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Enjoy, as we gear up to celebrate Plaistow's Historical 250th Anniversary in 1999.



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1998 DEDICATION

This edition of the Town Report is dedicated to a woman who has given not only her time but that of her family to the residents of Plaistow. Those of you that have been residents in Plaistow for ten or more years, need no introduction. To those of you who are new residents in town, it is my great pleasure to introduce you to Agnes Dube.



Agnes has lived in Plaistow for over sixty years. She was married to former Selectman LeRoy Dube who served this town for seventeen years and most of those as Chairman of the Board. After leaving that office, LeRoy served as State Representative of Plaistow for the next ten years. Agnes' sister, Annie Mae Schwaner, also served as State Representative of Plaistow for twenty-six years.

Agnes has been behind the scenes of Plaistow politics for over thirty years. If you were to meet her, you would know just what a fine, intelligent woman she really is. She is well read and on top of what is happening in Plaistow.

Agnes served as news correspondent for the New Hampshire Union Leader, Rockingham News and the former Haverhill Journal and Gazette.

As a resident of the Plaistow community, Agnes

- Worked on the Rockingham County Community Action Program to enroll the elderly in Medicare Alert in the Town of Plaistow and Town of Atkinson under the direction of the Social Security Office of Portsmouth.
- Regional Chairman of the Heart Fund Drive in Plaistow, Atkinson, and Hampstead.
- Chairman of the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and the March of Dimes.
- Member of the Plaistow Civil Defense during World War II.
- Public relations Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Haverhill Girl Scouts Council.

As a member of the church, Agnes was

- President of the Catholic Women's Guild at Holy Angels Church.
- Eucharistic Minister at Holy Angels Church for twenty years.
- President of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of New Hampshire.
- Member of the Catholic Daughters of America.
- Active in church dinners, rummage sales and many other activities in the church.
- Served on the altar Society at Holy Angels Church.

Agnes' outside interests are:

- Gardening
- Working in the yard
- Cooking
- Reading
- Sewing
- Traveling
- Music
- Taking great interest in politics
- Helping her sister every day
- Active in family activities

With this extensive list of credits, we can't help but feel blessed to have Agnes in our town. She has touched the lives of many people and worked selflessly for the betterment of all. We honor you, Agnes, for all you have given.



IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow residents who passed away during 1998 and have served the Town of Plaistow in an elected, appointed or volunteer capacity.

Irving S. Gilman

1904 – 1998

Town Treasurer

Plaistow School Board

Timberlane School District Treasurer

Timberlane Budget Committee

Plaistow Fire Department

Plaistow Municipal Budget Committee

Charter Member of Plaistow Lions Club

Plaistow Historical Society



Malcolm M. Ewing

1926 – 1998

Plaistow Board of Selectmen



Dorothy Bennett-Naber

1897 – 1998

Pollard School Principal

Plaistow Boston Post Cane Recipient

1999 DATES OF IMPORTANCE

February 6, 1999	1999 Town Meeting Deliberative Session
March 9	1999 Town Meeting Voting
April 30	Dog Licenses Due (late fees will be assessed daily)
June 23 – 27	250 th Anniversary Celebration

HOLIDAYS

The following holidays are observed by the Town of Plaistow:

New Year's Day	January 1
President's Day	February 15
Memorial Day	May 31
Independence Day	July 5
Labor Day	September 6
Columbus Day	October 11
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 25 & 26
Christmas	December 24 & 25

Recycling Weeks for 1999

Curbside recycling is collected every other week on your regular trash collection day.

Recycling Weeks	BFI Pickup Day for White Goods
January 4 th and 18 th	January 27 th
February 1 st and 15 th	February 24 th
March 1 st , 15 th and 29 th	March 24 th
April 12 th and 26 th	April 28 th
May 10 th & 24 th	May 26 th
June 7 th and 21 st	June 23 rd
July 5 th and 19 th	July 28 th
August 2 nd , 16 th and 30 th	August 25 th
September 13 th & 27 th	September 22 nd
October 11 th and 25 th	October 27 th
November 8 th and 22 nd	November 24 th
December 6 th and 20 th	December 29 th

Trash and recycling dates changed by holidays are:

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1	pickup on Saturday
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30	pickup Tuesday through Saturday
Independence Day, July 4 th is on Sunday	does not effect trash pickup
Labor Day, Monday, September 6 th	pickup Tuesday through Saturday
Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26 th	pickup Friday and Saturday
Christmas, December 25 is on Saturday	does not effect trash pickup

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY Police & Fire 911

Town Hall Offices

Assessor	382-5200
M&W 8-4, Tu &Th 8-12	
District Court	382-4651
General Information	382-8469
Health Department	382-1191
Human Services	382-8469
Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9-2	
Inspection/Code Enforcement	382-1191
M-F 8:00-4:30	
Parks & Recreation	382-5200
Smith Recreation Field	382-5930
Planning Office	382-7371
M-F 8:00-4:30	
Selectmen	382-5200
Tax Collector	382-8611
M-W 8:30-4:30	
Town Clerk	382-8129
M-F 8:30-4:30, Mon. 6-8 p.m.	
Town Manager	382-7106

Fitzgerald Safety Complex

Fire Department	
Emergency	911
Business	382-8512
	382-5012
Fire Permits	382-5012
Wood Stove, Chimney	
Oil Burner, Inspections	382-5012
Emergency Management	
Civil Defense	382-5847
Police Department	
Emergency	911
Business	382-1200
	382-6816
	382-6207
Other Town Numbers	
Animal Control	382-8144
Family Mediation	362-9957
Historical Society	382-1675
Public Library	382-6011
M-Th 9-8:30, F 9-5, Sat.9-2	

Timberlane School District Offices

Pollard Elementary, Joean Griffin, Principal (382-7146)
 Timberlane Middle School, Lou Reste, Principal (382-7131)
 Timberlane High School, Les Murray (382-6541)
 Superintendent, Dr. Douglas MacDonald (382-6119)

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Vivian Clark
Hampstead

Kenneth Grant
Atkinson

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>	<i>Trustees of Public Library</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Chairman	2001	Catherine Emmons, Chair	2001
Barbara Hobbs, Vice Chairman	2000	Scott Lane, Assistant Chair	1999
Merilyn P. Senter	1999	Bertha Hill, Corresponding Sec.	2000
George E. Melvin	2000	Catherine Willis, Treasurer	2000
Michael L. Emmons	2001	Jennifer Kiarsis, Rec. Sec.	2001
 <i>Moderator</i>		 <i>Municipal Budget Committee</i>	
Barry A. Sargent	2000	Brenda Major, Chair	2001
 <i>Treasurer</i>		B. Jill Senter	2001
Bernadine A. Fitzgerald	1999	Bernadine A. Fitzgerald	1999
 <i>Town Clerk</i>		John A. Sherman	1999
Barbara E. Tavitian	2001	George B. Peabody	1999
 <i>Tax Collector</i>		Helen Hart	2000
Rosemarie L. Bayek	2000	Ronald Yeager	2000
 <i>Trustee of the Trust Funds</i>		Thomas J. Vinci	2000
Helen A. Hart, Chairman	2001	Marilyn Davis	2000
Kenneth Thurston	1999	Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Sel. Rep.	1999
George B. Peabody	2000	Norman Marquis	2001
 <i>Board of Fire Engineers</i>		Martha Sumner	1999
David Sargent, 1 st Eng.	1999	Edwin Wright, Appointed	1999
John H. McArdle, 3 rd Eng.	1999	Michael Emmons, Alt. Sel. Rep.	1999
Richard A. Colcord, 4 th Eng.	1999	 <i>Supervisors of the Check List</i>	
Michael F. Borges, 2 nd Assist.	1999	Nancy Jackman	2000
 <i>Planning Board</i>		Eleanor Peabody	2001
Timothy E. Moore, Chairman	1999	Katherine Fitzpatrick	2002
Robert Gray, Vice Chairman	2001	 <i>Auditors</i>	
John Lamb, Vice Chairman	Resigned	Thomas J. Vinci	1999
Thomas Underwood	2000	Brenda E. Major, Appointed	1999
Michael Penta	1999		
P. Michael Dorman	2001		
Steven Ranlett	Resigned		
Ronald Charette, Alternate	2001		
George E. Melvin, Sel. Rep.	2000		
Barbara Hobbs, Alt. Sel. Rep.	2000		

APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Administration

Robert M. Belmore, Town Manager
Ruth E. Jenne, Executive Secretary
Susan Drew, Bookkeeper

Inspection/Enforcement

P. Michael Dorman, Bldg. Insp./Code
Enforcement Officer
Janet Dow (Resigned)
John Scione, Jr. Electrical Inspector
Jeff Paradis, Plumbing Inspector
Kim Naimo, Secretary

Highway Safety Committee

Merilyn Senter, Selectman & Chair
Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor & Vice Chair
Donald Petzold, Fire Chief
Stephen Savage, Police Chief
Thomas Underwood, Planning Board
Robert M. Belmore, Town Manager
Kathleen Giragosian, Citizen Rep.
David Pelletier, Rockingham Planning Commission
George E. Melvin, Alt. Sel. Rep.
Michael Penta, Planning Board Alternate

Office of the Town Clerk

Maryellen Pelletier, Deputy

Cemetery Sexton

Herbert Reed

Office of Tax Collector

Donna Kimball, Deputy (Resigned)
Barbara James, Deputy

Health & Human Services

Carrie Chooljian, Human Services
Mary Ellen Tufts, Health Officer

Assessing Clerk

Cathy Orff

Animal Control

Donald Sargent, Officer
Jason J. Felton, Assistant

Highway Department

Daniel Garlington, Supervisor
Mario Mejia
Glen Peabody
Barry Ordway (Resigned)
Dana Rabito

Building Maintenance

David R. Bowles
John Arahovites

Joint Loss Management Committee

Stephen Savage, Police Chief
Donald Petzold, Fire Chief
Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor
Robert M. Belmore, Town Manager
Laurie Houlihan, Library Director
Steven Ranlett (Teamster's Rep.)

Public Library

Laurie Houlihan, Director
Susan Dufault, Assistant Director

Emergency Management

William Scully, Director
P. Michael Dorman, Deputy Director

Water Department

Donald Sargent, Superintendent & Maintenance
Kenneth Higgins, Assistant

Planning Board Administrative Assistant

Ann M. Sharpe

Zoning Board Administrative Assistant

Ruth E. Palmer

Budget Committee Clerk

Highway Safety Clerk

Sue Connolly

Crossing Guard

Gilbert Brasil

APPOINTED PERSONNEL

<i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>	<i>Victim Witness Advocate</i>
Lawrence Ordway, Chairman	2000	Vanessa Underwood
Barbara Burri, Vice Chair	2000	
Emile Langlois	Resigned	<i>Assistant Moderator</i>
Donald Wood	Resigned	Norman L. Major
Joyce Wright	Resigned	
Guy L. Sawyer	1999	<i>Police Department</i>
Robert Loeffler	1999	Stephen Savage, Chief
Ronald Charette	2001	James DeOrio, Sergeant
Norman L. Major, Alt.	1999	Kathleen Jones, Sergeant
Kathy Giragosian, Alt.	1999	Charles Myers, Sergeant/Resigned
Susan Matson, Alt.	1999	Scott Anderson, Detective
		Michael Beauchesne, Officer
<i>Conservation Commission</i>		Patrick Caggiano, Officer
Timothy E. Moore, Chairman	1999	Robert Clements, Officer
B. Jill Senter	2000	Thomas Hawthorne, Officer
Lawrence W. Gil	2001	John Lavoie, Officer
Paul Lavallee	2001	Glenn Miller, Detective
Charles L. Blinn, Sel. Rep.	1999	Alec Porter, Officer
		Steven Ranlett, Officer
<i>Cable TV Advisory Committee</i>		<i>Special Officers</i>
Henry Szmyt, Chairman	2000	David Cianfrini
Peter Cunningham	1999	Robert Elwell
Robert Burnell	1999	Kristian Hanley
Roland Dubois	2000	George Lorden
Diane Rothwell	2001	Joan Marsilia
Barbara Hobbs, Sel. Rep.	1999	Scott McCabe
Michael Emmons, Alt. Sel. Rep.	1999	Shawn McCabe
		George Murray
<i>Park & Recreation</i>		Walter Pare
Carlene Sarty, Director		John Tetreault
<i>Recreation Commission</i>		<i>Communications</i>
Susan Sherman, Chair	2000	Lucia Cusimano, Full-time Communications Supv.
Cindy Hendy	1999	Cherie Chevalier, Full-time
Martha Sumner	1999	Mary Flyzik, Full-time
Joseph D'Arezzo	2000	Robert Hawes, Full-time
Dennis Hefferman	Resigned	Jason Rodriguez, Part-time (Resigned)
Andrew Antczak	2001	Brenda Boisvert, Part-time (Resigned)
		Sharon Pangaro, Part-time
		Valquerio Eiro, Jr., Part-time
		<i>Support Staff</i>
		Eileen Shields, Executive Secretary
		Nancy Hetherington, Secretary

APPOINTED PERSONNEL

250th Anniversary Committee

Barry A. Sargent, Chairman
Bernadine A. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair
Dianne Nye, Secretary
Brenda Major, Treasurer
George E. Melvin, Sel. Rep.

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Francis J. Berube, Jr.
Vanda B. Mc Sheehy
Bernadine A. Fitzgerald
Herbert Reed, Cemetery Sexton
Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor

District Court Site Committee

Senator Richard L. Russman
State Rep. Norman L. Major
Town Manager Robert M. Belmore
Selectman Merilyn P. Senter
Selectman George E. Melvin
Building Insp. P. Michael Dorman
Police Chief Stephen C. Savage

Capital Improvement Plan Committee

Timothy E. Moore, Chairman, Planning Board
Robert Gray, Vice Chairman, Planning Board
Michael Penta, Planning Board
John Sherman, Budget Committee
Bernadine Fitzgerald, Budget Committee
Martha Sumner, Budget Committee
Barbara Hobbs, Selectman Rep.
Michael Emmons, Selectman Rep.
Ann M. Sharpe, Planning Board Admin. Asst.
Robert M. Belmore, Town Manager

Fire Department Officers

Donald Petzold, Chief
David Sargent, Deputy Chief
John Judson, III, Captain
Richard Colcord, Lieutenant
Don Hutchinson, Lieutenant
Greg Bolduc, Lieutenant

Fire Department Firefighters

Bob Agneta
Tom Blinn
Gregory Bolduc
Jeannette Borges
Mike Borges
Gary Carbonneau
Bob Chooljian
Richard Colcord
Dave Florin
Jason Gionet
Linda Guide
Bruce Gusler
Bruce Gusler, Jr.
Don Hutchinson
Rick Johnston
John Judson
Chris Karampatsos
Glen Keenan
Mike Kennedy
Robert Lang, Jr.
Jon Lovett
John McCardle
Paul McKendry
Bob Newhouse
Gardiner Owen
Butch Peabody
Dan Poliquin
Chris Poliquin
Don Sargent
Russ Sargent
Bill Scully
Skip Senter
John Sproul
Scott Sullivan
John Wood

**TOWN OF PLAISTOW
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 7, 1998**

The Deliberative Session was held at the Timberlane Middle School starting at 10:00AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Moderator gave all the preliminary announcements, and also stated that we would use Robert's Rules of Order for a guideline.

