
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Recreation Commission:

\$ 5,463.95

Parks & Playgrounds:

\$ 784.91

Public Services:

Water Service Maintenance	\$	9,434.25	
Cemeteries		4,652.59	
Regional Planning		3,534.00	\$ 17,620.84

Payment to other Governmental Disisions:

Timberlane Regional School	\$	1,898,455.40	
2% Bond & Debt Tax		48,72	
Rockingham County Assessment		91,349.41	\$ 1,989,853.53

Payment on Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans	\$	1,400,000.00	
Long Term Notes		31,500.00	\$ 1,431,500.00

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	\$ 31,915.34	
On Long Term Notes	<u>8,696.92</u>	\$ 40,612.26

Unclassified:

Discounts & Abatements	\$ 2,985.53	
Taxes Bought by the Town	<u>94,302.95</u>	\$ 97,288.48

Special Appropriations:

Highway Garage	\$ 16,700.05	
Library Renovations	66,409.96	
Lawrence Solid Waste	400.00	
Highway Survey	990.00	
Vic Geary Drop-In Center	3,000.00	
Main Street Water Line	49,190.62	
Fire Truck Account	1,326.15	
Summer Recreation Program	4,517.04	
Salem Mental Health	3,000.00	
Storage Shed - Recreation	1,700.00	
Arts & Crafts - Recreation	1,000.00	
Old Home Day	789.33	
Test Wells	1,380.60	
Harriman Road Improvement	4,500.00	
Halloween Parties	600.00	
Ambulance Account	2,775.00	
Greenough Road Project	3,600.00	
Glendale Circle Improvement	2,500.00	
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	10,000.00	
Adm. Assistant Cont. Salary	5,200.00	
Planning Board Recreation Acct.	8,540.00	
Highway Equipment Res. Fund	5,000.00	
Town Audit	3,000.00	
Treasurers' Increase	500.00	
EDA Water Line	217,178.74	
CETA Employees	40,068.81	
Anti-Recessional	387.00	
Social Security	<u>7,598.46</u>	\$ <u>461,851.76</u>

TOTAL		\$ 4,484,314.54
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

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From State:

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Gas Tax Refunds:		
Police, Highway, Fire	1,341.37	
Old Age & Disability	912.28	
Town Road	2,113.92	
Forest Fire Reimbursements	1,515.37	
Recreation Park Grant Bal.	1,943.05	\$ 256,929.47

From Federal:

U. S. Treasury - Revenue Sharing	\$ 42,914.00	
Economic Dev. Adm.	219,800.00	\$ 262,714.00

From Arlington Trust Co.:

Temporary Loans	\$ 1,400,000.00	
Interest on Cert. of Deposits and RSA Accounts	37,186.95	\$ 1,437,186.95

From Local Sources & Reimbursements:

Planning Board - Subdivisions	\$ 1,595.50	
Planning Board - Recreation Acct.	8,540.00	
Planning Board - Hearing Fees	280.00	
Planning Board - Recording Fees	140.00	
Building Fees & Septic Systems	3,361.00	
Temporary Sign Permits	325.00	
Board of Adjustment Hearing Fees	630.00	
Bid Documents	475.00	

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

1977 Appropriation

Summary of Expenditures:

Supervisors: Anne Peaslee	\$10.00	
Brenda E. Major	10.00	
Gladys Tozier	25.00	
Mahlon T. Keezer	20.00	
Marlene Todd	<u>30.00</u>	\$ 95.00
Clifton E. Cook, Moderator		35.00
Ballot Inspectors		75.00
Clerks		60.00
Ballots, Checklists, etc.		230.55
Janitorial Service		144.59
Election Meals		34.00
Police Work		<u>45.50</u>
		\$ 719.64
Less Reimbursements		<u>15.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 704.64
		<u>\$ 495.36</u>
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DISTRICT COURT

1977 Appropriation	\$ 16,200.00
Receipts from District Court (net)	12,812.35
Total	<u>29,012.35</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Daniel H. Andernacht, Justice	\$8,000.00	
Roy Daubenspeck, Ass. Justice	800.00	
Kendall Chase, Special Justice	350.00	
Stancik & Goodchild, P. A.	100.00	
Edith F. Signor	<u>6,000.00</u>	\$ 15,250.00
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 13,762.35</u>
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TOWN HALL EXPENSES

1977 Appropriation	\$ 18,000.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Custodial Service	\$ 2,540.25	
Heat	1,245.20	
Electricity & Electric Heat	2,260.61	
Gas	23.59	
Insurance - Building & Content	1,662.05	
Supplies	1,312.59	
Labor & Etc.	198.54	
Furnace	2,483.75	
Town Hall Renovations	<u>4,639.17</u>	
	\$16,365.75	
Less Reimbursements	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	\$ 16,340.75
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 1,659.25</u>
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

1977 Appropriation \$ 97,380.00

Summary of Expenditures:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WAGES</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alexander Brown, Jr. Chief	\$ 13,794.69	\$	\$ 13,794.69
Robert Tanguay Patrolman	10,454.78		10,454.78
Joseph Coakley Patrolman	9,431.51		9,431.51
Kenneth J. Heim Patrolman	9,431.51		9,431.51

Part-Time Patrolmen:

Alexander Brown, Jr.	60.00		60.00
Norman W. Beation	597.38		597.38
Ernest Brown	554.13		554.13
Alfred E. Chase	723.13		723.13
Joseph Coakley	520.30		520.30
John W. Colby	910.01		910.01
Fred Copp	594.75		594.75
Bernard J. Dube	888.25		888.25
Ignatius A. Fournier	310.38		310.38
Kenneth J. Heim	2,161.75		2,161.75
Robert W. Jackson	26.00		26.00
Thomas R. McTeague	1,775.91	20.80	1,796.71
Walter J. O'Connor	146.25		146.25
Gene V. Paul	318.50		318.50
Meredith Packard	159.27		159.27
William Query	2,359.52		2,359.52
Bryan Richards	6,724.14	8.84	6,732.98
Robert L. Tanguay	1,438.24		1,438.24
Milton H. Todd	534.19	32.50	566.69
Curtis Young	1,188.46	28.60	1,217.06
Frank Boetti	339.00		339.00
Bradley Smith	552.51		552.51
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	\$ 65,994.56	\$ 90.74	\$ 66,085.30
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POLICE DEPARTMENT (cont.)

Summary of Expenditures (continued):

Nancy Hall, Clerk	\$ 1,495.00	
Joan M. Pichowicz, Clerk	4,213.16	
State Retire. & Hosp. (Chief & Patrol.)	3,632.57	
Uniforms	1,689.79	
Cruiser Equip. & Repairs	5,027.77	
Cruiser Gas & Oil	6,819.46	
Cruiser	4,359.78	
Cruiser Insurance	1,613.00	
Radio & Radar Equipment	360.47	
Maint. of Equipment & Supplies	956.23	
Office Supplies	1,916.67	
Telephone	2,566.76	
Training	50.00	
Insurance	5,005.49	
School	72.00	
Ambulance	35.00	
Miscellaneous	45.33	
	<u>\$105,943.78</u>	
Less Reimburse. (School, Gas refund ins. claims, ASAP, park. tickets)	<u>12,508.59</u>	<u>\$ 93,435.19</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 3,944.81</u> =====

PLANNING AND ZONING

1977 Appropriation	\$ 4,050.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Eleanor P. Sargent, Clerk	\$ 541.50	
Advertising	118.40	
Recording Plats	64.00	
Supplies	785.62	
Maps	55.00	
School	150.00	
Engineering	2,162.50	
Appraisal	150.00	
Miscellaneous	39.82	
	<u>\$ 4,066.84</u>	
Less Reimburse. (maps, books, recording fees, etc.)	<u>2,169.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,897.84</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 2,152.16</u> =====

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1977 Appropriation \$ 36,250.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Payroll - Regular	\$ 10,765.25	
Payroll - Forest Fires	3,914.94	
Telephone	1,526.40	
Heat	1,048.04	
Electricity	644.50	
Building Maintenance	1,401.27	
Alarm System	590.53	
Telephone Answering Service	999.96	
Firefighting Equipment	3,286.12	
Personal Equipment	263.59	
Radio	1,684.50	
Hose	1,675.26	
Insurance	1,884.60	
Supplies	583.80	
Training	438.55	
Fire Prevention & Inspection	556.30	
Hand Tub	25.00	
Truck Maintenance Fuel & Repairs	3,816.47	
Water Hole Improvement	29.94	
Miscellaneous	413.09	
	<u>\$ 35,548.11</u>	
Less Reimbursements	<u>1,658.53</u>	<u>\$ 33,889.58</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 2,360.42</u> =====