A presentation was made to Lawrence Gil of a 250th Anniversary chair and a plaque for his service as a Selectman.

ARTICLE 98-2: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345,000 for purpose of constructing a recreational facility of Old County Road (presently identified by the Town Tax Map as 21.46-acre parcel Map 24, Block 3, Lot 3 and a 25.5-acre parcel: Map 30 Block 1, lot 1) to include construction of an access road, recreational fields and buildings as well as associated costs such as engineering, surveying, legal and other necessary expenses: \$345,000 of such sum to be raise through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:2 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid. if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

Motion made by Merilyn Senter, seconded by Barbara Hobbs to place this on the floor

Carlene Sarty gave a presentation and much discussion took place.

An amendment was made to reduce this article from \$345,000 to \$50,000 by Richard Deluca and seconded by Sandra Daniels.

This was defeated by a voice vote.

* An Amendment to this article after the word thereto. The cutting of tress for roads, parking and sports fields on lots 24-3-3 and 30-1-1 shall be planned and executed at the same time that any other forest improvement cuts and trails clearing. The Town Forester, in cooperation with the recreation committee and conservation commission, shall oversee all timber cutting. The funds received from the sale of any wood from these two lots shall be put into existing Conservation easements on other properties. John Lamb made the amendment, and seconded by Paul Renee. A hand vote was taken, 54 yes, 39 no. Article 98-2 will be on ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 98-3: Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,473,382. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,264,802 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of town, or be law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:24, X and XVL to take up the issues of a revised operating budget only.

Motion made by Michael Emmons, and seconded by George Melvin to accept this article as read.

Michael Emmons highlighted some of the line items.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-3 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-4: Shall the town vote to fund a complete revaluation of the town at a Cost of \$175,000 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the 1998 fiscal year, to start the revaluation. The additional estimated cost to complete the revaluation is approximately \$75,000 which will be proposed as part of the 1999 fiscal year town operating budget.

A motion made by George Melvin, seconded by Thomas Vinci to accept this article as read.

A presentation was made by William Cochran, Town Assessor as to the valuation and taxes on like properties.

* Shall the town vote to fund a complete revaluation of the town at a cost of \$175,000 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the year 1998. This amendment was from Robert Senter, seconded by Michael Dorman.

A hand vote was taken and Yes votes 62, No vote 22. Article 98-4 will be on the ballot as amended.

Article 98-5: Shall the town vote to establish a paid water superintendent position and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,359 to fund the position for the first year. Said sum will cover the cost of wages and social security/Medicare payments for the first year. The water department superintendent position will be established as a working supervisor position of approximately 5 hours per week.

Motion made by Lawrence Gil, seconded by Thomas Vinci to accept article as read.

Lawrence Gil made presentation.

An amendment to have a non-paid water superintendent position was made by David Sargent, seconded by Charles Garlington. This article was defeated by a voice vote. Article 98-5 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-6: Shall the town vote to approve the cost items in the three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Plaistow and the Police (Teamsters) Union which calls for the following increases in Salaries and benefits:

<u>Fiscal Year 1998</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
Salaries	\$33,478
Roll up Costs	<u>10,037</u>
	\$43,515

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Salaries	14,383
Roll up Costs	<u>1,512</u>
	\$15,410

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,515 for the 1998 fiscal year, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Steven Savage, Police Chief made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and Article98-6 will be on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-7. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,950 for costs associated with the 5-day 250th Anniversary celebration for the Town of Plaistow to be held in the year of 1999. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the Celebration is completed and costs are paid in association with this event or in two years, whatever is less. In addition, to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and 250th Anniversary Committee to apply for and accept any fund raising revenues or private donations to help defray the costs of this 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Marie Rabideau made a motion, seconded by Thomas Vinci to accept article as read.

Barry Sargent made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-7 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-8 Shall the town vote to accept the NH Dept. of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$105,277 for maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V roads in accordance with Chapter 235 of the NH Revised Statutes annotated and appropriate said sum for local highway maintenance.

A motion was made by Thomas Vinci, seconded by Ronald Yeager to accept this article as read.

Lawrence Gill made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-8 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-9. Shall the town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing fire department apparatus vehicle/s and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund.

A motion was made by Lawrence Gil , seconded by Michael Emmons to accept this article as read.

A voice vote was taken and Article-98-9 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-10. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to cover the cost of preparing Route 125 improvement designs, estimated costs to implement the designs, and updating of Route 125 improvement impact fee schedule. These will be used to Assist the town in preparation of transportation grant applications and assessment of Route 125 roadway impact fees. The improvement design will cover the area from East Road to the Plaistow/Kingston line.

A motion was made by Merilyn Senter, seconded by George Melvin to accept as read.

Timothy Moore made a presentation and a little discussion took place.

An amendment was made by Robert Senter, seconded by Shane Senter to change the amount from \$12,000 to zero amount.

A voice vote was taken and this amendment was defeated, Article-98-10 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-11. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for capital improvements to the town cemetery on Elm Street to include the paving of the interior roads.

David Sargent made a motion, seconded by George Melvin.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-11 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-12. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,470 to complete energy conservation measures (ECM) improvements to town buildings to include work to the Highway Garage, Historical Society Building, and Town Hall. Fifty percent of the cost, or \$8,735 is eligible and will be submitted for reimbursement under the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services EM Grant Program.

Merilyn Senter made a motion, second by Thomas Vinci to accept this article as read.

Robert Belmore made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and the Article 98-12 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-13. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to complete the town's matching portion of a State of New Hampshire Transportation Enhancement Funding Project to construct a 4' shoulder and 5' sidewalk along the east side of Route 121A (Main Street) from the railroad crossing to Ingalls Terrace. The total project cost will be funded and completed by the State of New Hampshire through a 80% Federal/State 20%-Town matching Federal Grant Program. The estimated total cost of the project is \$125,000. The Town's share is \$25,000 of which \$15,000 has been appropriated in FY 1997 and will be carried forward to complete the match. This is the second and final year of appropriations for the Grant project.

Merilyn Senter made a motion, seconded by Jill Senter to accept this article as read.

Merilyn Senter made a presentation and a discussion took place.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-13 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-14. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,373 which represents the salary, fringe benefits, uniforms and equipment for an additional full-time police officer position beginning January 1, 1998, as continued funding (three year, 75%-25% grant position) of a Federal Police Hiring Supplemental Grant of which approximately \$16,780 is reimbursable under the COPS FAST Federal Grant. This is the final year of the Grant, and the funding ends around September 1, 1998.

Raised by Town of Plaistow	\$5,593.
Federal Grant	<u>\$16,780.</u>
	\$22,373.

Merilyn Senter made a motion, seconded by David Sargent to accept this article as read.

Chief Steven Savage made a presentation.

A voice was taken and Article 98-14 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-15. Shall the town vote to establish a new full time police officer position and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,584 for the 1998 fiscal year to fund the position for the four month period of September 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 which follows the expiration of the Federal COPS FAST Police Hiring Grant. If approved the cost of a new officer may have proposed funding entirely within the operating budget of the ensuing fiscal years beginning with an estimated

1999 fiscal year sum of approximately \$33,000.

David Sargent made a motion, seconded by George Melvin to accept this article as read.

Chief Steven Savage made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-15 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,371 which represents the salary, fringe benefits and equipment of a part-time Victim Witness Advocate for the Police Department as funded by the Violence Against Woman Federal Grant (second year, 75%-25% grant position extension) of which up to \$2,529 is reimbursable.

Raised by Town of Plaistow	\$842.
Federal Grant	<u>\$2,529.</u>
	\$3,371.

Sue Sherman made a motion, seconded by Robert Gray to accept this article as read.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-16 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,050 for Phase V computer plan for the Police Department.

Edward Wright made a motion, seconded by Brenda Major to accept this article as read.

Chief Steven Savage made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-17 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-18. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,984 for the Police Department for the communications equipment of which \$11,686 is reimbursable under the Federal COPS MORE BLOCK GRANT (90%-10% GRANT MATCH).

Merilyn Senter made a motion, seconded by Ronald Yeager to accept this article as read

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-18 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-19. Shall the town, if article #98-6 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option to address article #98-6 (Police Teamsters Union Contract) cost items only?

Thomas Vinci made a motion, seconded by George Peabody to accept this article as read.

Robert Belmore made a presentation.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-19 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-20. Shall the town vote to authorize the Library Board of Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to purchase from Theodore Baratt, Trustee of B & TB Realty Trust, an approximate 4.9 acre portion of land which is part of a 12.6 acre parcel presently identified by the Town Tax Map as Map 61, Block 1, lot 2, located at the intersecion of Main Street and Pollard Road for a new Library for the sum of \$208,000, subject to current land use, and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$208.000; said sum of \$208,000 being reimbursed from the Mary Nelson Trust established for this purpose.

Merilyn Senter made a motion, seconded by George Peabody to accept this article as read.

* Catherine Emmons made an amendment, seconded by Robert Gray to raise and appropriate the sum of \$228,000 which includes \$20,000 for consulting fees; and said sum of \$228,000 being reimbursed from the Mary Nelson Trust established for this purpose.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-20 will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 98-21. Shall the town vote to discontinue pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated 231:43 the end section of Chadwick Avenue. Starting about three hundred (300) feet easterly from Main street at the easterly property corners of land now or formerly Putnam on the south side of Chadwick Avenue and land now or formerly Labao on the north side of Chadwick Avenue, and thence easterly the remaining land of Chadwick Avenue as it now exists. This section of Chadwick Avenue is abutted on the north, east, and south sides by land now or formerly James Whitney as trustee of SAM Nominee Trust. Conditioned on James D. Whitney as Trustee of SAM Nominee Trust, will hold harmless and indemnify the Town of Plaistow, N. H. from any damage subject to discontinuance.

George Peabody rnade a motion, seconded by Ronald Yeager to accept this article as read.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-21 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-22. Shall the provisions for voting by official balllot on all issues before the town under RSA 40:13 be limited to election of officers and certain other questions. (If approved, this action will rescind, the Official Ballot Law, also know as Senate Bill 2 for the town only.)

Barbara Hobbs, made a motion, seconded by Tammy McSheehy to accept this article as read.

Barbara Hobbs made a presentation.

*Michael Emmons made an amendment to at the end in parenthesis the clause "a 3/5 majority vote is required to pass." Barbara Hobbs seconded this amendment.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-22 will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 98-23. Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a restated easement to the successors in interest of Ralph L. and Janice C. Fowler clarifying access to the Town of Plaistow Disposal Area confirming the Town's original intent to acquire an easement and no further interest in the property. This is a house-keeping article intended to correct a past error.

Thomas Vinci made a motion, seconded by Brenda Major to accept this article as read.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-23 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-24. By petition of 25 or more registered voters in the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by deed, without covenants to Bernice Ely, a parcel of land off Forrest Street described on the Town Tax Map as Map 81, Block 1, lot 1 for the sum of \$5,000 and under the terms and conditions to be determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town. (Deed recorded at Book 2561, Page 2261 at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.)

George Melvin made a motion, seconded by Barbara Hobbs to accept article as read.

Bernice Ely made a presentation.

*Marie Rabideau made an amendment to raise the amount to \$120,000 seconded by Jill Senter.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-24 will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 98-25. By petition of 25 or more registered voters in the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to see by deed, without covenants, to Billy Bartlett and Paul Lavallee, a parcel of land off Forrest Street described on the Town Tax Map as Map 81 Block 1, Lot 1 for the sum of \$40,000 and under the terms and conditions to be determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town. Deed recorded at Book 2561, Page 2261 at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Motion made by Thomas Vinci , seconded by Edwin Wright to accept article as read.

*Marie Rabideau made an amendment to increase the article from \$40,000 to 120,000.

Seconded by Kenneth Thurston.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-25 will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 98-26. To see if the Town will vote to sell by deed with out conveyance to J & N Fieldstone Supply inc. a parcel of land off Old County Road approximately 5 acres + or shown on the Town of Plaistow Tax Map, as Map 31, Block 3, lot15, for the sum of \$75,000 and under the terms and conditions to be determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the town.

George Melvin made a motion, seconded by Lawrence Gill to accept this article as read.

C Wahlen made an amendment, seconded by Walter Wahlen to change the amount from \$75,000 to \$120,000.

* A voice vote was taken and Article 98-26 will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 98-27. Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus personal property without further action by the town meeting, by public auction , sealed bid or in any manner that is in the best interest of the town.

Thomas Vinci made a motion, seconded by Michael Emmons to accept article as read.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-27 will appear on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 98-28. Shall the town vote to accept, as submitted, the reports of its agents, auditors, and other officers and committees thereby appointed.

Ronald Yeager made a motion, seconded by Bernadine Fitzgerald to accept this article as read.

A voice vote was taken and Article 98-28 will appear on the ballot as read.

Edwin Wright made a motion, seconded by Robert Gray to close the meeting at 5:21 PM.

A voice vote was taken and meeting was adjourned.

A True Copy Attest.