CARE OF TREES

1977 Appropriation \$ 1,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Leon A. Bowie, Tree Warden	\$ 323.16	
Randolph Pickersgill, Tree Warden	40.00	
Tamarack Tree Service	85.00	
Triple A Nursery	320.00	
Ralston Tree Service	350.00	
Supplies	<u>6.25</u>	<u>\$ 1,124.41</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 375.59</u> =====

DAMAGES BY DOGS

1977 Appropriation		\$ 2,400.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Guy L. Sawyer, Dog Officer	\$ 800.00	
Donald Sargent, Dog Officer	1,600.00	
Supplies	<u>59.65</u>	<u>\$ 2,459.66</u>
Overexpended		<u>\$ 59.65</u>

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

1977 Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
James F. Fleming, Town Council	\$ 3,695.50	
Artemas J. W. Packard, M.D.		
(Bd. of Health Consultant)	125.00	
Advertising	<u>60.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,880.50</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 119.50</u>

CIVIL DEFENSE

1977 Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Joseph S. Hills Agency - insurance	\$ 294.00	
Supplies	<u>681.87</u>	<u>\$ 975.87</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 24.13</u>

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1977 Appropriation		\$ 8,965.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Bernard J. Dube, Inspector	\$ 495.00	
Shanahans Ambulance	8,325.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>14.82</u>	
	<u>\$ 8,834.82</u>	
Less Reimbursements (septic system insp.)	<u>710.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,124.82</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 840.18</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1977 Appropriation \$ 94,260.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Robert Bennett - Highway Supervisor	\$ 11,696.56	
Roland Senter - Asst. - High. Worker	9,857.74	
Overtime	4,169.06	
Extra Contracted Plowing	7,611.00	
Spreader	1,960.00	
Loader	700.00	
Vehicles Repaired	3,836.15	
Vehicles Gas & Oil	3,543.52	
Truck & Equipment Rental	9,999.39	
Radio Repair	168.29	
Cold Patch	1,986.33	
Salt	9,506.99	
Screened Sand	3,605.50	
Culverts & Catch Basins	1,493.40	
Contracted Projects	9,434.55	
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	1,260.00	
Equipment	1,951.00	
Health	1,573.65	
Garage	66.50	
Garage - Heat	2,068.80	
Telephone	550.53	
Electricity	360.93	
Engineering	900.00	
Supplies, Repairs & Parts	8,469.43	
	<u>\$ 96,769.32</u>	
Less Reimbursements	<u>2,588.87</u>	<u>\$ 94,180.45</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 79.55</u> =====

TOWN DUMP MAINTENANCE

1977 Appropriation \$ 24,320.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Senter Brothers, Contractor	\$ 5,000.00	
Robert Bennett	1,302.25	
Roland Senter	1,063.50	
William A. Maguire co, Ext.	240.00	
Rental of Equipment	17,670.90	
Cleaning Dump Road	80.00	
	<u>\$ 25,356.65</u>	
Less Reimbursements	<u>\$ 2,088.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,268.65</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 1,051.35</u> =====

VITAL STATISTICS

1977 Appropriation	\$ 150.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Helen A. Hart, Town Clerk	\$ 70.38
Unexpended Balance	\$ 79.62
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LIBRARY

1977 Appropriation	\$ 17,974.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Plaistow Public Library Trustees	18,098.20
	\$ (124.20)
Less Reimbursements (W.T. & S.S.)	124.20
Unexpended Balance	-0-
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TOWN POOR

1977 Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Room & Board (Teenagers)	\$ 5,369.50
Sharon Nursing Home	5,634.84
Goodwin Nursing Home	2,565.80
DeMoulas Market	540.00
Custeau's Market	205.00
PGA Foodsaver	137.00
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	341.13
Styles Drug Store	399.15
Heat	417.08
Nault's Pharmacy	147.95
Ambulance	113.30
Rent	242.50
Miscellaneous	227.62
	\$16,340.87
Less Reimbursements	1,426.25
Overexpended	\$ 2,914.62
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RECREATION COMMISSION

1977 Appropriation \$ 5,434.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Boys and Girls Softball	\$ 83.30
Youth Hockey	750.00
Junior Football	703.95
Junior Baseball	1,741.35
Boys & Girls Basketball	594.95
Band Concerts	890.00
Benches for Town Hall Green	163.29
Field Maintenance	76.65
Miscellaneous	460.46
	<u>\$5,463.95</u>

Less Reimbursements	<u>29.95</u>	<u>\$ 5,434.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance		<u>-0-</u> =====
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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

1977 Appropriation \$ 1,100.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Richard Ripley, Custodian	\$ 270.00
Recreation Building	300.00
Mowing fields	163.59
Supplies & Repairs	<u>51.32</u>

Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 315.09</u> =====
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WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE

1977 Appropriation \$ 10,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Northern Utilities	\$2,071.62
Process Engineering (W.T. Maint)	862.50
Process Engineering (Diesel pump)	1,271.79
Gordon F. Merrick Co. (oil)	22.56
Insurance	101.15
Repairs to water line	4,604.63
Easement purchase	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$9,434.25</u>

Less Reimbursements	<u>6,707.74</u>	<u>\$ 2,726.51</u>
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Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 7,273.49</u> =====
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LONG-TERM NOTES

1977 Appropriation \$ 31,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Haverhill National Bank - Water Tower	\$ 3,500.00	
Haverhill National Bank - Water Line	6,000.00	
Indian Head Nat. Bank - Water Line(new)	7,000.00	
Indian Head Nat. Bank - Highway	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,500.00</u>

Unexpended Balance -0-
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TREASURERS' INCREASE

1977 Appropriation \$ 500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Ruth E. Jenne, Treasurer	\$ 375.00	
Treasurers' Increase Acct.	<u>125.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

Unexpended Balance -0-
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GREATER SALEM MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

1977 Appropriation \$ 3,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Greater Salem Mental Health Association	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance -0-
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CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTIES

1977 Appropriation \$ 600.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Pollard School P.O.P.S.	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance -0-
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SUMMER RECREATION ACCOUNT

1977 Appropriation	\$ 5,268.00
Receipts from Rockingham/Strafford Manpower . . .	400.00
Total	<u>\$ 5,668.00</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Nickolas Sarbanis	\$ 1,008.00	
Roy Huntress	644.00	
Mary E. Carroll	644.00	
Supplies & Trips	<u>2,221.04</u>	<u>\$ 4,517.04</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,150.96
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EDA WATER LINE ACCOUNT

1977 Appropriation	\$ 351,966.00
Cash Transferred over to Town	\$ 219,800.00
Remaining in Letter of Credit Account	\$ 132,166.00
Total	<u>\$ 351,966.00</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Robert G. Casazza, Supervision	\$ 4,469.68	
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	30,720.90	
Arch. Consultant	730.32	
Johns Mansville	27,787.98	
Hilco Supply	13,446.62	
Midway Excavators	138,954.99	
Public Works Supply	653.29	
Advertising	307.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>212.66</u>	<u>\$ 217,284.10</u>

Unexpended Balance:	
Cash On Hand 12/31/77	\$ 2,515.90
Remaining in Letter of Credit Acct.	<u>132,166.00</u>

Total	<u>\$ 134,681.90</u>
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CONTINUED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

1977 Appropriation	\$ 5,200.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Continued Administrative Assistant account	<u>\$ 5,200.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance	-0-
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VIC GEARY DROP IN CENTER

1977 Appropriation \$ 3,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Vic Geary Drop In Center \$ 3,000.00

Unexpended Balance -0-
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STORAGE SHED - RECREATION

1977 Appropriation \$ 1,700.00

Summary of Expenditures:

John W. Colby, Builder \$ 1,700.00

Unexpended Balance -0-
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ARTS & CRAFTS - RECREATION

1977 Appropriation \$ 1,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

John W. Colby, Builder \$ 1,000.00

Unexpended Balance -0-
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - EQUIPMENT FUND

1977 Appropriation \$ 5,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Highway Department Equipment Fund \$ 5,000.00