Barbara E. Tavitian
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 10, 1998

SELECTMEN:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR TWO
Charles (Buzzy) Blinn	768*
(Dick) Driscoll	456
Michael L. Emmons ***	574*
Robert J. Gray	575
Thomas J. Vinci	416

TOWN CLERK:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR ONE
Barry Sargent	476
Barbara Tavitian	1052*

TREASURER:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR ONE
Bernadine A. Fitzgerald	1326*

MODERATOR:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR ONE
Barry Sargent	1240*

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR TWO
Catherine A. Emmons	1198*
Jennifer Kiarsis	1124*

FIRE ENGINEERS FOR ONE YEAR FIRST ASSISTANT:

ONE YEAR	VOTE FOR ONE
David R. Sargent	1301*

SECOND ASSISTANT:

ONE YEAR	VOTE FOR ONE
Richard A. Colcord	1294*

THIRD ASSISTANT:

ONE YEAR	VOTE FOR ONE
John H. McArdle	1262*

FOURTH ASSISTANT:

ONE YEAR	VOTE FOR ONE
Michael F. Borges	1248*

MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR ONE
Michael L. Emmons	1144*
Brenda E. Major	1272*
Norman A. Marquis	1094*
B. Jill Senter	1039*

ONE YEAR	VOTE FOR ONE
Martha L. Sumner	1201*

AUDITORS:

ONE YEAR	VOTE FOR TWO
Thomas J. Vinci	1101*
Brenda E. Major (write-in)	39*

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR ONE
Helen A. Hart	1326*

PLANNING BOARD:

THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR THREE
Robert J. Gray (write-in)	18*
Ron Charette (write-in)	13
Michael Dorman (write-in)	25*
Steven Ranlett (write-in)	45*

* Winner

*** Winner in Recount

WARRANT ARTICLES

NO.	DESCRIPTION	1998 WARRANT	RESULTS	
		ARTICLES REQUEST	YES	NO
98-2	Bond for New Recreation Field & Access (needed 2\3 vote)	345,000	705	715*
98-3	Town's Operating Budget	3,473,382	808*	600
98-4	Complete Revaluation	175,000	865*	593
98-5	Establish Water Superintendent	3,359	685	721*
98-6	Police Union Teamsters Agreement	43,515	925*	517
98-7	250th Anniversary of the Town	123,950	760*	723
98-8	Highway Block Grant	105,277	1217*	238
98-9	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	1033*	404
98-10	Preparing Route 125 Improvement Designs	12,000	970*	487
98-11	Cemetery Capital Improvements	8,000	890*	562
98-12	Energy Improvements to Town Buildings	17,470	1019*	429
98-13	Sidewalk from Railroad Crossing on Main to Ingalls Terrace	10,000	1115*	376
98-14	Police Department - Full Time Officer	22,373	981*	511
98-15	Police Department - Full Time Officer (Sept - Dec)	10,584	838*	641
98-16	Police Department - Victim Witness Advocate	3,371	958*	526
98-17	Police Department - Phase V Computer Program	7,050	967*	502
98-18	Police Department - Communications Equipment	12,984	1181*	307
98-19	Authorization to Call One Special Meeting if Needed		754*	639
98-20	Library - Purchase Theodore Baratt Land on Pollard Road	228,000	950*	519
98-21	Discontinue the End Section of Chadwick Avenue		822*	424
98-22	To Do Away with SB2 (needed 3\5 vote) (By Petition)		359	967*
98-23	Restate Easement to Successors Interest of the Fowlers		1019*	374
98-24	Sell Land on Forrest Street to Bernice Ely	120,000	687*	619
98-25	Sell Land on Forrest Street to Bartlett and Lavallee	120,000	666*	645
98-26	Sell Land to Fieldstone Supply off Old County Rd.	120,000	687*	625
98-27	Dispose of Surplus Personal Property (Sealed Bid, Auction, etc.)		894*	448
98-28	Accept Reports of Agents, Auditors, Officers and Committee		1087*	201
98-29	Planning - Article II Definitions Section 200 - Definitions		874*	374
98-30	Planning - Amend Article III - Section 300.5 Usage Subst. Lot		738*	643
98-31	Planning - Amend Article III - Section 300.11 Unreg. Vehicles		1029*	432
98-32	Planning - Amend Article III - Section 300.14 Vehicle Sales		687*	492
98-33	Planning - Amend Article IV - Wetland Ordinance		998*	437
98-34	Planning - Amend Article V - Est. of Districts and Regulations		857*	466
98-35	Planning - Amend Article V - Commercial I		1155*	245
98-36	Planning - Amend Article V - Medium Density Residential		857*	522
98-37	Planning - Amend Article V - Low Density Residential		878*	499
98-38	Planning - Amend Article V - Integrated Commercial-Residential		913*	401
98-39	Planning - Amend Article IX - Signs		1015*	364
98-40	Planning - Amend Article V - Home Occupation		1039*	370
98-41	Planning - Amend Article IIV - Impact Fee Assessment		1088*	303
98-42	Planning - Amend Article XV - School Dist Impact Fee Assess		1039*	383
98-43	Planning - Amend & Renumber Art. XV to Art. XVI		1015*	279
98-44	Planning - Article XVII - Adult Oriented Business		1105*	279
98-45	Planning - Maintain 500' of Comm I Along Route 125		990*	341
98-46	Planning - Renumber & Classify Current Zoning Regulations		1085*	252
98-47	Planning - Establish & amend Fees for Bldg Permits		963*	369
98-48	Planning - Bldg Insp. To Update Or Revise to Building Codes		1014*	324
98-49	Planning - Reduce Members From Seven to Five		666*	397

* Approval of the Article

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION 1998

ACCOUNT	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
4130	Executive	164,201
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	69,229
4150	Financial Administration	171,202
4153	Legal Expenses	39,000
4155	Personnel Administration	252,213
4191	Planning & Zoning	46,011
4194	General Government Buildings	112,564
4195	Cemetery	11,643
4196	Insurance	70,000
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	936,063
PUBLIC SAFETY		
4210	Police	798,725
4215	Ambulance	26,000
4220	Fire	173,937
4240	Building Inspection	67,334
4290	Emergency/Management	13,545
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,079,541
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		
4311	Highways & Streets Administration	225,076
4312	Highways & Streets	183,500
4316	Street Lights	54,000
	TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	462,576
SANITATION		
4323	Solid Waste Disposal	350,202
4324	Landfill Maintenance	5,350
	TOTAL SANITATION	355,552

**WATER DISTRIBUTION
AND TREATMENT**

4332	Water Distribution & Treatment	39,200
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT	39,200

HEALTH & WELFARE

4411	Health Department/Administration	21,486
4414	Animal Control	9,650
4419	Human Services	46,389
4441	Welfare/Administration	10,331
4442	Welfare/Direct Assistance	32,700
	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	120,556

**CULTURE AND
RECREATION**

4520	Recreation	73,138
4550	Library	167,958
4583	Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day)	600
4589	Old Home Day	15,252
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	256,948

CONSERVATION

4611	Conservation Commission	5,771
	TOTAL CONSERVATION	5,771

DEBT SERVICE

4711	Principle Due	150,000
4721	Interest/Long Term Notes	22,175
4723	Interest/T.A.N.	45,000
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	217,175

TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION 3,473,382

WARRANT ARTICLES

6197	Encumbered Funds	98,264
6199	Warrant Articles	804,574
	TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	902,838

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 4,376,220

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Appropriation Account	Appropriated	Expended	Variance
Executive	\$ 164,201.00	\$ 159,535.34	\$ 4,665.66
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	69,229.00	69,138.42	90.58
Financial and Administration	171,202.00	161,468.27	9,733.73
Legal Expenses	39,000.00	50,268.10	(11,268.10)
Persosnnel Administration	252,213.00	249,158.13	3,054.87
Planning and Zoning	46,011.00	42,201.99	3,809.01
General Government Buildings	112,564.00	105,310.23	7,253.77
Cemetery	11,643.00	8,320.11	3,322.89
Insurance	70,000.00	56,576.59	13,423.41
Police	798,725.00	808,056.10	(9,331.10)
Ambulance	26,000.00	25,999.92	0.08
Fire Department	173,937.00	173,555.29	381.71
Building Inspection	67,334.00	56,464.60	10,869.40
Emergency Management	13,545.00	7,170.05	6,374.95
Highways & Streets Administration	225,076.00	200,361.38	24,714.62
Highways & Streets	183,500.00	86,500.68	96,999.32
Street Lights	54,000.00	58,766.52	(4,766.52)
Solid Waste Disposal	350,202.00	360,558.87	(10,356.87)
Landfill Maintenance	5,350.00	4,850.86	499.14
Water Distribution & Treatment	39,200.00	26,461.41	12,738.59
Health Department Administration	21,486.00	16,595.11	4,890.89
Animal Control	9,650.00	8,166.56	1,483.44
Human Services	46,389.00	35,946.00	10,443.00
Welfare - Administration	10,331.00	8,675.27	1,655.73
Welfare - Direct Assistance	32,700.00	21,064.78	11,635.22
Recreation	73,138.00	70,103.88	3,034.12
Library	167,958.00	165,322.00	2,636.00
Cultural	15,852.00	15,045.90	806.10
Conservation Commission	5,771.00	3,205.70	2,565.30
Debt Service	217,175.00	172,174.70	45,000.30
ACCOUNT TOTALS	3,473,382.00	3,227,022.76	246,359.24

1996 ENCUMBERED FUNDS

MRI Contract	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
Forest Management Project	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Town Hall Repairs - Gazebo Roof	2,000.00	1,665.00	335.00
UNITIL Grant	2,811.00	1,322.02	1,488.98
Library	4,750.00	4,750.00	-
F/T Officer 3rd Year (Article #7)	-	-	-
Highway Block Grant (Article #3)	45,000.00	45,000.00	-
Victim/Witness Adv. PD (Article #8)	9,962.00	9,962.00	-
Widen Main Street (Article #17)	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
PD Comp. Phase IV (Article #10)	897.00	897.00	-
Imp Twn Elec Sys (Article #15)	8,134.00	6,000.00	2,134.00
Pubic Safety Comp. Imp. (Article #12)	210.00		210.00
TOTAL ENCUMBERED FUNDS	98,264.00	94,096.02	4,167.98

1998 WARRANT ARTICLES

Police Agreement (Article 98-6)	43,515.00	43,808.30	(293.30)
COPS FAST F/T Officer (Article 98-14)	22,373.00	22,373.00	-
Route 125 Design Study (Article 98-10)	12,000.00	5,042.40	6,957.60
Revaluation of Town (Article 98-4)	175,000.00	3,848.18	171,151.82
Highway Block Grant (Article 98-8)	105,277.00	23,645.80	81,631.20
Library Land (Article #98-20)	228,000.00	207,992.20	20,007.80
Sidewalk - Route 121A (Article 98-13)	10,000.00	12,000.00	(2,000.00)
Capital Res. Fire Dept Appar. (Art. 98-9)	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
250th Anniversary Celebr (Article 98-7)	123,950.00	6,242.28	117,707.72
F/T Officer 9-1/1/99 (Article 98-15)	10,584.00	6,181.86	4,402.14
Vict Witn Advocate (Article 98-16)	3,371.00	541.54	2,829.46
COPS MORE Block Grant (Art 98-18)	12,984.00	8,460.00	4,524.00
Phase V PD Computer (Article 98-17)	7,050.00	6,031.33	1,018.67
ECM Imp: TH,HW,MU (Article 98-12)	17,470.00	9,544.00	7,926.00
Cap Imp Town Cemetery (Article 98-11)	8,000.00	14,924.00	(6,924.00)
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	804,574.00	395,634.89	408,939.11

DETAILED DISBURSEMENTS 1998

EXECUTIVE

\$164,201

4130-10-110	Merit/Step Raise	-
4130-10-130	Town Officer Salary (Selectmen)	5,000.00
4130-10-140	T. O. E. Overtime	4,262.51
4130-10-190	Unused Sick Leave	10,718.69
4130-10-310	Contracted Consulting Services	7,364.44
4130-10-341	Telephone	3,866.50
4130-10-392	Labor Relations Consultant	5,080.99
4130-10-500	Training/Conference	320.00
4130-10-550	Town Report Expense	5,476.96
4130-10-560	Dues	9,436.78
4130-10-570	Advertising	358.28
4130-10-620	Office Supplies	2,175.61
4130-10-625	Postage	2,304.94
4130-10-630	Office Equipment/Maintenance	7,141.19
4130-10-670	R.S. A. Supplies	-
4130-10-690	Miscellaneous	1,564.90
4130-10-870	Record Deeds	16.00
4130-10-880	Cable Committee Expense	2,586.45
4130-20-110	Salary Town Manager	56,999.84
4130-20-680	Town Managers Expense	4,405.51
4130-20-830	Employment Expenses	696.61
4130-21-110	B. O. S./T. M. Secretary	29,225.63
4130-30-150	Highway Safety Expense	533.51
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1998	\$4,665.66 159,535.34

ELECTIONS, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS

\$69,229

4140-10-110	Salary Deputy & Assistant	19,338.49
4140-10-130	Town Clerk's Salary	27,559.38
4140-10-341	Telephone	983.17
4140-10-342	Computer Hardware/Software Expense	1,925.00
4140-10-500	Convention & Mileage	951.13
4140-10-520	Bond	590.00
4140-10-610	Dog Tags & Forms	193.04
4140-10-620	Office Supplies	841.01
4140-10-625	Postage	2,476.70
4140-10-630	Office Equipment & Maintenance	1,158.50
4140-20-110	Supervisor Checklist Salary	1,687.00
4140-30-110	Salary/Administration	750.00
4140-30-130	Election Salary/Moderator	500.00
4140-30-342	Software Support	2,735.00
4140-30-360	Janitorial Services	-
4140-30-440	Voting Facility rental	400.00
4140-30-550	Ballot Printing and Checklist	5,491.20
4140-30-610	Repairs and Supplies	605.41
4140-30-625	Postage	-
4140-30-630	Polling Booths	604.00
4140-30-680	Meals	337.39

4442-10-846	Exeter & Hampton Electric		2,871.73
4442-10-847	Heat		106.35
4442-10-848	Medical		1,047.93
4442-10-849	Other Expenses (water, gas)		576.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	11,635.22	21,064.78

RECREATION

73,138

4520-10-110	Director's Salary		16,410.03
4520-10-120	Summer Recreation Salary		23,824.83
4520-10-291	Summer Recreation Clothing		1,665.25
4520-10-341	Telephone		367.13
4520-10-500	Director's Training		112.00
4520-10-610	Supplies		124.21
4520-10-625	Postage		146.60
4520-10-650	Field Maintenance		5,233.94
4520-10-740	Equipment		3,874.77
4520-10-810	Director's Mileage		119.28
4520-20-801	Transportation		2,730.00
4520-20-855	Old Home Day		-
4520-20-856	Concerts		1,700.00
4520-20-857	Community Trips		2,125.00
4520-20-858	Senior citizens		850.00
4520-20-859	Arts & Crafts		498.17
4520-20-860	Special Events		500.00
4520-20-861	Baseball Leagues		2,685.54
4520-20-862	Cheerleading Program		200.00
4520-20-863	Little League Baseball		2,366.85
4520-20-864	Youth Basketball		-
4520-20-865	Softball		3,070.28
4520-20-866	Junior Football		500.00
4520-20-868	Youth Soccer		500.00
4520-20-869	Babe Ruth Baseball		500.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	3,034.12	70,103.88

LIBRARY

167,958

4550-10-920	Library		165,322
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	2,636.00	

CULTURAL

15,852

4589-10-110	Old Home Day Salary		491.26
4589-10-853	Old Home Day		13,954.64
4589-10-854	Patriotic - Memorial Day		600.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	806.10	15,045.90

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

5,771

4611-10-120	Secretary's Salary		150.00
4611-10-390	Forest Management		117.60
4611-20-240	Training/Conference		-
4611-20-391	Water Samples		2,635.00

4332-30-630	Water Line Maintenance		218.35
4339-10-150	Payroll Maple Avenue		844.08
4339-10-310	Engineering		9,276.90
4339-20-150	Payroll Process EI		390.82
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	12,738.59	26,461.41

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

21,486

4411-00-150	Health Department Salaries		12,950.12
4411-00-341	Telephone		161.00
4411-00-500	Training		451.41
4411-00-560	Dues		215.00
4411-00-620	Office Supplies		491.83
4411-00-625	Postage		200.46
4411-00-801	Mileage		553.38
4411-20-350	Vaccinations		338.72
4411-20-391	Water Testing		234.00
4411-30-500	Grant		999.19
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	4,890.89	16,595.11

ANIMAL CONTROL

9,650

4414-00-150	Animal Control Salaries		5,757.19
4414-00-440	Kennel Lease		700.00
4414-00-610	Supplies		821.07
4414-00-801	Mileage		888.30
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	1,483.44	8,166.56

HUMAN SERVICES

46,389

4419-10-390	Mediation		10,333.00
4419-20-390	Rockingham V.N.A./Home Care		3,728.00
4419-21-390	C.A.P.		5,540.00
4419-22-390	Sexual Assault Support		566.00
4419-23-390	Crisis Pregnancy Center		2,200.00
4419-24-390	A Safe Place		300.00
4419-40-390	Brickett Place		829.00
4419-91-390	R.S.V.P.		800.00
4419-92-390	Greater Salem Caregivers		3,500.00
4419-93-390	Vic Geary Center		6,500.00
4419-94-390	Lamprey Health		1,650.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	10,443.00	35,946.00

WELFARE - ADMINISTRATIVE

10,331

4441-10-110	Welfare Director's Salary		8,265.76
4441-10-610	Supplies		129.11
4441-10-801	Mileage/Travel		280.40
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	1,655.73	8,675.27

WELFARE - DIRECT ASSISTANCE

32,700

4442-10-840	Shelter/Rent		16,357.89
4442-10-843	Food/Markets		104.88
4442-10-845	New England Telephone company		-

4311-00-500	Training/Conference		270.00
4311-00-560	Licenses and dues		150.00
4311-00-610	Building Supplies		1,287.73
4311-00-620	Office Supplies		226.22
4311-00-635	Gas and Oil		1,144.89
4311-00-636	Diesel Fuel		4,640.67
4311-00-760	Vehicle Purchase w/Sander		68,819.29
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	24,714.62	200,361.38

HIGHWAYS & STREETS **183,500**

4312-00-390	Welding		319.30
4312-00-439	Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance		2,968.01
4312-00-583	Hot Top Exp. Adv. Etc.		104.80
4312-00-610	Signs		2,445.94
4312-00-660	Vehicle Maintenance Supplies		4,013.52
4312-00-740	Hand Tools		1,283.70
4312-10-580	Safety Lines		5,904.60
4312-10-582	Guard Rail		2,499.00
4312-10-612	Crushed Stone		921.30
4312-10-630	Road Repairs and Maintenance		6,741.78
4312-20-440	Equipment Rental		651.30
4312-20-581	Street Sweeping		4,847.08
4312-30-730	Culverts and Catch Basins		7,038.74
4312-51-390	Snow Plowing		25,722.25
4312-52-611	Road Salt and Sand		18,539.36
4312-80-390	Tree Maintenance		2,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	96,999.32	86,500.68

STREETS LIGHTS **54,000**

4316-30-410	Street Lights		58,766.52
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	(4,766.52)	

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL **350,202**

4323-10-570	Sanitation/Waste Disposal		360,558.87
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	(10,356.87)	

LANDFILL MAINTENANCE **5,350**

4324-40-150	Landfill Attendants		0
4325-10-391	Monitoring Well Testing		3850
4325-10-650	CAP Maintenance		1000.86
4325-10-750	Monitoring Well Replacement		0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	499.14	4850.86

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT **39,200**

4331-10-341	Telephone		1,147.86
4332-10-410	Electric		5,495.10
4332-10-411	Northern Utilities		2,211.91
4332-10-432	Pump house Maintenance		1,206.19
4332-10-434	Process/Pump Maintenance		5,496.60
4332-10-630	Process Eng./Water Tower Maintenance		173.60

4220-20-500	Training		5,182.12
4220-20-560	HAZMAT District		3,500.00
4220-20-660	Vehicle Maintenance/Supplies		10,742.90
4220-20-740	Fire Fighting Equipment		4,954.77
4220-20-741	Hose		-
4220-20-742	New Equipment		2,999.28
4220-30-670	Fire Prevention Inspection		830.70
4220-50-430	Radios		546.46
4220-50-431	Pager Service		2,070.01
4220-70-610	Medical Supplies		1,964.93
4220-80-630	Building Improvements		673.31
4220-90-150	Forest Fire Payroll		2,194.20
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	381.71	173,555.29

BUILDING INSPECTION

67,334

4240-10-110	Inspection Salaries		48,752.24
4240-10-341	Telephone		1,307.34
4240-10-440	Pager		118.25
4240-10-550	Training and Conference		828.11
4240-10-560	Dues and Subscriptions		155.50
4240-10-620	Supplies		675.22
4240-10-625	Postage		107.34
4240-10-660	Vehicle Maintenance Supplies		1,235.60
4240-40-500	Plumbing Consultants		1,590.00
4240-50-500	Electric Consultants		1,695.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	10,869.40	56,464.60

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

13,545

4290-10-341	Telephone		626.26
4290-10-430	Emergency Generator		1,686.96
4290-10-560	Dues		-
4290-10-620	Office Supplies		64.55
4290-10-625	Postage		32.00
4290-10-630	Radio/Maintenance		53.78
4290-10-670	Subscriptions		-
4290-10-740	Equipment		556.25
4290-10-745	Replacement of Fuel Tank		4,096.25
4290-10-801	Mileage/Travel		54.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	6,374.95	7,170.05

HIGHWAYS & STREET ADMINISTRATION

225,076

4311-00-110	Highway Salaries		102,979.25
4311-00-120	Highway Temporary Labor		-
4311-00-140	Highway Overtime		9,835.51
4311-00-291	Clothing Allowance		1,845.29
4311-00-310	Engineering		3,524.96
4311-00-341	Telephone		1,531.54
4311-00-410	Electric		1,323.96
4311-00-430	Radios		2,375.95
4311-00-440	Pager		406.12

4195-10-630	Repairs		36.53
4195-10-650	Contracted Services		4,450.53
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	3,322.89	8,320.11
INSURANCE		70,000	
4196-00-480	Insurance/NHMA PLIT		56,576.59
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	13,423.41	
POLICE		798,725	
4210-10-110	Administrative Salaries		118,338.43
4210-10-430	Communication Equipment/Repairs		13,469.78
4210-10-500	Professional Development		1,214.94
4210-10-550	Dues and Subscriptions		584.74
4210-10-610	Operational Supplies		7,028.93
4210-10-620	Office Supplies		2,987.35
4210-10-625	Postage		1,437.73
4210-10-630	Office Equipment and Repairs		1,480.49
4210-10-680	Chief's Expenses		1,189.30
4210-10-690	Miscellaneous		4,411.70
4210-10-831	Recruiting/Medical		2,510.83
4210-20-110	Officers Salaries		286,313.04
4210-20-140	Officers Overtime		58,983.01
4210-20-150	Officers Part Time		39,739.47
4210-20-291	Officers Uniforms		11,102.90
4210-20-341	Telephone		11,016.52
4210-20-439	Vehicle Maintenance		5,989.03
4210-20-440	Motorcycle Lease		-
4210-20-635	Fuels		10,879.58
4210-20-760	Vehicle Purchase		40,839.81
4210-30-150	Crossing Guards		4,467.03
4210-50-110	Dispatch Salaries		96,788.24
4210-50-140	Dispatch Overtime		5,827.75
4210-50-150	Dispatch Part Time Salaries		13,189.13
4210-50-291	Dispatch Uniforms		1,626.37
4210-60-150	Contracted Police		66,640.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1998	(9,331.10)	808,056.10
AMBULANCE		26,000	
4215-10-350	Ambulance		25,999.92
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1998	0.08	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		173,937	
4220-10-110	Chief's Salary		43,769.84
4220-10-291	Personal Equipment		436.90
4220-10-341	Telephones		1,500.16
4220-10-560	Annual Dues		1,075.00
4220-10-620	Supplies		265.82
4220-10-680	Chief's Expenses		1,527.13
4220-10-690	Miscellaneous		550.76
4220-20-150	Payroll		88,771.00

4140-40-500	Training Moderator's Workshop		12.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1998	\$90.58	69,138.42
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		\$171,202	
4150-10-110	Salary Accounting		23,270.42
4150-10-500	Training		181.10
4150-10-680	Computer Expenses		899.54
4150-10-801	Mileage/Travel		188.06
4150-20-301	Professional Audit		4,356.00
4150-30-110	Assessor's Salary/Contract		33,647.50
4150-30-150	Assessing Office Clerk		13,200.00
4150-30-355	Photos		-
4150-30-500	Education/Conference		100.00
4150-30-550	Tax Maps & Mapping Service		33,079.54
4150-30-560	Dues		20.00
4150-30-620	Supplies		277.23
4150-30-665	Mileage		-
4150-30-680	Computer Expenses		14,822.97
4150-40-130	Tax Collector's Salary		18,500.04
4150-40-150	Deputy Tax Collector's Salary		2,914.00
4150-40-320	Mortgage Research		3,185.00
4150-40-341	Telephone		453.59
4150-40-500	Dues, Convention & Mileage		792.88
4150-40-550	Computer Supplies		103.26
4150-40-620	Office Supplies		1,695.16
4150-40-625	Postage		2,658.97
4150-40-630	Equipment & Maintenance		1,298.10
4150-40-870	Record Registry of Deeds		469.00
4150-50-110	Treasurer's Salary		4,000.00
4150-90-150	Budget Committee Secretary		1,111.63
4150--0-880	Budget committee Expenses		244.28
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1998	\$9,733.73	161,468.27
LEGAL EXPENSES		\$39,000	
4153-00-320	Legal Expenses		43,840.54
4153-10-320	Legal - Cable Consultant Atty.		6,427.56
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	(\$11,268.10)	50,268.10
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 252,213	
4155-20-210	Work/Health Insurance		117,121.25
4155-30-220	FICA		48,456.74
4155-30-225	Medicare		17,601.37
4155-40-230	New Hampshire retirement		49,631.25
4155-40-250	Unemployment Compensation		2,533.72
4155-40-260	N. H. Municipal Worker's Compensation		13,313.80
4155-40-290	12.5 Caf. Plan Pre-Tax		500.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	3,054.87	249,158.13
PLANNING AND ZONING		46.011	
4191-10-110	Planning Board Salaries		24,766.14

4191-10-140	Overtime		2,541.13
4191-10-310	Engineering		-
4191-10-320	Attorney Fees		4,261.57
4191-10-341	Telephone		602.91
4191-10-500	Education and Training		122.10
4191-10-550	Printing Zoning Maps		211.50
4191-10-570	Legal Notices		1,857.01
4191-10-620	Supplies		168.73
4191-10-625	Postage		1,739.33
4191-10-630	Equipment and Repairs		-
4191-10-660	Computer Supplies		87.99
4191-10-901	Mileage		96.00
4191-10-970	Recording Fees		380.00
4191-20-110	Zoning Board Secretary		2,882.00
4191-20-500	Education		-
4191-20-570	Advertising		1,159.53
4191-20-620	Supplies		-
4191-20-625	Postage		1,226.05
4191-20-630	Equipment/Reimbursement		100.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	3,809.01	42,201.99

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

112,564

4194-00-110	Custodian Salary		16,186.56
4194-00-115	Custodian Part-time		10,527.68
4194-00-140	Custodian Overtime		1,484.68
4194-00-500	Custodian Training		92.00
4194-00-630	Maintenance Supplies/Equipment		2,066.24
4194-00-650	Grounds Maintenance		12,503.99
4194-00-740	Maintenance Equipment Purchase		620.11
4194-00-801	Gasoline		25.18
4194-10-341	Town Hall Public Telephone		646.00
4194-10-410	Town Hall Electric		7,840.30
4194-10-411	Town Hall Heat		1,206.70
4194-10-430	Town Hall Repairs/Remove.		14,278.30
4194-10-510	Town Hall Alarm		455.00
4194-20-341	Safety Complex Public Telephone		628.74
4194-20-410	Safety Complex Electric		15,180.71
4194-20-411	Safety Complex Heat		9,716.50
4194-20-430	Safety Complex Repairs		9,535.03
4194-30-341	Museum Telephone		304.92
4194-30-410	Museum Electric		450.00
4194-30-411	Museum Heat		1,561.59
4194-30-430	Museum Repairs		-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	7,253.77	105,310.23

CEMETERY

11,643

4195-00-740	Equipment Purchase		0
4195-10-110	Cemetery Labor		2,787.93
4195-10-310	Engineering		800.00
4195-10-610	Supplies		245.12

4611-20-560	Dues		260.00
4611-20-610	Supplies		17.00
4611-20-801	Mileage/Travel		26.10
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	2,565.30	3,205.70
DEBT SERVICE			
		217,175	
4711-00-980	Principal Due		150,000.00
4721-00-981	Interest/Long Term Notes		22,174.70
4723-00-981	Interest/T.A.N.		-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1998	45,000.30	172,174.70



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For the Year Ending January 31,
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REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

The town books have just closed and we have the job of going over each and every bill for all the departments in the Town Hall. Based on the past auditing of the books everything seems to be in order. It will take two to three months to audit the books as we can only do this in the evenings and on the weekends. In our opinion, while examination is not complete, the accounts are kept in accordance with accepted accounting procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J. Vinci
Brenda E. Major
Town Auditors

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TOWN REPORT

AUDITORS' REPORT

Plaistow, N. H., March 2, 1927

We have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, town clerk and Collector of taxes for the year ending January 31, 1927, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for all expenditures.