Unexpended Balance -0-
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HARRIMAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

1977 Appropriation \$ 4,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Tamarack Tree Service	\$ 700.00	
Harriman Rd. Improve. Acct.	<u>3,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>

Unexpended Balance -0-
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GLENDALE CIRCLE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

1977 Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Senter Brothers	\$ 690.00	
Glendale Circle Imp. Acct.	<u>1,810.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0-
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TOWN AUDIT ACCOUNT

1977 Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Town Audit Account		<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0-
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OLD HOME DAY

1977 Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Awards, Supplies, license, etc.	\$ 789.33	
Less Reimbursements	<u>570.26</u>	<u>\$ 219.07</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 380.93</u>
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GREENOUGH ROAD URBAN "D" ACCOUNT

1977 Appropriation		\$ 3,600.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 450.00	
Greenough Rd. Urban "d" Acct.	<u>3,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0-
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 16,511.54
Interest	405.83
Total	<u>\$ 16,917.37</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

John A. Palmer & Sons, Inc.	\$ 8,842.00	
McKinney Artesian Well	371.49	
Plaistow Precast Corp.	543.00	
Senter Auto Supply	2,076.07	
Nelson M. Powell, Inc,	424.02	
George Olsen - electricial	1,467.83	
Gordon F. Merrick Co.	2,633.00	
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>342.64</u>	<u>\$ 16,700.05</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 217.32
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LIBRARY RENOVATIONS - GIFT AND NOTE ACCOUNTS

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 33,820.24
1976 Appropriations from Notes	32,000.00
Interest	2,066.62
Total	<u>\$ 67,886.86</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	\$ 3,443.90	
John A. Palmer & Sons, Inc.	62,319.00	
Don's Hot Topping Service	180.00	
Insurance	194.30	
McKinney Artesian Well	74.95	
Miscellaneous	<u>197.81</u>	<u>\$ 66,409.96</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,476.90
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MAIN STREET WATER LINE EXTENSION

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 53,025.82
Interest	1,633.83
Total	<u>\$ 54,659.65</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Boston & Maine Corp.	\$ 580.00	
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	5,796.04	
Midway Excavator, Inc.	17,950.49	
Hilco Supply Inc.	19,977.98	
Valley Steel Products Co.	4,192.81	
Bids returned	290.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>403.30</u>	<u>\$ 49,190.62</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 5,469.03
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GREATER LAWRENCE SOLID WASTE

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 500.00
Interest	15.99
Total	<u>\$ 515.99</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

North East Solid Waste	\$ 400.00
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 115.99</u> =====

ANTI-RECESSIONAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 387.00
Interest	1.27
Total	<u>\$ 388.27</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Roland Senter	\$ 210.00	
Robert Bennett	<u>177.00</u>	<u>\$ 387.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 1.27</u> =====

EXPLORATORY TEST WELLS

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 1,255.30
Interest	125.30
Paid from Town Officers Expenses	839.40
Total	<u>\$ 2,220.00</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Layne, New England	<u>\$ 2,220.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

FIRE TRUCK TRUCK ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 34,731.00
Interest	971.24
Total	<u>\$ 35,702.24</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Conway Associates	\$ 1,209.04	
Leo LaCroix	<u>117.11</u>	<u>\$ 1,326.15</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 34,376.09</u> =====

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 2,775.00
Interest	45.51
Total	<u>\$ 2,820.51</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Shanahan Amulance Service	<u>\$ 2,775.00</u>
Unexpended Balance - Returned to Gen. Fund	<u>\$ 45.51</u> =====

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1977	\$ 3,683.19
Interest	227.19
1977 Appropriation	10,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 13,910.38</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

No Expenditures	
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 13,910.38</u> =====

SOCIAL SECURITY

1977 Appropriation	\$ 4,588.00
Receipts	3,010.46
Paid from Town Officers Expenses	709.84
Total	<u>\$ 8,308.30</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Employees Social Security	<u>\$ 8,308.30</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

HIGHWAY SURVEY

1977 Appropriation	\$ 990.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	<u>\$ 990.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

COUNTY ASSESSMENT TAX

1977 Appropriation	\$ 91,349.41
Summary of Expenditures:	
Rockingham County Treasurer	<u>\$ 91,349.41</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance 1976-1977 Appropriation	\$ 931,455.40
1977-1978 Appropriation	<u>1,948,374.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,879,829.40</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Timberlane Regional School District	<u>\$1,898,455.40</u>
Balance Due the District	<u>\$ 981,374.00</u> =====

EXPENDITURES NOT REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS

Temporary Loans:

Arlington Trust Company	\$ 1,400.000.00
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Taxes Bought by the Town:

Stanley T. Herrick, Tax Collector	94,302.95
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Discounts, Refunds and Abatements:

Percy Oliver	69.65
Robert and Ann Jones	225.74
Nicholas and Joan Pichowicz	1,140.27
Robert Farrar	8.50
Process Engineering	787.73
Martin & Hayden Insurance Agency	42.50
Joseph Helfrich	13.00
Sharon Contracting, Inc.	294.00
Rodney and Joyce Marr	155.22
Lowell Molding Corp.	248.92

	\$ 2,985.53
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ABATEMENTS

Abatements on the 1977 Property Warrant:

Veterans Exemptions:

Robert McPhee	\$	50.00	
Barbara & William McGinley		100.00	
Irving Burton		50.00	
Doris Ciotti		50.00	
Edward DeFosse		50.00	
John Glouser		50.00	
William Hallahan		50.00	
John Hobbs		50.00	
Russell Kaskiewicz		50.00	
Sarah Kenison		50.00	
Richard Lundin		50.00	
Donald Main		50.00	
Ernest Miller		50.00	
Garold Morse		50.00	
Roger Osborne		50.00	
Anthony Papadopoulos		50.00	
Gary Robinson		50.00	
Harry Smith		50.00	
Armando Venuti, Sr.		50.00	
Richard Walker		50.00	
James White		50.00	
			\$ 1,100.00

Deeded:

William Conte			\$ 8.58
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Jeopardy Warrant:

Samuel Dills			\$ 439.06
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Duplicate Billing:

Gail Lafayette	\$	330.33	
Anne E. Leavitt		894.47	\$ 1,224.80

Boat Tax:

Jack E. Philo			\$ 12.87
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Hardship:

Jean Clements	\$	250.00	
Mrs. Walter Sickel		200.00	
Edith Killam		200.00	
Alma Herrick		160.00	
Pearl Beaulieu		60.00	
Zelda Primrose		300.00	
Ernest Comeau		588.81	
Harold Sawyer		96.53	
			\$ 1,855.34

Abatements on the 1977 Property Warrant (Cont.)

Elderly Exemptions:

Edward A. Smith	\$ 139.43	
Richard Russell	154.44	
Arthur Hunter	<u>154.44</u>	\$ 448.31

Non-Taxable:

Carl G. Davis, Post #34, A.L.	\$ 823.68	
Town of Plaistow	<u>2,608.33</u>	\$ 3,432.01

Blind Exemption:

Grover H. Paclet		\$ 214.50
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Assessment Error:

John Atwood	\$ 105.11	
Robert McPhee	165.16	
Garold Morse	609.18	
Dr. Albert Landa	66.50	
George Danglemeyer	30.03	
George Hartford	190.91	
Alton Wing	<u>21.45</u>	\$ 1,188.34

\$ 9,923.81
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Abatements on the 1976 Property Warrant:

Deeded:

William A. Conti	\$ 7.96	
Howard Harris	<u>1,542.25</u>	\$ 1,550.21

Hardship:

Jean E. Clements		\$ 250.00
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Billing Error:

A. Victor Geary		\$ 228.64
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\$ 2,028.85
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Abatements on the 1975 Property Warrant:

Deeded:

Howard Harris		\$ 1,553.87
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Abatements on the 1974 Property Warrant:

Billing Error:

Pentucket Builders Corp.		\$ 130.08
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Redemption Book:

Warren Sargent		\$ 469.49
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\$ 599.57

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ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1977 LEVY