PAUL D. PALMER,
IRVING S. GILMAN,

Auditors.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$746,012 in its General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the undesignated General Fund balance from \$959,782 to \$213,770, would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1997 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

May 1, 1998

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Trust & Agency	General Long- Term Debt	
ASSETS					
Cash and equivalents	\$3,676,940	\$37,730	\$166,720		\$3,881,390
Investments	198,310	782,893	112,568		1,093,771
Receivables:					
Taxes receivable	1,025,282				1,025,282
Notes receivable	295,029				295,029
Accounts receivable	26,085				26,085
Unbilled charges for service	36,681				36,681
Due from other governments	55,896				55,896
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations				\$376,277	376,277
Total Assets	<u>\$5,314,223</u>	<u>\$820,623</u>	<u>\$279,288</u>	<u>\$376,277</u>	<u>\$6,790,411</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$90,460				\$90,460
Accrued expenses	14,205		\$18,353		32,558
Deposits			166,720		166,720
Due to other governments	3,901,232				3,901,232
Deferred revenue	17,071				17,071
General long-term debt obligations				\$300,000	300,000
Capital lease obligations				30,639	30,639
Compensated absences payable				45,638	45,638
Total Liabilities	<u>4,022,968</u>		<u>185,073</u>	<u>376,277</u>	<u>4,584,318</u>
Fund Balances:					
Reserved:					
Reserved for endowments		\$10,550	60,750		71,300
Reserved for encumbrances	16,250				16,250
Reserved for long term receivables	243,117				243,117
Unreserved:					
Designated for future year's expenditures	72,106	762,825	15,647		850,578
Undesignated	959,782	47,248	17,818		1,024,848
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,291,255</u>	<u>820,623</u>	<u>94,215</u>		<u>2,206,093</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$5,314,223</u>	<u>\$820,623</u>	<u>\$279,288</u>	<u>\$376,277</u>	<u>\$6,790,411</u>

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Expendable Trust	(Memorandum Only)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$2,152,752			\$2,152,752
Licenses and permits	1,012,274			1,012,274
Intergovernmental revenues	523,356	\$3,763		527,119
Charges for service	201,087			201,087
Miscellaneous revenues	223,515	147,232	\$779	371,526
Total Revenues	<u>4,112,984</u>	<u>150,995</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>4,264,758</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	836,146			836,146
Public safety	1,014,700	9,373		1,024,073
Highways and streets	351,003			351,003
Health and welfare	94,782			94,782
Sanitation	346,664			346,664
Water distribution and treatment	25,693			25,693
Culture and recreation	70,200	162,720		232,920
Capital outlay	264,490	21,891		286,381
Debt service	214,092			214,092
Total Expenditures	<u>3,217,770</u>	<u>193,984</u>		<u>3,411,754</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>895,214</u>	<u>(42,989)</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>853,004</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Capital lease proceeds	30,639			30,639
Operating transfers in		159,391		159,391
Operating transfers out	<u>(159,391)</u>			<u>(159,391)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(128,752)</u>	<u>159,391</u>		<u>30,639</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>766,462</u>	<u>116,402</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>883,643</u>
Fund Balances, as restated - January 1	<u>524,793</u>	<u>704,221</u>	<u>14,868</u>	<u>1,243,882</u>
Fund Balances - December 31	<u><u>\$1,291,255</u></u>	<u><u>\$820,623</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,647</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,127,525</u></u>

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT C

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$1,930,636	\$2,152,752	\$222,116
Licenses and permits	780,000	1,012,274	232,274
Intergovernmental revenues	517,850	523,356	5,506
Charges for service	140,347	201,087	60,740
Miscellaneous revenues	180,326	223,515	43,189
Total Revenues	<u>3,549,159</u>	<u>4,112,984</u>	<u>563,825</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	861,436	846,146	15,290
Public safety	1,024,523	1,014,700	9,823
Highways and streets	452,001	351,003	100,998
Health and welfare	131,674	94,782	36,892
Sanitation	332,150	346,664	(14,514)
Water distribution and treatment	23,700	25,693	(1,993)
Culture and recreation	71,243	67,940	3,303
Capital outlay	250,906	233,851	17,055
Debt service	234,005	214,092	19,913
Total Expenditures	<u>3,381,638</u>	<u>3,194,871</u>	<u>186,767</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>167,521</u>	<u>918,113</u>	<u>750,592</u>
Other Financing Uses:			
Operating transfers out	<u>(164,141)</u>	<u>(164,141)</u>	<u> </u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures and Other Uses	3,380	753,972	750,592
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>521,033</u>	<u>521,033</u>	<u> </u>
Fund Balance - December 31 - Budgetary Basis	<u><u>\$524,413</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,275,005</u></u>	<u><u>\$750,592</u></u>

See notes to financial statements

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated May 1, 1998.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1997, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements.

GENERAL LEDGER

Observation

As noted in the previous year, the Town is not fully utilizing its computerized accounting system. Cash receipts are manually maintained by the Treasurer, but are not recorded in the Town's computer system. Consequently, the full capabilities of the Town's system, including general ledger reporting, are not utilized. The usage of the computerized system is limited to issuing checks and recording the related expenditures.

Implication

Controls over the financial activities of the Town are weakened as the accounting system is not being properly utilized to record the financial activity of the Town.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town begin to utilize all capabilities of the computerized accounting system. This will insure an accurate financial position of the Town will be available, upon which the Selectmen and Town Manager may make sound business decisions.

Town Response

The Town has established procedures which will include recording cash receipts in the computerized accounting system and reconciling the cash and investment balances with the Treasurer on a monthly basis. The Town will begin to implement these procedures during 1998.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire in a separate letter dated May 1, 1998.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

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May 1, 1998

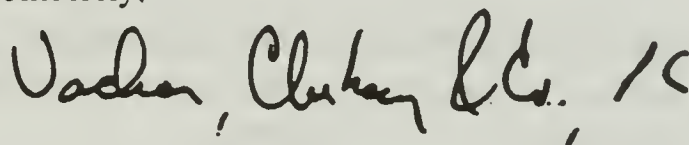
To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and recommendations regarding those matters. We previously reported on the Town's internal control structure in our report dated May 1, 1998. This letter does not affect that report or our report on the general purpose financial statements dated May 1, 1998.

We have already discussed these comments and recommendations with various Town personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

GROSS BUDGETING

Observation

The Town has received unanticipated monies in both the Police Fund and the Library Fund. These funds consist of drug forfeiture receipts and a substantial donation in the Police Fund and Library Fund, respectively. We noted that these funds are being expended without being appropriated at the annual Town meeting.

Implication

The Town may not be in compliance with the 1993 revision of the New Hampshire Municipal Budget Law (RSA 32:5) which requires that revenues and appropriations shall be on a gross basis.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town budget revenues and expenditures on a gross basis to comply with New Hampshire State law. Any additional unanticipated sources of revenues may be accepted under the provisions of RSA 31:95b.

Town Response

The Town agrees with the above and will implement the recommendation.

PAYROLL FORMS

Observation

Wages as reported on the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return (Form 941) did not agree with the wages reported on the Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements (Form W-3).

Implication

There is a possibility that an employee's W-2 is incorrect and that the Internal Revenue Service will send a notice to inquire about the variances. In the future, the Town may need to research payroll records in order to reconcile the difference.

Recommendation

In order to avoid receiving notices from the Internal Revenue Service, the wages per the 941's should reconcile to the wages per the W-3. Wages as reported on both of these forms should reflect the amounts in the applicable general ledger accounts.

Town Response

During 1997, a new bookkeeper was hired and has been working to identify the discrepancies in the various payroll reports.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Observation

We noted that after year end, the Town issued various checks but back dated them to December 31, 1997. This was done in order to charge the various expenditures against the 1997 adopted budget.

Implication

As the checks were not actually written prior to year end, the Town's cash balance and accounts payable balance are understated by the balance of the issued checks.

Recommendation

We recommend that instead of back dating the checks, a liability be recorded for the balance of unpaid invoices that are for services and goods received prior to year end. In the subsequent year, when the invoices are paid, the applicable liability and cash balance will be reduced.

Town Response

The Town is currently in the process of fully utilizing its computer software system. Once the general ledger is being utilized, open invoices at year end can be recorded as a liability through a journal entry.

LIBRARY FUND

Observation

We noted that formal bank reconciliations are not maintained for the library fund's checking account.

Implication

Internal controls over cash are weakened if the reconciliation process is not completed. Errors or mispostings by either the library treasurer or the bank can remain undetected if the reconciliation process is not fully completed.

Recommendation

We recommend that monthly bank reconciliations be prepared and retained. This will allow for a proper audit trail.

Town Response

Beginning in 1998, the bank reconciliations will be kept on file.

FEDERAL INSURANCE DEPOSIT COVERAGE OF CASH DEPOSITS

Observation

As previously reported, a substantial balance of the Town's cash and investment deposits are not covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized in any manner. At December 31, 1997, \$3,558,810 or 91.7% of the Town's cash and investment deposits were uninsured. Federal depository insurance is provided for the first \$100,000 of cash deposits for each bank and type of bank account. The Town currently has an account with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool (NHPDIP). The balance in this account at December 31, 1997 is \$198,310.

Implication

Uninsured or uncollateralized deposits are exposed to an increased level of risk of loss. In the event of the failure of the banking institution, the Town will have a significant amount of deposits that will not be insured or collateralized.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town review its current banking arrangements and consider the various alternatives for improving the level of safety of the Town's funds. There are numerous banking arrangements that can be established to provide increased safety to the Town's funds such as collateralization agreements for deposits in excess of insured amounts. Another alternative is to invest additional monies in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool. We would be pleased to work with the Town to implement a cash management program.

Town Response

During 1996, the Town Treasurer started discussions to formalize a collateralization agreement with its financial institution to protect Town deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Town will pursue finalizing an agreement with its Banking partner in 1998 as well as continue the use of the NHPDIP.

TRUST FUND REPORTS

Observation

We noted that the Trustees of Trust Funds have not completed their year end reports (MS-9 and MS-10) for the year ending December 31, 1997. As previously reported, the balances on the prior Trust Fund reports submitted to the State of New Hampshire are not in agreement with the bank balances. For instance, the bank balances as of December 31, 1996 exceeded the reported amounts on the MS-9 and MS-10 by \$8,318. This difference is due to additional interest earned on the bank accounts, but not reported.

Implication

The Trustees are not in compliance with RSA 31:38 which requires the MS-9 and MS-10 reports to be filed annually. In addition, the conservation trust and the individual cemetery common trusts have not been correctly reported on the MS-9 and MS-10 for the past several years.

Recommendation

We recommend that the additional income not reported on the MS-9 and MS-10 be adjusted for the conservation trust and proportionately allocated to each individual cemetery common trust fund. We also recommend that the Trustees consider updating the listing of the individual common trusts on a quarterly basis and reconcile the total funds maintained with the various cash and investment accounts. This will help insure that the reported amounts are accurate and prepared within a reasonable period of time.

Town Response

The Trustees are aware of the problem. Problems arose in a prior year due to a transition of a new bookkeeper and the computerization of their records.

YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE

Observation

Computers have become an valuable tool in financial accounting and reporting in such areas as tax assessing and billing, revenue collection and reporting and expenditure processing. Today, we would all be lost without the power of the computer. However, we all know that computer output is dependent on internal computer processing power and information input. We have all been warned about the potential problems for the year 2000. Some of the potential issues include complete loss of data, shutdowns and inaccurate computations.

Implication

Computers are such a vital part of the financial reporting process that loss of computer data, lack of accurate information processing or computer shutdowns would create serious problems to normal ongoing financial operations.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town take steps in the near future to identify all computer hardware and software problems before the upcoming budget season and schedule improvements in early 1999.

Town Response

A Year 2000 Compliance Officer has been appointed to formulate a plan and implement follow-through.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DEBITS				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR:	LEVY FOR YEAR OF THIS REPORT	LEVY 1997	LEVY 1996	
Property Taxes		743,445		
Yield Taxes			2,368	
Utilities			48,860	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	11,208,032	11,884		
Yield Taxes	3,261	2,493		
Utilities		40,232		
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	35,598	1,708		
Collect Interest-Late Taxes	7,661	40,545	2,044	
Penalties - Resident Tax	75			
TOTAL DEBITS	11,254,627	840,307	53,272	

CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	LEVY FOR YEAR OF THIS REPORT	LEVY 1997	LEVY 1996	
Property Taxes	10,709,508	741,922		
Yield Taxes	3,261	1,328	2,683	
Utilities		24,544	48,545	
Interest	7,661	40,545	2,044	
Penalties	75			
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	4,538	356		
Yield Taxes		365		
Utilities		3,552		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	529,584	14,758		
Yield Taxes		800		
Utilities		12,137		
TOTAL CREDITS	11,254,627	840,307	53,272	

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (CONT.)

DEBITS				
	Levy For Year Of This Report	Levy 1996	Levy 1995	Levy Prior
Unredeemed Liens-Beg. Of Year		256,251	141,335	147,760
Liens Executed During Year	458,614			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	15,291	31,643	35,856	197
TOTAL DEBITS	473,905	287,894	177,191	147,957

CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Levy For Year Of This Report	Levy 1996	Levy 1995	Levy Prior
Redemptions	203,737	121,901	92,351	4,471
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	15,291	30,681	35,592	197
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	16,297	14,681	15,252	
Unredeemed Liens Bal.				
End of Year	238,580	120,631	33,996	143,289
TOTAL CREDITS	473,905	287,894	177,191	147,957

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie L. Bayek, Tax Collector

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REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES SUMMARY OF WARRANT		
Property, Poll and Yield Tax Levy of 1951		
DR:		
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$89,511.36	
Poll Taxes	1,816.00	
Total Warrant		\$91,327.36
Yield Taxes		513.29
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		444.88
Poll Taxes		186.00
Interest and Costs Collected		109.96
Total Debits:		\$92,581.49
CR:		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$86,623.86	
Poll Taxes	1,720.00	
Yield Taxes	341.86	
Interest and Costs Collected	109.96	
Discount Allowed	2,072.54	
Abatements	1,195.76	
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list		
Property taxes	216.08	
Poll taxes	130.00	
Yield Taxes	171.43	
Total Credits:		\$92,581.49
Respectfully submitted, FRANCES W. BRAMLEY, Collector of Taxes		
Summary of Warrant		
State Head Tax		
Levy of 1951		
DR:		
State Head taxes committed to collector:		
Original Warrant	\$ 5,335.00	
Added Taxes:	425.00	
Total Commitment:		\$ 5,760.00

TAX RATE COMPUTATION & TAXES ASSESSED

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 4,277,956</u>		
Less: Revenues	2,316,373		
Less: Shared Revenues	9,276		
Add: Overlay	352,178		
War Service Credits	46,677		
Net Town Appropriation		2,351,162	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort			2,351,162
Municipal tax Rate			5.38

<u>SCHOOL PORTION</u>			
Due to Regional School	8,517,743		
Less: Shared Revenues	159,825		
Net School Appropriation		8,357,918	
Approved School Tax Effort			8,357,918
County Tax Rate			19.13

<u>COUNTY PORTION</u>			
Due to County	550,514		
Less: Shared Revenues	9,276		
Net County Appropriation		541,238	
Approved County Tax Effort			541,238
County Tax Rate			1.24

<u>COMBINED TAX RATE</u>			25.75
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	11,250,318
Less: War Service Credits	(46,677)

<u>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT</u>	11,203,641
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	Proof of Rate	
Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
\$436,905,555	\$25.75	\$11,250,318

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND	148,779,834	
BUILDINGS	287,672,850	
UTILITIES	531,6971	
Total Valuation Before Exemption		\$441,769,655
LESS: Blind Exemptions	90,000	
Elderly Exemption	4,686,650	
Disabled Exemption	87,450	
Total Amount of Exemption		\$4,864,100
Net Valuation on Which Tax is Computed		\$436,905,555

HISTORY OF PLAISTOW'S TAX RATE

YEAR	TOWN/SCHOOL/COUNTY	TOWN PORTION - ONLY
1990	\$15.54	\$3.83
1991	\$15.90 (2.3% increase)	\$4.41 (15.1% increase)
1992	\$21.00 (32.1% increase)	\$5.08 (15.2% increase)
1993	\$19.45 (7.4% decrease)	\$4.64 (8.7% decrease)
1994	\$22.04 (13.3% increase)	\$5.78 (24.6% increase)
1995	\$22.54 (2.3% increase)	\$5.77 (0.2% decrease)
1996	\$24.31 (7.9% increase)	\$5.75 (0.3% decrease)
1997	\$24.73 (1.7% increase)	\$5.43 (5.6% decrease)
1998	\$25.75 (4.1% increase)	\$5.38 (0.9% decrease)

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The cannons on the Town Hall Park were removed due to their dangerous condition. This was done to prevent any possibility of injury to children. We hope that a program to refurbish and renew the cannons will be undertaken this year.