Non-Resident

Thomas S. Allison, Jr.	Elsie Landry
Diane E. Buco	Carla Nelson
Frank A. Buco	Kevin Phaneuf
Dawn Carter	Renee Phaneuf
Susan Cogswell	Kathy Pluard
David M. Dills	Joseph Portnoy
Jeannie Foster	Judith Portnoy
Richard Foster	Brian Taillon
Donald G. Gault	Earle X. Taillon, Jr.
Eloise Gault	Robert N. Taillon, Jr.
Richard C. Gerrish	Bessie Toshach
Charlotte Hart	James Vitas
David Hart	Marcia Vitas
Robert Hermis	Linda Wyatt
Kathy Kidd	Richard Wyatt
Robert Kidd	Randall Xenakis
David Landry	

Hardship

Marsha Beaulieu	Thomas Law
Hildegard Law	

Over-Age

Estelle Cartier	Mildred Moran
Roland Cartier	Herbert C. Noel
Ralph E. Harris	Ida Parziale
Harold B. Kidder	Annie Mae Schwaner

Veterans Widow

Viola Miller	Anna Peaslee
Mary Seeley	

Pays Elsewhere

John Cordeiro	Agnes Metropolis
Julia Cordeiro	Joyce Mitchell
Phyllis Cosman	Peter Wheeler
Nancy Hill	

Duplicate Billing

Constance Garrahan	Ronald Montville
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Service People

Charles C. Mayo	Ronald J. Pynn
Patrick Sawyer	Thomas A. Towler

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1977 LEVY

Unknown

Marty Antos

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1976 LEVY

Non-Resident

Joseph R. Balestra
Barry F. Belanger
Thomas R. Belanger
Barbara A. Bell
Robert C. Bell
Ellen J. Bentley
Gary Bentley
Henrietta Bentley
Olga Blanchard
Irene Blank
Leroy D. Blank
Wayne L. Braley
Christopher Cate.
Linda H. Cicchetti
Philip Cicchetti
Susan Cogswell
Maryann Cook
Leonard Cormier
Theresa Cormier
James Deburro
David M. Dills
William Duncan
James Dunn
Phyllis Dunn
Jeffrey George
Steven R. Gerrish
Susan Glover
Barry Gofstein
Maryann Gofstein
James Harnois
Susan Harnois
Nancy Hey
Alma Howard
Angela Howard
Charles Howard
Robin J. Jackson
Rita Janvrin
Ronald Janvrin
Rebecca Johnson
Carol A. Jones
Nancy Kennedy
Paul Kennedy
Gregory Kolb
Leslie Lacasse

Michael Lacasse
Daniel Lafleur
Dorothy Lassor
Alice Leavitt
Thomas Leavitt
William Leavitt
Kay Loreman
Rosemary Millard
Lois Nicholas
Jean L. Nutter
Kathy Pluard
Bernice Poirier
Raymond Poirier
Eric Porter
Joyce Porter
Benjamin Romano
Pam Romano
Susan Rudowski
Bean Ryan
Patrick Ryan
William Ryan
Rosemary Sala
Leonard Sargent
Susan Scott
George Smith
Laurie Smith
Yvonne Smith
Nancy Stevens
Ralph F. Stone, Jr.
April Sweeney
Robert Sweeney
Jeffrey Taillon
Linda Thomas
Peter Trainor
Peter Vinci
Richard Vinci
James Weber
Robert Weinhold
Linda Weinhold
Kim Welcome
Doris Wilson
Robert Wilson
Kathleen Wood

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1976 LEVY

Hardship

Pearl E. Beaulieu
Alma Herrick

Linda Richards

Paid Elsewhere

John Cordeiro
Julia Cordeiro
John V. Greska

Susan Greska
Charles Witaszek

Unknown

Scott Dinsmore
Ernest Fountaine
Nancy Klinch

Jernice A. Harlen
Cherryann Jason

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1975 LEVY

Pearl Beaulieu
Barry Belanger
Thomas Belanger
Olga Blanchard
Alice Leavitt
Thomas Leavitt

William Leavitt
William Ryan
April Sweeney
Robert Sweeney
Peter Trainor
Richard Vinci

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1974 LEVY

Barry Belanger
Alice Leavitt

Thomas Leavitt
William Leavitt

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1973 LEVY

Barry Belanger

YIELD TAX TO COLLECTOR 1973 LEVY

George Tardy

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The Plaistow Highway Department now employs a full-time Supervisor, one Assistant Highway Supervisor, three CETA employees and one employee from the Green Thumb Program.

This year has been a full one for the Highway Department with the large amounts of snow and icing conditions and projects like the Kelley Road Bridge and Harriman Road. We've had our hands full with little rest. All work done on both jobs were done by Town Employees with little outside help, which in the long run saves the Town considerable amounts of money.

As of now the department still has the one International 1750 Dump Truck with snow plow and wing. The department also has a four wheel drive Dodge Pick-up with an eight foot Fisher plow, a loader backhoe combination, and two sanders. We have had a few more problems this year than last because of equipment breakdowns but most were handled with little difficulty. As of now equipment seems to be our most important problem with snows of large amounts calling for bigger and heavier equipment with fewer contractors doing snow plowing.

As for my goals, they are the same as last year. To bring roads up to standards realizing town budgets and trying to stay within that budget. In the winter, providing we have dry pavement as soon as possible after each storm with the proper use of deicing chemicals to keep traffic and school buses moving safely. Also with regard to road side trees and vegetation and ground water. We are trying to lower the salt consumption on secondary roads wherever possible.

This year we took over the Sanitary Landfill Operation which is more efficient and more economical than what was provided with contracted services.

We have constructed a well and septic system at the Highway Garage, and a road grader was picked up from surplus at no cost to the Town.

We have corrected many drainage problems, accomplished some road overlay work, filled many pot holes, some gravel work accomplished on Glendale Circle, trees and poles removed on Harriman Road getting it ready for widening and paving. Some additional catch basins have been installed and most others cleaned out.

I would like at this time to thank my men, contractors, townspeople and Selectmen for having patience, foresight and cooperation this year. I hope this cooperation will continue and we will be able to accomplish more.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bennett, Highway Supervisor

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1976		\$ 1,465.46
Received Interest		
5-3-77	\$ 2,065.46	
1-6-78	<u>2,058.42</u>	<u>4,123.88</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 5,589.34

Expenditures:

Father Griffin	\$ 691.69	
John Colby	410.75	
Town of Plaistow		
(perpetual Care)	910.00	
Town of Plaistow int.	58.13	
Father Griffin int.	691.69	
John Colby	<u>410.75</u>	<u>\$ 3,173.01</u>
Balance on Checking & Interest Acc., Dec. 31, 1977		\$ 2,416.33

INVESTED FUNDS

Savings Cert. #3112 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	\$ 7,000.00
Savings Cert. #6160 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	3,300.00
Savings Cert. #6251 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	9,078.59
Savings Cert. #6250 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	5,391.21
Savings Cert. #6252 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	24,480.70
Savings Cert. #6569 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	2,000.00
Savings Book Interest	<u>443.54</u>
Total Invested Funds as of December 31, 1976	\$ 51,694.04

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Foster, Clerk
Craig Morse
Nancy Wendell

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES (CONT.)

Report of Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 1977

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	New Funds Created
6-16-77	Theodore Smith	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
9-12-77	Paul D. Palmer Estate	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$1,000.00
9-12-77	J. D. & Margaret Burns	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
9-29-77	Bertha Bryant	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
9-29-77	Marion Collins Estate	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
12-15-77	Forrest Reynolds	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL				\$1,650.00 =====

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Foster, Clerk
Craig Morse
Nancy Wendell

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1977	\$	2,001.46	
Received from Town of Plaistow		17,974.00	
Transferred from New Equipment Fund		3,823.93	
Transferred from Peaslee Memorial Fund		57.00	
Transferred from Virginia Robinson Fund		325.00	
Transferred from Palmer Memorial Fund		295.00	\$24,476.39

Expenditures:

Salaries - Librarian	\$	4,045.13	
Assistant Librarians		3,686.08	
Pages		928.55	
New Books Purchased		3,464.45	
Periodical Subscriptions		483.16	
Encyclopedias & Reference Books		475.80	
Postage & P. O. Box		93.05	
Supplies		423.72	
Insurance		62.00	
Dues to Library Organizations		18.00	
Telephone		341.83	
Education & Convention Expense		171.28	
Capital Equipment		7,171.17	
Maintenance - Electricity		723.24	
Heat		133.54	
Public Activities		175.26	
Miscellaneous Expense (Shelf painting)		550.00	\$22,946.26

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1977		\$ 1,530.13
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Special Funds on Deposit in Plaistow Co-operative Bank:

New Equipment Fund	\$	1,859.92
Virginia Robinson Fund		314.07
Encyclopedia Reference Fund		351.33
Annie L. Dow Fund		308.88
Fines Account		943.32
Irving E. Peaslee Memorial Fund		296.75
Paul D. Palmer Memorial Fund		2,247.95

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara N. Baratt, Chairman
Samuel D. Conti, Vice-Chairman
Ruth C. Cook, Corresponding Sec.
Nils C. Persson, Recording Sec.
David W. Dana, Treasurer
Robert H. Rochussen, Asst. Treasurer

REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

Balance on hand 1/1/77	\$	-0-
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Received from fines: 1/1/77 to 12/31/77 (1,807 criminal cases processed)		34,240.00
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Received from Small Claims including payment of forms, second summons and executions, after costs		624.28
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Received from Civil Cases including entry fees, judgments, executions and payment of writ forms		689.26
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$35,553.54
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Expenditures:

Paid to State of New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles (fines)	\$17,343.00
Fish & Game Dept. (fines)	280.00
Public Utilities (fines)	32.00
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	17,655.00

Expenses: telephone, postage, printing, dues, bond, library, ass't clerk, supplies, misc. and witness fees	5,086.19
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Paid to the Town of Plaistow, N. H.	<hr/>	12,812.35
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$35,553.54
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Respectfully submitted,

Edith F. Signor
Clerk
Plaistow District Court

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year marks the completion of my fifth year as your Chief of Police. During this time the department has grown from a full-time Chief and one full-time officer to the Chief and three full-time officers.

The move into our new quarters will help to make our operation more efficient, and will make it easier to operate in a more professional manner.

During 1977, the Police Association has endeavored to work within the community and enter into projects for community betterment. Once again the Association sponsored a Little League Baseball Clinic. At Christmas the Association joined with other organizations in the purchase of toys and food to make the Holidays brighter for those less fortunate.

Plaistow officers gave voluntarily many hours to make the May-Day-A-Thon for Crotched Mountain a success. Once again they with the firemen participated in a football game to raise money for a Timberlane Scholarship.

Timberlane Band was presented with \$50.00 to help in their drive for the Gimbel's Fund. Officers helped in the success for the Old Home Day celebration not only by their efficient police work but by their participation in a good-natured softball game.

Members of the department worked in cooperation with the Plaistow Fish and Game in the construction of a firing range. Officers Kenneth Heim and Frederick Copp spent many hours establishing a fire arms training class for all police officers from Plaistow and surrounding towns.

Several part time officers spent many evenings taking law enforcement classes at Salem High School.

As a department head, I have spent many hours working with the Short-Long Range Planning Committee, during the past few months.

I would like to thank the residents at this time for their continued support and co-operation during the past five years and look forward to serving you for many more.

I would also like to extend my thanks to my Officers and Clerk for their faithful service and backing. Thanks also go to Selectmen, members of the Police Departments of Newton, Atkinson, Hampstead, and Kingston who are always ready to assist when needed.

REPORT OF THE POLCE DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

In closing I would like to remind you that the Police Department is your Department, established to assist you. If you have a problem please call or stop and see us. If you don't have a problem, plan to stop and see us when we have our Open House in our new quarters.

Repsectfully submitted,

Alexander Brown, Jr.
Police Chief

Motor Vehicle Accidents

229

1 car	30
2 car	136
3 car	9
Hit & Run	20
1 car & other	34
(bike, motorcycle, Tel. pole, etc.)	

Number persons summoned	621
Total Offenses	1086
Motor Vehicle Violations	
Speeding	510
DWI	71
Assaults investigated	32
Robbery	5
Breaking & Entry Larceny	43
Stolen Autos	38
Stolen Bicycles	28
Bad checks	50
Drugs case	16
Juvenile case	34
Juvenile arrested	28
Missing Persons	16
Misc. complaints	215

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to report to you that we had only one working structural fire all year long, although several minor fires were reported in residences and commercial establishments. These mainly consisted of stove fires, smoking motors, etc. Again, much credit is due to the diligent effective work of our inspector - Bill Judson, and the fire prevention efforts of your department.

Although the number of responses was up significantly, most were of a non-serious nature. Leaks and related water line problems caused many needless runs to commercial and industrial facilities. Rescue calls ran the full gamut from a rescue from height of the type seen on TV, to cut fingers. We will try to eliminate emergency rescue response for minor scrapes and bruises, as this is not a proper function of the rescue unit.

Our responses to woods and grass fires doubled over last year. Many were caused by children who ride mini-bikes in the woods. These children stop along the trails to smoke or to light a small campfire. Because of their remote locations, these fires go undetected and grow in size. We have difficulty reaching them with vehicles and water and usually have to rely on men walking in with back-pumps and grub hoes to extinguish them. This takes considerable time, manpower and money, and the responsibility for them lies directly with the parents. Our goal is to reduce these needless fires by a minimum of 50% next year. Please help us!

The new truck, a 1250 GPM pumper, was delivered in early December, and we expect it will be placed in service shortly. The station was completely painted inside and out by members of the department with some assistance from CETA employees.

Again we have requested the inclusion of a section in the building code requiring smoke detectors in all new or extensively remodeled buildings. We request your support in this legislation. We also suggest that each home owner consider installing one or more in his home. They are very inexpensive, extremely reliable, and could save your life.

I would like to thank the many citizens who have helped us throughout the year. The Fire Department is dedicated to serving you, and our men are well qualified. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Richard Latham
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Vehicles: Fires, Accidents, Gas Spills	30
Structual:	
Residential	
Minor, Including Chimney	13
Working Fires	1
Commercial, Residential, Schools	12
Brush: Grass, Woods, Dump, etc.	53
False:	5
Medical Aid:	39
Mutual Aid to Others:	5
Mutual Aid From Others:	0
Miscellaneous:	18

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE

The rescue truck, which is housed in the Fire Station is funded primarily through the Civil Defense budget. The vehicle is a quick-response type of vehicle. It is exceptionally well equipped for automobile extrication and various types of emergency rescue work. The rescue truck is manned by trained personnel of the Fire Department. The Plaistow Firemen's Association has started a fund this year, for the purpose of contributing to the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the present truck.

Mr. Craig Stickney has been appointed as Deputy Director and is responsible for plans for coordinating the efforts of various emergency units in time of disaster. His responsibilities also include interfacing with other local, state and national Civil Defense agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Richard Latham
Director

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Guy L. Sawyer, Building Inspector

Dear Sirs;

I respectfully submit the following report on permits issued by this department from January to December 1977.

	TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
Dwellings	One family	37	\$ 1,135,465.00
Dwellings	Two family	1	20,550.00
Alternations & Additions		176	243,349.00
Mobile Homes		1	15,500.00
Swimming Pools		12	32,429.00
Garages		13	56,100.00
Recreational		4	258,000.00
Commercial		5	175,991.00
Educational		1	62,875.00
Other		6	2,625.00
Total		256	\$ 2,002,884.00

The total number of building permits issued for the year was 256 compared to 174 in 1976. There were 63 Occupancy Permits issued in 1977.

The total estimated cost was \$2,002,884.00 in 1977 as compared to \$1,785,804.48 in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy L. Sawyer
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

ANNUAL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Twenty-one new trees were planted during the spring months of 1977. Sixteen of these were deciduous and five were flowering. In an effort to offset losses as a result of disease and age, most of these trees were planted along roadsides where losses has occurred.

SPRAYING

Again this year the town with the permission of the Conservation Commission has attempted to control Dutch Elm Disease. In early spring, the time when prevention is crucial to control, roadside Elm trees were sprayed with the chemical methoxychor. This year's spray program was contracted to the Ralston Tree Service and carried out with the aid of a hydraulic insecticide sprayer,

TREE REMOVAL

Tree removal during 1977 was minimal. Only a few trees which were hazardous to traffic and pedestrians were removed. However, due to the severity of late winter's snow and ice storms, tree damage was extensive. Where many residents responded to the Tree Warden's request to notify him of roadside damage to trees, a great deal of time was spent on clean-up.