Your Selectmen have enjoyed the co-operation of all the people and departments in the Town. We have not solved all problems but with continued help from all, we will exert every effort to conduct our duties with efficiency and expedience.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson M. Schwaner and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox for their contributions to the Town.

We welcome all new residents to the Town and urge interest and participation in the affairs of the Town. We welcome constructive criticism and hope that you will make it a point to register and vote at the Town and School District meetings. Our office is open every other Monday from 7:30 to usually mid-nite. Come in and Make Suggestions.

We feel that if Plaistow is to continue to progress, the cooperation of ALL its citizens and that of the various Town Committees elected and appointed will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY S. DUBE
THOMAS H. CULLEN
ELWOOD D. SHAW

Town Tax Rate \$7.40 per \$1,000.
County Tax Rate \$3.10 per \$1,000.
School Tax Rate \$61.50 per \$1,000.

Total Tax Rate, \$72.00 per \$1,000.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Report for January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998 \$ 3,799,745.69

RECEIPTS FROM	AMOUNT
TAX COLLECTOR:	
Previous years Property Taxes	362,464.51
1998 Property Taxes	11,168,421.80
Yield Taxes	4,461.00
Yield Tax Interest	507.95
Property Tax Interest	24,615.30
Mortgage Notice Costs	3,878.25
Redemptions/Sales	422,460.30
Redemption Interest & Costs	74,490.26
Tax Sales Costs	350.00
Water Bills	24,543.52
Water Bill Interest	69.17
Returned Checks	(15,517.30)
Returned Check Paid	15,517.30
Returned Check Fines	75.00
TOTAL	12,086,337.06
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:	
Shared Revenues	351,359.18
Highway Block Grant	105,277.45
Landfill Closure Grant	15,448.36
Energy Conservation Grant	18,495.00
Police Department Training Grant	180.00
Witness Fees	609.90
District Court Rent	32,350.40
New Hampshire Railroad Tax	950.34
Emergency Management Reimbursement	4,096.96
New Hampshire Fuel Tax Reimbursement	2,204.46
New Hampshire Welfare Reimbursement	2.35
TOTAL	530,974.40
OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUES:	
Police Department Dispatch Contract	19,582.52
Library	207,992.20
School Crossing guard	1,008.70
TOTAL	228,583.42
FROM OTHER SOURCES:	
Fire Department General Revenue	3,207.17
Court Ordered Reimbursement	103.82
Animal Control	
Disposal of Animals	14.00
Tax Warrants/Copies, etc.	126.50
Welfare General Assistance Liens	6,086.75
Planning Board	11,943.13
ZBA	4,526.00
Returned Checks	(287.00)
Returned Checks Paid	247.00
Returned Check Fees	25.00
Recreation Department	
Summer Recreation Registrations	23,010.50
Baseball/Softball Registrations	5,705.00
Community Trips	1,560.50
Returned Checks	(277.00)
Returned Checks Paid	167.00
Returned Checks Fine	100.00
Witness Fees	2,907.17
Police Department Outside Detail	84829.29
TOTAL	143,994.83

RECEIPTS FROM	AMOUNT
TOWN CLERK:	
W/H State of New Hampshire	4,382.25
UCC Fees	4,502.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	983,243.00
Dog Licenses	6,166.75
Dog License Fines/Pickup Fines	1,780.00
Marriage Licenses	679.00
Certified Copies	528.00
Municipal Agent Program	24,067.50
Dredge & Fill Permits	30.00
Boat Registrations	5,967.28
Recordings	10.00
Filing Fees	22.00
Voter Registration Cards	3.00
Voter Checklist	50.00
Title Fees	3,694.00
Mail In Registration Fees	4,191.50
Pole Licenses	70.00
Recount Fees	10.00
Miscellaneous	77.57
Returned Check Fines	875.00
1997 Returned Checks Collected	272.00
1998 Returned Check Write Off	(10.00)
1998 Uncollected Returned Checks	(859.50)
Overage	5.00
TOTAL	1,039,756.35
FROM OTHER SOURCES:	
Inspection Office	63,845.05
Returned Checks	(195.00)
Returned Checks Paid	100.00
Returned Check Fines	25.00
Health Department	7,023.50
Police Department	
Gun Permits	880.00
Licenses to Sell Pistols & Revolvers	75.00
Licenses for Games of Chance	50.00
Hawkers/Peddlers Permits	120.00
Identi Kit Rentals	100.00
Pawnbrokers/2nd Hand Permits	450.00
Parking Violations	3,530.00
Insurance requests Report Fees	6,942.00
Returned Checks	(140.00)
Returned Checks Paid	140.00
Returned Check Fees	100.00
TOTAL	83,045.55
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Victim Witness Advocate Grant	6,935.91
Other Federal Assistance	99.95
TOTAL	7,035.86
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:	
Cable Franchise Fees	30,455.48
Sale of Land/Tax Deeded	120,100.00
Cemetery Lot Sales	3,925.00
Cemetery Opening & Closing Fees	975.00
Sale of Surplus Property	19,184.00
Miscellaneous	8,731.54

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Health Insurance	13,608.86
Workers Compensation	3,281.00
N.H.R.S.	2,509.73
Refund Liability Insurance	866.00
Legal	7,625.00
Portland Gas	4,400.00
Health Officer Training	85.00
TOTAL	32,375.59

FROM FLEET BANK:

Earned Interest	2,224.75
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FROM FAMILY BANK:

Earned Interest	107,785.50
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FROM MBIA WATER BOND

Earned Interest	10,415.80
TOTAL	120,426.05

Copy Machine Income	216.03
Assessor's Copies	620.75
Robbins Settlement	69,069.95
WalMart/Police Agreement	12,195.30
BCLM/BRUK -Police Agreement	19,500.00
John Wilder	135.00
Museum Lease	1.00
TOTAL	285,109.05

DISTRICT COURT:

Portion of Fines	1,270.00
TOTAL	1,270.00

FROM

U. S. Treasury	225.00
TOTAL	225.00

TOTAL 1998 RECEIPTS

18,358,878.85

TOTAL 1998 DISBURSEMENTS

12,801,054.16

TOTAL

5,557,824.69

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1998

Family Bank Checking Account	4,813,956.55
MBIA & Family Bank - Water Bond Acc.	209,187.60
Fleet Bank	53,560.32
No Cash to Treasurer	
Abatements, Liens & Welfare Payments applied to 1998 Taxes	481,120.22
TOTAL	5,557,824.69

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadine A. Fitzgerald, Treasurer

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TOWN TREASURERS' REPORT

February 1, 1939 to January 31, 1940

Balance on deposit Exeter Banking Co. \$1,000.57

Received from Eva B. Cook:

1935 Taxes Redeemed	\$128.35
1936 Taxes Redeemed	155.17
1936 Interest	31.57
1937 Taxes Redeemed	964.21
1937 Interest	48.20
1938 Taxes Redeemed	864.96
1938 Interest	24.41
	114.18
	2,112.69

1938 Real Estate and Poll Taxes	12,236.78
1939 Real Estate and Poll Taxes	25,638.94

Received from Wallace E. Card:

1938 Auto Taxes	\$21.62
1939 Auto Taxes	2,327.20
1940 Auto Taxes	13.07
Toll Call Refunds	62.90
Dog Taxes	469.50
Municipal Court Fines	295.35
	\$3,189.64

Received from State Treasurer:

Snow Removal	\$ 50.00
Railroad Tax	331.99
Savings Bank Tax	62.48
Interest and Dividends Tax	554.23
	\$988.70

Received from County Treasurer:

Welfare Refund	\$317.66
Welfare Projects	707.18
	\$1,024.84

Received Miscellaneous:

Rent of Town Hall	\$234.00
Town of Sandown	50.00
Pentucket Savings Bank	2.50
Old Hampshire Inc.	375.00
Boy Scouts	1.10
Clara Whitaker Fund	2.50
John M. Duston	50.00
Town of Danville	140.00
Town of Atkinson	200.00
	\$1,055.10

Received from Exeter Banking Co.:

Temporary Loans	\$27,500.00
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Total Amount Received \$74,861.44

Paid Selectmen's Orders No. 7144 to No. 7555 Inc. \$73,542.37

Balance on Deposit Exeter Banking Co. \$1,319.07

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE R. DUSTON.

STATEMENT OF BOND DEBT

Fitzgerald Public Safety Complex
 Original Amount: \$1,150,000.00
 Year/Term: 1985/15 Yrs. @ 8.0%

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	YEARLY TOTALS
1999	75,000	12,944	87,944
2000	75,000	6,341	81,341
TOTAL	150,000	19,285	169,285

SCHOOL REPORT

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REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

1925-1926

Salem, N. H., Jan. 26, 1927.

I hereby submit my annual report, for the school year 1925-1926. I am taking this opportunity to thank the members of the Parent Teachers' Association, and also the School Board for their co-operation regarding the Dental Clinic.

The report follows:

No. pupils examined	248	
No. pupils absent	2	
Underweight	61	73 have gained since last exam.
Defective Vision	28	14 treated since last exam.
Defective Hearing	6	8 treated since last exam.
Anemia	1	
Nervous Disease	1	
Skin Disease	3	3 treated since last exam.
Pediculosis	9	9 notices sent to parents.
Defective Teeth	143	31 treated since last exam.
Hypertrophied Tonsils	58	2 treated since last exam.
Adenoids	58	2 treated since last exam.
Defects of Breathing	5	
Enlarged Glands	17	5 treated since last exam.
Unvaccinated	33	16 treated since last exam.
" without proper excuse	28	28 notices sent to parents.

Other work accomplished:

Home Visits, 10.
 School Visits, 48.
 Tonsil Operation, 1.
 Aural Case, treated in hospital, 1.
 Other Treatments, 2.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

DEBITS:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued 1998	983,243	
Filing Fees	22	
Dog Licenses	6,167	
Fines for Dog Pickup	1,780	
Marriages	679	
W/H State of NH (Marriage & Certified Copies)	4,382	
Boat Registrations	5,967	
Uniform Commercial Codes	4,502	
Titles	3,694	
Mail In Registration Fees	4,192	
Municipal Agent Program	24,067	
Voter Registration Card	3	
Dredge and Fill Permits	30	
Recordings	10	
Miscellaneous	78	
Returned Check Fines	875	
Certified Copies	528	
Pole License	70	
Voter's Checklist	50	
Recount	10	
TOTAL		1,040,349

CREDITS:

Remitted to Treasurer:

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Recount	10	
TOTAL		1,040,349

Bad Check Payment Received in 1998	272	
Return Check Insufficient Funds	(860)	
Write Off	(10)	
Overage	5	
REMITTED TO TREASURER		1,039,756

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara E. Tavitian, Town Clerk

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Due to unforeseen circumstance, there will not be any report from the Trustees of Trust Funds for this annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen A, Hart, Chairman



PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

1998 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Town of Plaistow	\$172,708.00	Books	\$20,674.65
Donations	800.00	Building Insurance	1,470.00
Fines	3,635.82	Building Program	233,484.94
Copier Fees	1,369.05	Continuing Education	919.59
Interest on Deposits	6,246.45	Electricity	4,269.90
Lost Books	254.34	Employee Assistance Program	222.00
T-Shirt Sales	42.00	Gas	810.17
Book Sales	196.00	Health, Life Disability Insurance	8,369.10
Non-Resident Fees	180.00	Janitor Service	4,350.21
State of NH Grants	179.00	Miscellaneous	244.64
Mary Nelson Disbursements	48,072.69	Periodicals	2,907.86
Mary Nelson Trust	200,000.00	Postage	431.54
		Professional Dues	585.00
Total	\$433,683.35	Public Activities	404.39
		Reference	6,034.47
		Repairs/Maintenance	7,081.24
		Retirement	1,881.59
		Salaries	91,020.19
		Social Security/Medicare	6,962.44
		Supplies	3,598.61
		Telephone	1,209.43
		Technology Equipment	5,512.21
		Unemployment/Workers Comp	775.00
		Returned to Town	3,078.19
		Total	\$406,297.36
LIBRARY ACCOUNT BALANCES			
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	\$11,030.91		
Fines/Lost Books Fund	7,859.69		
Special Projects Fund	14,017.01		
Mary Nelson Trust (Investment Services)	640,618.56		
Mary Nelson Trust Disbursement Fund	19,317.46		
Memorial Funds (In Honor of):	9,981.14		
Annie L. Dow			
Mary Gilman			
Muriel Herrick			
Sheila McPherson			
Paul D. Palmer			
Irving E. Peaslee			
Virginia Robinson			
David Wood			
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	938.49		
Conti Family Fund	589.65		
		Catherine Emmons, Chair	
		Scott Lane, Assistant Chairperson	
		Jennifer Kiarsis, Secretary	
		Catherine Willis, Treasurer	
		Bertha Hill	
		December 31, 1998	

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 1998 confirmed Plaistow's commitment to quality and its ability to turn challenges into achievements. We listened to our residents, provided a better standard of public services and insured a solid future into the millennium.

As a result of the March election, the board of Selectmen welcomed new member, Michael Emmons, who replaces Larry Gil, a dedicated and honored partner of our team. Charles (Buzzy) Blinn was re-elected to serve another term and was appointed Chairman. Our board was knowledgeable and diversified allowing us to make responsible and fair decisions.

This year, our town's portion of the tax rate decreased while services increased. We were able to meet the rising demands of all the departments: police, fire, library and town hall, but with a continued low tax rate. This was accomplished through greater efficiency and sound fiscal decisions. The improved quality in our town's departments made Plaistow a better place to live.

The introduction of the Capital Improvement Plan kept our tax base more stable. This allowed us to plan more effectively for future capital needs of the town.

This was the first year Plaistow did not have to borrow money from lending institutions to issue tax anticipation notes (TANS). Thanks to biannual tax collections and, more importantly to the workings of a prudent town manager, staff, the town treasurer and your selectmen, our recent positive cash flow gave us such a healthy financial picture we were able to save thousands of dollars in interest payments.

Our revaluation has also been a success. A vote of thanks to all the residents who helped support this important project. It was indeed a giant step towards more fair taxation. We began the creation of new tax maps. By flying over the town and taking aerial photos we were able to update the town mapping system. We now have appraisers going from door to door to accurately present the present day values of all our properties. New technology and the computerization of the assessor's office have brought us far more efficiency and now insures a solid footprint for the 21st century.

Although the MRI study did generate some controversy, it gave us an agenda of reforms to insure a higher performance level. This will bring greater safety to the public and create more professionalism and responsibility for all.