For the past few years, Leon A. Bowie, the former Tree Warden, did a superior job in that capacity. His efforts in behalf of and concern for Plaistow's environment are sincerely appreciated. As your new Tree Warden, I hope to fulfill his loss.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy H. Pickersgill
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

New growth in town (Subdivision approvals and site development approvals) in 1977 was about equal to 1976. Future growth possibilities proposed, but not yet approved, show a marked increase, however.

This year the Board approved subdivisions on new or extended streets creating 21 new building lots. One of these, Christie Lane (off Smith Corner Road), has been constructed and accepted. Ten subdivisions on existing streets creating 14 additional lots have been approved this year.

Proposals now under consideration include a subdivision in the Pine Street-Hilltop Road area creating 50 new lots and a development in the Sweet Hill Road-Newton Road area providing for a 400-unit mobile home park, a 120-bed nursing home and 50 units of elderly housing. The latter proposal will require amendments to several ordinances in order to be permitted and will therefore be presented at two statutory public hearings prior to calling a special town meeting.

The citizen's group named Sounding Board has concluded its work of over one year and this board has approved the first four chapters of the Master Plan incorporating suggestions of the Sounding Board. We are currently working on the final chapter of the plan.

Another citizen's group called the Long-Short Range Planning Committee has been active this year in studying the municipal facility needs of the community. It is expected that they will have a recommendation regarding the Lagasse property (former car-barn) this year.

In October the town received funding for ten months for two federal government positions under CETA to provide staff for the Board. One of these is an administrative assistant and one a clerk-typist. These full-time employees, whose salaries are paid by the government, have enabled the Board to continue work on the Master Plan, and on code revisions concurrently while also considering subdivision and site development proposals. It is anticipated that this staff will help expedite the Board's work through the next ten months and enable completion of the Master Plan.

We thank the members of the Sounding Board, the members of the Long/Short Range Study Committee, the Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Commission staff and commissioners; all of whom have assisted this Board in its decision making in 1977.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD (CONT.)

This Board welcomed as new members this year Mrs. Eleanor Sargent, Selectman Milton Todd and for a brief time Selectman Norman L. Major.

We thank Bruce James for his services on the Board from 1973 to 1977 and former Selectman Thomas Cullen for his services from 1964 to 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Alden Palmer, Jr., Chairman
Walter Pearson
Charles O. Stevens, II
Eleanor P. Sargent
Milton H. Todd, Selectman

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. to hear advertised appeals. The case load for 1977 was forty-nine or an average of four or five appeals per hearing night. The Board also had to schedule many off-night inspections to more fairly deal with certain appeals.

The Board has endeavored to work closely with the Building Inspector on interpretation of our existing zoning ordinances. Hopefully after the March town meeting we will be relieved of hearing most of the sign requirements as they will be handled through the Building Inspector's Office.

We are currently studying home occupations and have suggested a change in this area. We are also trying to work with the Planning Board as close as possible to make our existing zoning ordinances more clear and therefore, easier to enforce.

The Board would like to emphasize that its decisions are based on our existing zoning ordinances and within the legal framework of its authority.

Respectfully submitted,




Donald E. Wood, Chairman
John Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairman
John Hansbury, Clerk
George W. Colby, Jr.
Emile Langlois
Ruth E. Palmer, Recording Sec.

Alternate Members:

John Palmer
Neil Walker
Robert Rivard
William Simmons

PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 19, 1978




A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

 Norman L. Major, Chairman
 LeRoy S. Dube
 Milton H. Todd

Selectmen
of
Plaistow

PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 19, 1978

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attached copy at the Plaistow Post Office, being a public place said Town, on the 19th day of February 1978.

 Norman L. Major, Chairman
 LeRoy S. Dube
 Milton H. Todd

Selectmen
of
Plaistow

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Improperly kept animals, both of household and outdoor nature, are still a problem in residential areas. An increasing number of complaints are being brought to the attention of the Board of Health. Swift and constructive action should be taken in areas where there is a clear health problem.

Only one case of Scarlet Fever was reported and twelve cases of chicken pox were reported to the Health Officer.

Sewer drainage is still a major problem. With the increasing population and the projected residential and industrial growth of the Town, prompt action must be taken. Mr. Jim Dube, member of the Board of Health, is making a concentrated effort to meet this challenge to our community.

The main concern of this department is to inspect all restaurants in Town and update any Health regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Artemas J. W. Packard, Chairman
B. James Dube

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1977 was an especially busy and exciting year for the Plaistow Public Library. It was the completion and move into the new library building on Elm Street. The move was completed without missing a single normal operating day largely due to the extra time put in by our excellent and dedicated staff consisting of Muriel Herrick, Linda Gates and Marjorie Knowles and the tremendous support and volunteer aid of many, many townspeople who spent countless hours boxing and shelving books and who with the help of manpower workers made the move extremely smooth.

We also wish to thank the many people who made contributions both large and small to furnishing the new library. These furnishings provide a warm and inviting atmosphere in which to read and study. It is also enjoyable to browse and observe our changing displays and we hope everyone will take advantage of the new facility.

There are still many books on the second floor which have not been catalogued and which will in time be placed on the shelves.

We are anxiously awaiting the completion of the second floor so that programs and activities can be held in the function room and not disturb library patrons. The function room when finished will be available to all groups for meetings and programs.

Our programs consisted of the National Library Week presentation of the "Wizard of Oz", story hours and related parties, the Summer Reading Club which saw fifty-four children complete the program and it's related Children's Book Week program. We were happy to have eighty-one children enroll in this program. We also had a Rockingham County Health Service Program and plan to have more.

We are asking people with interesting hobbies and collections to arrange for their presentation in our new locked display case. These displays are enjoyed by those who visit the library.

Our swap shop is still extremely popular with many more books available due to increased space.

Pollard, Kindergarten and Nursery school Children continue to make regular visits to the library and we hope to add an additional staff member to aid in this program. Linda Jackman has recently joined us as a library aide.

The library trustees and I want to thank the staff and the many volunteers very much for their aid and support this past eventful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Allison
Librarian

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN (CONT.)

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	

Books Purchased	564
Gifts	529
Magazines Purchased	56
Magazines by Gifts	10
Books Discarded	200
Total Volumes in the Library	13,414
Adult Fiction	7,741
Non-Fiction	3,401
Magazines	2,246
Juveniles	8,233
Records	132
Total Circulation	21,753
New Borrowers	335
Days Open	194

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Allison
Librarian

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The commission would like to thank all of the townspeople who have volunteered their time and effort to make the recreation programs a continuing success. We encourage anyone who may be interested in helping in any way with our present programs, or interested in developing other types of recreation programs or facilities, to attend our meetings.

Improvements of the recreation field on Ingalls Terrace consisted of fertilizing the baseball field and reseeding the bare spots on April 1, 1977. Also building a picnic shelter and concrete block storage shelter the first part of June as authorized by the Town Warrant of the March 1977 meeting.

Our thanks goes to Joe Giampa for conducting tennis lessons for new and advanced boys and girls.

The Summer Band Concerts which have been an enjoyable entertainment for residents of all ages, were again held throughout the summer with a total of nine Wednesday evening concerts. The Timberlane Stage Band, Haverhill Municipal Band, Sunflower (a folk group sponsored by U.N.H.), Zypher (a local Rock group), Merrimack Valley Guitar Club presented concerts.

The Recreation Commission would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Lions Club for the Band Stand which provides a most attractive setting for future Band Concerts.

The 1977 Summer Recreation Program was the most successful ever thus far.

First of all there were more than 220 Plaistow youths attending over a six week period. This figure was more than double that of the previous year. This years program expanded its activities to include a full-time arts and crafts program, a learn-to-swim program at the Haverhill Y.M.C.A., tennis lessons at Ingalls Terrace and an inter-league baseball and softball program for the older children.

We also sponsored several field trips to various educational and recreational sites which involved over 100 children and parents on each trip. There were also two performances by the Little Red Wagon Theatre Group.

The Summer Recreation Program will continue to sponsor several annual events. A bike safety inspection will be held at the beginning of each summer. The program will continue to have its family day at which 250 people participated this past summer.

For the first time this year the recreation program sponsored a track invitational for local recreational programs which was won by our Plaistow youths. We will continue to sponsor an area-wide superstars contest which saw 120 youths ages 6-15 participate in 1977.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION (CONT.)

Another goal of the Summer Recreation Program is to get adults who live in the Plaistow area involved in recreational activities. The Program will sponsor annual tennis and horseshoe tournaments for the Junior Division (14-18) and the Senior Division (18 & up). This coming year the summer program will also offer a mixed-doubles tennis league and horseshoe league.

The Timberlane Junior Basketball Program is run for boys in grades 4 through 8 from Plaistow and Atkinson. The program is jointly sponsored by the Atkinson and Plaistow Recreation Commissions and is run by Jerry Lovett, Plaistow and Dave Heffernan, Atkinson.

In the 1976-77 season the program operated 3 leagues in which over 60 Plaistow boys participated. The 1976-77 season offered a new twist as the Timberlane teams were joined by Hampstead teams in all leagues. This offered the boys extra playing time as some of the games were held at the Hampstead gym.

The Timberlane Football League has a very successful 1977 season.

The Junior Division got off to a late start due to inclement weather for three weeks in a row. This years Junior Division was made up of 5 teams. Three teams were from the Timberlane District and two teams were from the Haverhill League.

The Timberlane Football League also sponsored two teams in the Haverhill Y.M.C.A. League. They are the Timberlane Giants and the Timberlane Vikings. Both teams completed successful seasons. The Giants were co-champs of the league and the Vikings placed 3rd.

The Plaistow Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have donated their time in helping to make this football league a very successful one.

The Timberlane Junior Baseball Program experienced another successful season in 1977. The program is operated for boys and girls in the 8 to 15 year old bracket.

In 1977 over 250 Plaistow boys and girls played ball in 5 different leagues sponsored by the Timberlane Junior Baseball Program.

Our Babe Ruth Team, led by coaches Jim Kirsch, Plaistow and Dick Gardella, Atkinson again won the Intertown Babe Ruth Championship.

Many thanks to Bob Gagnon and Stew McCormack of Plaistow for their years of service as coaches in the program.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION (CONT.)

Thanks go also to Nancy Pearson who organized the Softball program and all the mothers who helped her with a successful season for the 4th and 5th graders.

In conclusion, we would once again like to thank all the people who have worked with us to make the recreation programs within the town a tremendous success. Also the commission accepted with deep regrets the resignation of Chairman Arne Ziemian who through his efforts, organization and determination the board became an active part of the community in all aspects of recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Bayek, Chairman
Dorothy Ketchum, Secretary
Barbara James, Treasurer
Earl Smith
Michael McPherson
Nickolas Sarbanis
Sue Sherman

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

During the year 1977 we maintained an attractive looking cemetery while keeping within the budget.

We made improvements to our shed.

We purchased two new mowers. These mowers kept the cemetery well groomed along with some trimming and raking.

We tried to accommodate the wishes of lot owners. Anyone wishing special attention on their lot is asked to contact me soon and we will get to do it this spring.

I wish to express my thanks to the town officials and lot owners who have made my job a little easier by their complete understanding and concern.

Anyone wishing to help with cemetery maintainance is asked to contact me as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert (Topper) Reed
Cemetery Sexton

REPORT OF THE
SOUTHERN ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

1977 further strengthened the already productive relationship between Plaistow and the Regional Planning Commission. Those of us involved in regional planning are grateful to the citizens of Plaistow for their continued support.

Utilizing the soils information produced in the 1976 Plaistow Soils Survey, the Regional Planning Commission was able to provide the town with useful analyses of potential development impacts from various building proposals. Before the town can better know the potential effects of particular development proposals on abutting properties and nearby ground and surface waters. We are hopeful that this new information will be used by the town during 1978 to modify its development regulations.

1977 saw good progress on completion of the text of the town Master Plan. A citizen's Sounding Board was formed to advise the Plaistow Planning Board on the final shape the town Plan should take. The Planning Board has accepted the goals and objectives as defined in the draft town Plan document. During 1978 the Plan itself should be completed.

The Regional Planning Commission provided Plaistow with considerable transportation planning assistance during 1977. Proposals for regulation of on and off-street parking were suggested, traffic volume forecasts were developed and traffic impacts of particular development proposals were provided to the town.

As was the case during 1976, the Regional Planning Commission provided Plaistow with about three times more in planning services than it received in town contributions. We are optimistic about 1978 activities and anticipate continued excellent cooperation between Plaistow and its Regional Planning Commission.

1977 Regional Planning Services to Plaistow

Town Planning Assistance	\$ 4,305.11
Water Quality Planning Assistance	4,453.56
Transportation Planning Assistance	1,420.48
Subdivision Application Assistance	979.26
Miscellaneous Assistance	1,199.39
Approximate Overhead Costs	1,750.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 14,107.80</u>
 Plaistow Regional Planning Dues (1977)	 \$ 3,534.00

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas H. Cullen, Commissioner
Donald McKendry, Commissioner
Jonathan Gilmore, Plan. Director

REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1977, the Commission was involved with several gravel pits applications and several applications concerning dredge and fill. Involvement with these applications and the monitoring of the areas after the permits have been issued is a regular function of the Commission. This is in accordance with town and state ordinances.

The waste oil tank at the disposal area is still being used. The tank has now been placed in a convenient location and is well marked. Close to 1,000 gallons of old oil have been collected in the three years that it has been in use. This represents a lot of oil that could have leached into underground water supplies if it has been disposed of into the garbage trench or other uncontrolled places.

Leon Bowie, the last of the original Commissioners, resigned this year because he moved out of town. We were very fortunate though to have two new members appointed this year. Both Randy Pickersgill and Earl Smith have excellent credentials and will be a real asset to the Commission.

We have worked out new gravel regulations which will be voted on by the townspeople. One of the additions to the zoning ordinances would control operating times in the gravel pits in order to minimize the discomfort of neighbors of the area. Other additions to the ordinances would control final grades, maximum depth of excavation, and undisturbed land between the excavation and abutting property. These additions would assure that the area will remain useable after the work is done and also will protect abutters land form possible encroachment. The last part of the proposed gravel regulation is a section that allows legal access to the area so that the Conservation Commission can periodically monitor the operation to be certain that the provisions of the permit are being followed and also to avoid problems that might arise if a renewal of the permit is desired.

The Commission has also submitted an addition to the zoning laws disallowing the use of wetlands for garbage and general refuse disposal. This is an extremely important regulation since wetlands are one of nature's main purification and recharge areas for our underground water supplies. Since all people in Plaistow depend on wells for their water, we must protect the quality of the water supplied to these wells.

The Sounding Board, made up of citizens of Plaistow, felt that regulations for both better control of gravel operations and protection of our wetlands was important to the town.

REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CONT.)

The Commission has inserted an article in the Town Warrant to raise \$10,000.00 for the purchase of land. Periodically land becomes available for purchase and the Commission has not had the money for this in the past. New Hampshire laws allow for Conservation Commissions to set up reserve accounts for this purpose. There are many grants available and the Commission will apply for them when a land purchase is feasible. Even with grants, some town money will be required for the purchase, legal, and surveying costs involved. The Commission felt a reserve fund would be valuable for this purpose. Open spaces for wetland and wildlife protection and general recreation uses are extremely valuable for a balanced environment in any town.

It appears that the price of old paper is on the rise. The Commission will probably reinstitute the waste paper recycling program when the price of paper will make it at least a "Break even" proposition. Watch for an announcement in the future.

The Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday of every month at eight P.M. in the Town Hall. The public is always welcome at these meetings. Your suggestions are important to us so that we can work on projects that are of concern to the people we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles O. Stevens, II, Chairman
Donald Durand, Secretary
Edward LaFave, Treasurer
Joseph MacFarlane
Randy Pickersgill
Russell Sargent
Earl Smith

REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

At the annual March Town Meeting of 1977 the people of Plaistow raised and appropriated \$600.00 so that on July 4th all the residents could set aside this day to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

At the opening ceremony Selectman Chairman Norman L. Major welcomed one and all, and the Historical Society presented gavels made from the towns old elm tree.

An Ecumenical Service was presented by the local churches, refreshments were served by the Boy Scouts and Lions Club, and the dunking pool and pillory were in action all day.

Local residents displayed their talents with an arts and crafts exhibition, as did the Police and Fire Departments in a so-called softball game, the results of which is still in doubt.

There were games for the children and a hayride which everyone seemed to enjoy. A special visit by Governor Meldrin Thomson was very enjoyable. We also received a gift of an American flag which had been flown over the U.S. Capitol from Senator McIntyre.