In honor of Plaistow's heritage and of the friends and loved ones who died before us, the long neglected problem of the town cemetery was finally rectified. We improved the drainage. made a map of the cemetery lots and paved the roads to make better access.

On a sadder note we mourn the passing of Ira Shinberg. Ira was one of the original members of the reval committee who fought hard behind the scenes for the betterment of our town. We extend our condolences to his wife, Gail, a dear friend of Plaistow.

Plans for the town's 250th Anniversary this year are fully underway. Without the cooperation and teamwork of all the residents, volunteers and employees of our community, Plaistow would not be such a special place to live. Our progress and success are a direct result of the countless hours of hard work and planning by devoted individuals. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
 Charles L. (Buzzy) Blinn, Jr., Chairman
 Barbara Hobbs, Vice chairman
 George E. Melvin
 Michael L. Emmons
 Merilyn P. Senter

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TOWN REPORT

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF THE
 TOWN OF PLAISTOW

April 1, 1926

Improved and unimproved land and buildings	\$956,625.00
97 Horses	9,180.00
225 Cows	11,080.00
1 Neat Stock	30.00
2,912 Fowl	2,089.00
1 Vehicle	100.00
Stock in Trade	46,900.00
Mills and Machinery	32,000.00
11 Gasoline Tanks and Pumps	2,750.00
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	\$1,060,754.00

Amount of Taxes and Rates

Total Appropriation for 1926		\$39,645.09
Estimated Revenue:		
Automobile Fees	\$1,000.00	
Railroad Tax	500.00	
Insurance Tax		
Dividend Tax	500.00	
Interest Tax		
700 Polls at \$2.00	1,400.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,400.00
Town of Plaistow—TWO		
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		\$36,245.09
Valuation \$1,060,754.00, at \$34.50 (tax rate)		\$36,596.01
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Overlay		\$350.92

TOWN MANAGER

Financial Condition

I am pleased to report that the State of the Town represents a strong financial picture. To place it into perspective, our 1994 Fiscal Year ending audit showed that we were spending money that we didn't have to the tune of a deficit in our Undesignated Fund Balance (\$26,837). Our financial strength is now shown by our 1998 retention of an Undesignated Fund Balance of \$641,669. By virtue of this turnaround, the Town's ability to meet its present and future obligations remains strong as we enter 1999 and look towards quality of life improvement opportunities including those being presented this year by the Recreation Commission and Library Trustees. Our town officials cooperative efforts have allowed Plaistow to work itself into a healthy financial situation where it can realistically plan to meet future community needs and challenges.

Budget Development

Each year starts with the conclusion of the town's annual budget process. That is, our town operates on a calendar fiscal year, January 1 – December 31. The Budget Process begins around September of each year when the town's departments submit their projected spending needs for the next year to the Town Manager through the Finance Office, which checks the submittals for completeness. Workshops are then held by the Town Manager with the Department Heads and the final product is then delivered to the Selectmen for their review and approval. The Budget Committee then meets with the individual departments and the Town Manager to conduct a detailed review of their requests. Both the Departments' operating needs and capital improvement needs undergo this process. Capital Improvement requests also need to pass the scrutiny of the Capital Improvements Plan Committee. The Budget Committee is then charged with holding a public hearing, usually in January, on the town projected spending needs. Under the town's current Official Ballot (SB 2) form of government, Town Meeting begins with a deliberative session in late January-early February and concludes with the March ballot voting.

Spending Plan

I want to express my appreciation to our Department Heads and staff for their efforts during this very detailed budget process. Their cooperation and hard work has helped us keep our town's portion of the tax rate down for four consecutive years, 1995 through 1998. They are to be commended for their hard work to keep spending down while maintaining and improving our town's level of services. My approach to spending Town funds remains very simple. It is much the same as you or I spend our household money, by "smart shopping". My thanks to all our staff for their patience and work in ensuring we get the best price available for our purchases and ensuring our spending is not taking place ahead of our revenues. As the Selectmen have noted in their report, I too want to applaud the town treasurer, staff, and the Board for embracing this spending philosophy which allowed us to complete our first fiscal year without the need for borrowing to keep our operations going. This past year we saved up to \$45,000 that was budgeted for interest payments in this regard.

1998 Snapshot

A few other highlights occurring during 1998 included the conclusion of negotiations on a new cable franchise agreement that included a \$100,000 grant-in-payment from MediaOne to the

Town. We were also able to secure the upgrade of our collateralization protection with our primary banking partner with a no cost \$2 million insurance policy above the \$100,000 FDIC protection limits. My appreciation goes to the Town's Cemetery Advisory Committee for working to ensure improvements are implemented properly at the Town's Cemetery: thank you Mr. Fran Berube, Mrs. Bernadine Fitzgerald, Mrs. Tammy Mc Sheehy, Sexton – "Topper", and Dan Garlington.

Special Thanks

There are many special thanks to be passed out to Plaistow community elected and appointed officials, probably too numerous to mention in such a brief report. Here is a very short list of residents and officials who worked hand-in-hand with town officials this past year to improve their community –

- ♦ Main Street residents for their help and patience on the new sidewalk project;
- ♦ Jesse George Road residents helping on the road drainage improvement project;
- ♦ Our gas pipeline project resident watchdogs for their diligence;
- ♦ Sen. Rick Russman, Rep. Norm Major, & the other Court Site Committee members;
- ♦ Plaistow's on-call firefighters and department officers;
- ♦ Police officers and other PD subcommittee members working on consensus building;
- ♦ Mrs. Brenda Major's volunteer "camera ready" work on this annual report.

A special thank you to Mrs. Ruth Jenne for her support in assisting me as we start our fifth year together and for her 25 plus years in assisting Plaistow residents and other customers who enter the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Belmore
Town Manager



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

We would like to thank the town officials and residents who worked with us during this past year.

This year the Animal Control Officer has added an assistant to help out during the day when he is working.

Coyotes are a big problem in many areas of the town. If you see them please contact us and we will try to remove them for you. Beavers are also a big problem and a lot of it is because Massachusetts has stopped trapping and that is the only way you can really control them.

Please get your animals their rabies shots so they and yourselves will be protected. The Fire Department runs a clinic in the spring so you can get your animals registered and also get their rabies shots.

This has been a very high year for residents getting their animals licensed and this department wants to thank you all for this.

LIST OF CALLS:

General Information	1056	Opossums Live Trapped	11
Information for Lost Dogs	142	Opossums Hit by Cars	18
Lost Cats	73	Deer Hit by Cars	6
Dogs Killed by Cars	28	Fox Killed by Cars	7
Cats Killed by Cars	74	Skunks Trapped Alive	41
Dogs Put to Sleep	23	Dead Skunks Picked Up	23
Dogs Returned to Owners	67	Cats Put to Sleep	53
Reported Dog Bites	5	Raccoons Killed by Cars	15
Dogs New Homes	21	Raccoons Found in Yards Dead	8
Barking Dogs Problems	67	Woodchucks Trapped Alive	31
Dogs Picked Up	112	Raccoons Trapped & Put to Sleep	15
Unrestrained Dogs	156	Bat Problems	10
Beavers Removed	23	Animals in Chimneys	25
Otters Killed by Cars	2	Number of Licensed Dogs	821

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Sargent
Jason Felton
Animal Control Officers



ASSESSOR'S AGENT

Because of the ongoing revaluation, this past year the Assessing Office has been busily preparing to archive the old files in preparation for all new assessed values and files in the fall of 1999.

This coming year is, arguably, the most important period for the taxpayers in regards to their assessments and property taxes. It is important that every taxpayer pay close attention to the ongoing revaluation, to remain active to ensure that their property data is accurate, and that the resultant value is reasonable and equitable.

We encourage each taxpayer to allow a full inspection when the company data collectors arrive at their homes or to respond to the letter requesting an appointment for inspection. An accurate assessment begins with accurate data. Contrary to some observations, denying the data collectors an interior inspection will not lead to an understatement of value. Quite the reverse is more probable, as it leads the appraisers to conclude that there is more than meets the eye on the outside.

Each taxpayer will receive an estimate or current market value, sometime during the early summer of 1999, via first class mail. It is important that each taxpayer consider the appraisal estimate seriously and to schedule an appointment with a company appraiser to discuss the estimate if there are questions. At that time, there will be lists of the new assessments made available to the public. Comparisons to other similar homes should be made. At the informal hearings, the appraisers will have lists of comparable sales that lead to the value conclusions. Taxpayers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure an accurate assessment. It is much easier and efficient to correct any discrepancies at that time, as opposed to filing for abatement with the Town.

Together with the new electronic maps and the property data file, the Assessment Office will look much different in the near future. The Selectmen have directed our office to ensure that assessments are accurate and equitable and that the level of services be maximized within budgetary constraints. To that end, we have made great strides and look forward to realizing this in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Selectmen and the Town Manager for their continuing support and guidance, as well as our fellow department heads, officials and Town employees for their good cheer. Most importantly, I would like to thank the taxpayers for their patience and assistance through this difficult time. We look forward to increasing our services to you.

Respectfully,

Wil Corcoran
Assessor's Agent

CABLE COMMITTEE

1998 was a year of significant activity for your cable committee members. This was the year Plaistow signed a new cable contract with Media One which will govern the relationship between the two for the next ten years. At the outset of this report, I would like to thank all the past and current members of the committee for this effort which required almost two years to complete. I must add, that Mr. Belmore – the Town Manager played a major role in the final negotiations, as did Atty. Ciandella who was involved throughout the process.

The Town did very well under the new contract, considering that the cable industry has gotten a lot more competitive in the past few years, which translates into “a lot less generous”. The new agreement is 50 pages long. These are some of the highlights:

The old contract was for 15 years; the new contract is for 10 years, and has reassessment triggers in years three and seven. The committee recognized that cable technology is undergoing massive changes which no one can fully anticipate, therefore, a shorter contract is to our advantage. The triggers allow the Town to look at the state of cable technology after three and seven years, sit down with the company and insist that Plaistow is kept on par with other communities.

The major sticking point during our negotiations has been the retention of our television studio. Cable companies are getting out of studio ownership throughout the country and you may have noticed that the Plaistow studio, which was a very expensive rental space, has been closed. The committee insisted that this was a very valuable asset to the community and to that end MediaOne agreed to the following terms: to provide \$100,000 towards construction of a Town owned studio, to donate all of the broadcasting equipment from the old studio (approximately \$25,000 value) and to provide the necessary technical assistance to bring the new studio on line once it becomes a reality. Our initial approach was to propose the construction of the studio as part of the new High School building project, but the voters last March were not too keen on the whole idea. We will try again this year and also explore additional locations. The key to a successful studio is a director who oversees the activities, plans the shows and maintains a pool of volunteers and has good broadcasting equipment. To that extent, the contract provides for 2% of MediaOne's gross Plaistow revenues to be dedicated to the operations of the studio during the contract years.

Currently, there are two origination points for broadcasting, the Town Hall and the High School. The new contract provides for two more, the new studio and most likely the new library, once it is constructed.

Our Towns' people might be pleased to know that many of the program tapes created in the past have been donated to, and are available for viewing at the Plaistow Historical Society.

An unrelated benefit to facilitate our negotiations was an earlier installation of fiber optics cable in the Town. For those who have tried the MediaOne Internet on the fiber optics, there is no going back.

Your cable committee members ask for your support should a cable studio warrant article be presented for your consideration. To facilitate the operation of the studio, we also ask you to support the warrant article establishing a dedicated cable account to accept the MediaOne funds.

Submitted by:

Henry J. Szmyt
Chairman – Plaistow Cable Advisory Committee

CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD

The Cemetery Advisory Board meets on a regular basis with Town Manager, Robert Belmore and consists of the following members: Bernadine Fitzgerald, Tammy McSheehy, Daniel Garlington, Herbert Reed, and Francis J. Berube, Jr.

Projects completed during the past year included the paving of the roadway to the new cemetery giving more access to families during the winter. The Dumpster was removed from the cemetery and plans were finalized for a new sign for the cemetery.

Present projects underway are surveying to determine boundary lines, and to conclude the number of funeral lots remaining in the cemetery.

Projects to be completed in the near future will be fencing along the perimeter of the new cemetery and a new well to maintain the lawn, flowers and plants in the cemetery.

The Cemetery Advisory Board wished to thank Dave Damphouse to Swings and Things for the donation of a shed for storage in the cemetery. Also, we wish to thank John Wilder for the donation of loam to improve and beautify the cemetery, Ken's Hot Topping for the paving work, and the Engineering firm of S. E. Cummings and Associates of Plaistow for doing the surveying work in the cemetery. A special thanks goes to the Highway Department and the Town Manager for their cooperation as well as the residents of Plaistow for their funding and commitment to the town cemetery.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis J. Berube, Jr., Chairman
Bernadine Fitzgerald
Vanda McSheehy
Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor
Herbert Reed, Cemetery Supervisor

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing
year February 1, 1922, to January 31, 1923.

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,200 00
Town officers' expenses	\$ 250 00
Town officers' expenses for adding machine	250 00
Town officers' expenses. Total	500 00
Election and registration expenses	150 00
Care and supplies for Town Hall	600 00
Repairs for Town Hall	200 00
Police Department	50 00
Fire Department	400 00
Haverhill Firemen's Relief Association	100 00
Moth extermination	250 00
Health Department	50 00
Vital statistics	25 00
Highways: State aid maintenance	3,500 00
Highways: Town maintenance	2,100 00
Street lighting	1,350 00
Libraries	350 00
Memorial Tablet to Soldiers of World War	500 00
Memorial Day celebration	50 00
Interest on temporary loans	700 00
Interest on bonded debt	800 00
Payment of principal of debt (bonds)	2,000 00
State taxes	2,655 00
County taxes	2,098 50
Payments to School District	11,904 42
Total.	\$31,532 92

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1998 has continued to be very strong in the building trades with residential development still booming. Three residential subdivisions have been completed as of this writing: Sweethill Estates, Tracey Lane and Greenfield Drive. Timberview Estates has ten (10) remaining lots and Ashley Nicole Drive has six (6) homes to be built. They will be completed in 1999. That is the extent of the approved subdivisions to date. Three small residential subdivisions are in front of the Planning Board for a total of thirty (30) new homes, if approved as proposed.

Commercial and Industrial projects that have been approved in 1997 and 1998 are either under construction or preparing for the same. I expect many of these projects to be completed in 1999. This office will continue to work with potential developers to increase this type of strong tax base.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome my new Secretary, Kim Naimo, to the team.

Below, for your review, is a year-to-date total of revenues generated by this office:

Building Permits	\$26,878.30
Electrical Permits	6,837.25
Electrical Contractors	3,980.00
Plumbing Permits	5,388.25
Occupancy Permits	287.50
Mechanical Permits	3,540.50
Mechanical Contractors	2,005.00
Septic Permits	3,295.00
Sign Permits	3,000.00
Annual Dealer Fees	2,100.00
Well Permits	260.00
Copies	32.75
Fire Department Revenue	1,572.50
Miscellaneous Fees	574.00

TOTAL	61,796.05
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Respectfully submitted,
P. Michael Dorman
Chief code Enforcement Officer



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission focused on two areas during 1998 – Water Testing and Forest Management.