An old New England tradition of a beanhole supper was served to over 300 residents, followed by a band concert on the village green.

Everyone had a very enjoyable day and we look forward to our 2nd annual Old Home Day in 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Sargent, Chairman
Sue Sherman, Vice Chairman
Marsha Gallotti, Secretary
Brenda E. Major, Publicity
Rosemarie Bayek, Treasurer

SHORT AND LONG RANGE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Short and Long Range Municipal Planning Committee recommends to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Plaistow that the Lagasse property, Elm Street, Plaistow, be purchased for \$100,000.00 as municipal land for future Town needs. The background and reasons for this recommendation are summarized as follows.

Responding to a request by the Planning Board for citizens assistance in formulating municipal land and building plans a group of citizens convened on May 26, 1977. The group of 21 consisted of representatives of all Municipal Departments, most Town Committees and several interested citizens. Organizational meetings, at one of which Arnold Ziemian was elected Chairman, were followed by study of the immediate mandate of the Committee.

The Townspeople at the 1977 Annual Town Meeting had rejected to purchase the Lagasse property. Notwithstanding this action, and presumably because many facts had not been aired before the vote, Town leaders determined that it would be wise to maintain a purchase option on the site pending a fuller examination. By letter of May 31, 1977 the Selectmen notified the Committee that its responsibilities were "to establish the short and long term building and land needs for the various departments of the Town, and to investigate the availability of land and buildings to satisfy these needs."

It is fair to say that most committee members were initially skeptical, if not outright hostile, regarding the purchase of the Lagasse property. All agreed however, to conduct an open-minded study of municipal needs and the resources available to meet the needs discovered. Committee members formulated a methodology by which their tasks could be responsibly and expeditiously completed.

After receiving from department heads projected space needs over five, ten and twenty years the Committee informally queried the spokespersons about specific items. These estimates were then compared with existing facilities.

Because municipal services grow as a function of Town population growth and other factors committee members met with a representative of the Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Commission and reviewed data compiled by that commission. In sum the reports projected a 54% increase in population and population density, a 60% increase in housing units and an 80% rise in employment within the town over the period between 1975 and 1995. These factors reviewed with several assumptions about the provision of municipal services formed the basis of a needs assessment.

Concluding that town facilities would have to be expended over the next several years committee members pursued investigative areas. The Committee as a whole and several individual members conducted site examinations at the Fire Station, Police Station, Sanitary Landfill, Town Hall, Lagasse Building, Merrimack (Mass) Fire Station, and other New Hampshire municipal buildings.

Site visits having been completed the Committee decided to solicit information about suitable property (Between 2 and 5 acres) which might be available with one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile of the Fire Station (later Town Hall). Letters were sent to 22 taxpayers and realtors asking if such property might be available. Although five properties were reviewed two were withdrawn by the owners and one was deemed unacceptable. The Lagasse property remains as did a parcel owned by Mrs. C. E. Wood, north of Industrial Way (off Main Street). The latter property was, according to the owner, to be considered only if another site was not found.

Concurrent with these efforts the Committee sought information on property values, building structure soundness, construction and renovation costs for public safety buildings, and building design requirements and assistance. An appraisal of the Lagasse site by Donovan-Forky Appraisal Services, Nashua, N. H. became the source of much controversy not because of its contents but because the report could not, it was belatedly found, be released without the consent of the property owner which was not granted. The Committee did learn that methods of property are not necessarily adaptable to valuation of the worth in the eyes of the Town. Available property near the center of a well developed village, convenient to other municipal facilities and with easy access for a variety of purposes might very well be judged of a reasonably higher value to the Town than to other developers.

This lesson lately learned, the Committee was able to make far better use of the extensive assistance provided at no cost by Architect John M. Daly. Mr. Daly and his colleagues examined the Lagasse Building and found it to be structurally sound (as had previous qualified examiners). In a report to the Committee Mr. Daly wrote regarding the Lagasse Building, "In my opinion the building is suitable for the purpose of a fire/police facility conversion. The site size configuration and topography is also more than acceptable for such rehabilitation." Accompanying reports related to electrical system needs and a structural assessment. The latter report concluded "that the building is in sound structural condition with certain required corrective action (notes within the letter).

In addition to this information Mr. Daly enlightened committee members on ways of working with architects and construction costs. His estimates were based upon published cost experiences for like structures in the Northeast and upon his own substantial experience with this type of building.

Meanwhile committee members had sought and been assured of assistance through the U. S. Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administrations' National Clearinghouse for Criminal Justice and Architecture. The service, provided at no cost to the Town, has included consultation with a facilities expert who provided information on probable future law enforcement needs in town.

All meetings of the Committee are open to the public and the press in at least 36 articles fully aired the processings. Townspeople unable to attend the informative and often spirited meetings were able to follow the involving inquiries of the Committee.

The conclusions reached have not been without disagreement. Earlier justification for purchasing the property primarily for Fire Department purposes brought resistance from members of that department. A re-examination of projected department needs at a very productive meeting resulted in a change in emphasis in reasons for acquisition as a better understanding of equipment and building needs by all attending.

Taking competing views into consideration and reviewing the information which has been developed over nine months in no fewer than 15 meetings the Committee formulated the following sixteen reasons in support of its recommendation.

1. Unavailability of other property in close proximity to the center of town and present municipal facilities that would be suitable for future expansion; i.e. good land with easy access and would not require additional expense of development, roads, etc.
2. Purchase of Lagasse property (6½ + acres) would provide approximately two acres of land adjacent to present cemetery that could be used to extend the size of present cemetery when needed.
3. Mrs. Lagasse has informed us she has a buyer who would like to purchase the property for use as a storage facility for Christmas decorations, etc. She has asked to be released from the option at an earlier date (now to expire two days after the Town Meeting) if the Short & Long Range Committee decides not to recommend at the purchase price of \$100,000.00.
4. Present aesthetics of the property are poor and take away from the town's aesthetic value. If purchased for similar uses, appearance will probably not change and may perhaps deteriorate.
5. If we were to hold off purchasing the Lagasse property, assuming that it would continue to be available for purchase, the value of the property could increase 8 - 10% per year, i.e., \$100,000.00 today could mean approximately \$150,000.00 in four years.
6. If the Town does not purchase the property then the Town can only realize approximately \$1,400.00 per year in taxes at the present assessment. This is the same assessment basis used for the entire town.
(Building and property appraised by the state at \$50,000.00, 100% evaluation. 70% of \$50,000.00 yields \$35,000.00. At \$1,400.00 per year in taxes.)

7. The taxes to be collected would not be offset by the \$8-9000.00 increase in property value per year due to inflation if the Town were to decide to purchase the property at a later year. On 5 years, taxes realized would be approximately \$7500.00 while the price of the property at the current rate of inflation would be \$50,000.00.
8. Two separate appraisals of the Lagasse property were received by the Town during 1976. The verbal appraisals were in range of \$70-75,000.00.
9. The worth of the property in the eyes of the Town may be different than appraisal value used for developmental purposes.
10. If we purchase property then we can apply for Federal funds to rehabilitate present Lagasse building or erect new Town facilities.
11. Revenue Sharing Funds can be used to purchase property. The Town should have \$90,000.00 (1977-1978) at the end of 1978. This means only \$10,000.00 from general tax or approximately 20¢ per \$1000.00 of evaluation.
12. If we purchase now, the building can be used for storage purposes of town equipment until an ultimate decision is reached in its final use.
13. Future public safety buildings on the site would likely require only approximately 2-3 acres. This would leave 2 acres for the cemetery and two acres for other municipal facilities, e.g. recreation, etc.
14. Parking facilities at the present municipal buildings, except library are inadequate. The new property would allow ample parking spaces.
15. When the present fire station space facilities are inadequate as they are projected to be between 1987 and 1992, the existing fire house could be used for other purposes.
16. Two consulting architects and a structural engineer have inspected the Lagasse building and have found it to be structurally sound.

We hope that these reasons and the full report of our findings will be regarded as a good faith effort to provide information and guidance to the Townspeople in making their decision. It has been a pleasure (but often a burden) conducting the investigation. We thank the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in us. We also want to thank each and everyone who worked so hard on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Ziemian, Chairman
Samuel D. Conti, Vice-Chairman
Rita Sampson, Secretary

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Durham, NH