WATER TESTING:

We continued our annual water sampling program at 17 locations at various points on Hale Spring, Camel Hill Spring, Kelley Brook, Mankill Brook, Seaver Brook, Bryant Brook, and Little River. The water quality has generally improved and the 1997 results, tested in December, 1997 and results received in January 1998, showed some of the lowest levels of coliform ever reported. We expect to get December 1998 testing results in the early part of January 1999. Unfortunately we did not have enough volunteers to continue with the Merrimack River Watershed Council-testing program for various points along the Little River. We hope to reestablish those tests during 1999.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

We did receive a preliminary report from the forester we hired to generate a forest management plan for all Town owned land, which has been designated as land for “conservation uses”.

We expect a final report to be completed during 1Q99 at which time a public hearing will be held to get input from all residents. Hopefully we will be able to start to implement some of recommendation made in the report.

The Conservation Commission meets monthly, typically the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. Members, alternate members, and volunteers are desperately needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy E. Moore, Chairman,
Conservation Commission

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN 1960

This year the Town Trees were sprayed for Dutch Elm Disease, Maple and Moth Control.

A new method was used, a combination spray, which proved to be very effective.

The town removed 32 trees mostly Elm and a few diseased Maples.

This work was done with the help of the Exeter & Hampton Electric Co. and the New England Tel. & Tel. Co.

These companies helped financially to cut and trim the trees.

In one case a taxpayer donated to have one of the diseased Elms removed.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Selectmen

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On April 21, 1998 Plaistow participated in a Nationwide Drill to test our response during an emergency. Under the direction of the Office of Emergency Management Police, Fire, Health, building and inspection, the Highway Department, town employees, the Town Manager and some members of the Board of Selectmen of Plaistow were activated and reported to the EOC. Each department was assigned a task to be completed during the drill. Following the completion of the drill, an overview of the efficiency and effectiveness of the departments was reviewed with a positive assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of each department. Since that time, the weaknesses have been addressed and corrected.

As part of the Town of Plaistow's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the underground storage fuel tank at the safety complex was replaced with an above ground tank under a matching federal grant. The fuel in this tank is used to run the generator at the safety complex during power losses. In order for the storage tank to be brought up to the current EAP requirements, it was necessary for it to be removed and placed above ground. The Office of Emergency Management sought and obtained matching funds for this project.

There is always a need for personnel with specialized skills or equipment to assist the Office of Emergency Management during a time of emergency. You are encouraged to volunteer to be on a call list, if you are willing to provide services or equipment.

Respectfully submitted,
William T. Scully
Director



FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and firefighters of the Plaistow Fire Department. The residents of Plaistow, as well as those who happen to pass through our town, are extremely fortunate that such a dedicated and loyal group of individuals have committed themselves to answering their neighbors' call for help. The number of hours each member willfully volunteers can only be appreciated by their family, for every moment given to the Department is a moment not spent with their loved ones. The hours spent in actual response to alarms is only a small portion of the time given by each member. Training, meetings and general equipment maintenance take up so much more time, that it seems many have a second home at the firehouse. The evolving complexities of the fire service requires perpetual training to ensure we are able to respond to the constantly changing hazards that present themselves on a routine basis. Without their dedication and enthusiasm, we could not continue to provide the community with the exceptional level of service that has become a tradition in the Town of Plaistow. In 1998, we responded to 657 alarms, which exceeded our past highest total alarm volume of 632, set last year. Through their dedication, we continue to remain a "CALL" department, even as the residential and business populations expand and place an increased demand for our services. I am sincerely honored and proud to be a part of this very special and talented group. We appreciate your continued support and commit to providing the Town with the finest possible service.

One of the Department's passive "fire defenses" is our Fire Education and Prevention program. Every year, our members volunteer their personal or vacation time to visit the various pre-schools, kindergartens in the town and the Pollard Elementary School and teach the basics of fire safety and prevention. The elementary school aspect of our program includes basic Emergency Medical Service information and what they could expect if we were called to assist their family during a medical emergency. In total, the program was presented to approximately 800 children over the course of Fire Prevention Week. Completing Fire Prevention week was an open house at the Fire Station. Approximately 500 residents visited their fire station and were given an informative tour, met with Smokey Bear, inspected the apparatus and familiarized themselves with their Fire Department.

In support of the Fire Department, the Plaistow Firemens' Association constructed and donated to the town a garage to store and maintain our two pieces of motorized antique fire apparatus. The members of the Association conducted various fund-raising events and many businesses within the Town donated materials in support of this project. A sincere thank-you to all those involved for a job well done.

There are a couple of "standard" issues that have earned an annual mention in this report. The first pertains to the use of smoke detectors. Quoting state and local ordinances is probably the most ineffective method of promoting one of the least expensive life saving devices available to the general public. Study after study indicates **SMOKE DETECTORS, WHEN PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED, SAVE LIVES....EVERYDAY!**

We continue to find smoke detectors that have been installed which have either been disconnected,

removed or contain dead batteries. The risk of serious injury and substantial property loss is increased dramatically whenever one of these detectors is not maintained properly. Please, for your own well-being and that of your family, install and maintain smoke detectors in your home. In addition to smoke detectors, the use of carbon monoxide detectors is increasing. When installing a CO detector, remember it should be located in close proximity to your sleeping area. If you have a CO detector installed, maintain it per the manufacturer's instructions. Take a few moments to read the literature that was supplied with the unit so you know what to do if it alarms. Remember, although carbon monoxide is ODORLESS, COLORLESS and TASTELESS, it is DEADLY. Make sure your heating system (oil, wood or gas), gas hot water heater and/or gas dryer are operating properly and maintained by qualified technicians. In these instances, "an ounce of prevention" can avert a tragedy.

Another issue deals with clearly identifying your residence. There have been several occasions where precious moments were wasted during the response effort when we could not find the location of the call. The importance of VISIBLE numbers that contrast with their background (i.e. white reflective numerals on a black background) cannot be stressed enough. The next time you drive down an unfamiliar street, see how many house numbers you can easily locate and identify, only then will you realize the importance of ensuring your house is clearly identified. You will also notice there are still many buildings in Town that do not have readily visible numbers on them. Help us BEFORE you need our help, install visible, contrasting house numbers where they can be seen, preferably beside the front door. If in doubt or have any question, call the Fire Department non-emergency number (382-5012). If you have already done this THANK YOU, then survey your neighbor's numbers and suggest they do the same, as we will use their house to target your location.

Finally, a reminder that a permit is required whenever burning materials outside (brush, cooking fire, etc.). Contact Plaistow Dispatch (382-5012) for information on obtaining a permit BEFORE you light ANY outside fire.

ALARM SUMMARY – 1998

Automobile Fires	11	Odor Investigations	13
Boiler Heating Appliance	7	Other (various non-specific categories)	33
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	8	Rescue Calls	253
Fire Alarm Activations	66	Rescue Squad Only	130
Hazardous Materials Spills	8	Smoke Investigations	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	94	Structure Fires	4
Mutual Aid	17	Wood/Grass/Brush	9
		Total	657

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Petzold,
 Chief, Plaistow Fire Department



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This year the Plaistow Health Department partnered with the American Lung Association of New Hampshire to offer the program “No Butts About It” (NBAI) to the Pollard School fourth graders. NBAI is a curriculum developed to educate elementary school students about the effects that smoking and chewing tobacco have on the body. NBAI teaches how tobacco companies lure children to use tobacco by their advertisements. This course emphasizes teaching children about the contents of tobacco, it’s effects on the body, nicotine addiction and most important, how to say “no” to tobacco use.

This course was made possible through a grant from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to initiate a program pertaining to indoor air quality. Matching funds were donated by Plaistow businesses and residents to support the classes. Teaching of the program was done by: Myra Hogan, Pollard School Health Instructor; Josh Squires, Intern; Karen Rowell of the Seacoast Health Initiative; peer educators from Timberlane Regional High School and myself. By offering NBAI to the fourth graders, we were able to prepare these students for the DARE program in fifth grade.

The children really enjoyed the program. They were awarded T-shirts, sneaker “bumper stickers” and pens for their participation. It was gratifying to be able to offer this program to the Plaistow Community.

A new health ordinance is being proposed for 1999. The “Minimum Housing Standards in Rental Property” will allow officials to enforce the RSA pertaining to housing standards. (RSA 48-A:14).

New to food service inspections is a revised food code, which adopts the FDA food code. This will help achieve uniformity among the State codes. Some of the major changes are: no direct hand contact shall be made by food service personnel when preparing ready-to-eat foods, cold product temperatures shall be less than 41 degrees F, and restaurant menus are to indicate that undercooked potentially hazardous foods (poultry, meat, eggs, fish, shellfish, and dairy) can be a source for food borne illness.

The Health Department also is responsible for: water testing, septic complaints, day care and foster care inspections and responding to public and environmental complaints.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tufts
Health Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department has seen some changes in personnel. Late summer, Barry Ordway resigned and Dana Rabito was hired. Current personnel in the department are Glen Peabody (Foreman), Mario Mejia (Laborer), Dana Rabito (Laborer), and myself. The Highway Department completed several projects during the year. Some of these projects are listed below:

With appreciation and support of the voters, the Highway Department purchased a 1999 International dump truck with a front plow, wing plow and sander. This truck replaced the 1990 Ford one ton and was put into service in November.



With help from outside contractors, the Highway Department successfully completed several drainage improvement projects that have been a long time coming.

The following projects were completed in 1998:

Forrest Street and Congressional Avenue: Work done by Al Hoyt & Sons and was finished in mid summer.

Jesse George Road and Old Road: Work done by Senter Bros and was finished in late fall.

Witch Lane: Work done by town forces and finished in early fall.

Secluded Circle: Work done by town forces and finished in early fall.

Also there were some catch basin repairs done and all town maintained catch basins were cleaned.

The wear coat of hot top was put down on Smith Corner Road and Crane Crossing Road in the spring. Work was done by Continental Paving. This should only leave some shoulder

restoration for these two roads to be completed. Ken's Hot Top did some winter like shim work on various roads in the fall.

The yellow center and fog lines were re-established on the Town's main roads in June.

We removed several dangerous trees along the town roads. I observed that these trees showed large amounts of ants and other vectors.

Looking ahead to 1999, I plan to address some drainage problems on Old County Road. Also, I plan to spend a good part of the Town's forces addressing the shoulders of the roads and repairing some of the catch basins that are showing signs of despair. I am looking to replace the 1982 Mack dump truck with a similar one this year.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my men and their families and my outside contractors for all their unselfish dedication in making our Town a safer and better place to live.

Respectfully submitted.
Daniel Garlington
Highway Supervisor

TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation required by law	\$2,100 00
Set aside for permanent improvements as re- required by law	998 00
Expended for highways	2,034 45
To balance excess of expenditures over appropriation	932 45
Details of receipts and expenditures are filed in the office of the selectmen and are open to the inspection of any citizen of the town.	

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON, Agent.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MONEY AVAILABLE FOR STATE AID MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance 1922	\$2,299 55	\$2,299 56	\$4,599 11
Appropriation 1923	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	\$3,000 00
Extra	463 94	463 94	927 87
Total	\$4,263 49	\$4,263 49	\$8,526 98
Expenditures	\$4,263 49	\$4,263 49	\$8,526 98

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

During 1998, the Highway Safety Committee met monthly to consider a variety of plans and issues to Planning Board meetings. We have found that the Technical Review Committee process is still working very well and we appreciate the input provided by that committee in our own deliberations.

Among the projects we addressed during 1998 were: the intersection of Elm and Main Streets; an industrial complex off Old County road; continued working with the City of Haverhill, Mass., on mutual concerns; met with the Route 125 Study and Advisory Committee to review the consultant's conceptual plan for Route 125 improvements from East Road to the Brentwood/Kingston town line; worked on improvements at Cottage Plaza; a 12-lot subdivision off Cifre Lane; began study of a proposal for a 14-lot subdivision between Timberlane and Sweet Hill Roads; the subdivision which is planned for the new Plaistow Public Library; and began work on the cinema multiplex off Wentworth Avenue and Route 125.

Highway Safety has significant changes in membership this year and we welcomed Highway Supervisor Dan Garlington, Planning Board representative Thomas Underwood and Clerk Sue Connolly.

In 1998, \$10,000 was raised and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation constructed a formal sidewalk on Main Street from the railroad tracks to Ingalls Terrace. We also thank the State Department of Transportation for its cooperation in this project.

As a Town, we must aggressively continue to support sidewalk projects that make sense and to provide safety advice to the Planning Board as requested.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Senter, Selectman (Chairman)
Donald Petzold, Fire Chief
Stephen C. Savage, Police Chief
Daniel Garlington, Highway Department Supervisor (Vice-Chairman)
Robert M. Belmore, Town Manager
Thomas Underwood, Planning Board
David Pelletier, Rockingham Planning Commission
B. Jill Senter, Conservation Commission (resigned)
Kathleen Giragosian, Citizen Representative
Sue Connolly, Clerk

HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Office was quite active during 1998, with applications for assistance, as well as donations for those in need. There were twenty-nine (29) families who received assistance during the year, and there were seven (7) families who were determined ineligible for financial assistance. However, those families who may not have received direct financial assistance were provided with information to contact the various human service agencies that provide Plaistow residents with a variety of services.

Our clothing basement continues to be a well-used service, not only for those in need, but also for those who wish to donate items. Volunteers continue to work weekly keeping the basement organized and clean, and I am very grateful to them for all their hard work and dedication.

Again my thanks go out to all the local organizations that continually come through to help those Plaistow residents that are in need. They include the Plaistow Lion's Club, St. Jude's Knights of Columbus Council, People Helping People, Plaistow Fish & Game and the Plaistow Fish & Game Ladies Organization. It is such a comfort to know that I can call on any of these organizations to volunteer their time and energy to assist in a variety of situations. Thank you for all you do!

The Human Services Office hours are 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please feel free to call or stop in to discuss the various services that the Human Services office provides to all Plaistow residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Chooljian
Human Services Coordinator

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Birthplace	Name of Mother	Birthplace
Jan. 14	Kenneth Warren Merritt	Male	Warren Merritt	Newburyport, Mass.	Alma Moore	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 16	Clyde Munroe Tozier, Jr.	Male	Clyde M. Tozier	Plaistow, N. H.	Ethel B. Ward	Haverhill, Mass.
Jan. 24	Maryland Maxine Faxon	Female	Albert S. Faxon	Dover, N. H.	Lena A. Moulton	Salisbury, Mass.
Feb. 9	Norman Albert Fountain	Male	Henry A. Fountain	Plaistow, N. H.	Rebecca Dupont	Plaistow, N. H.
Feb. 23	Edith Marjorie Bryant	Female	Harold D. Bryant	Haverhill, Mass.	Dorothy M. Sawyer	Plaistow, N. H.
Mar. 26	— Riley	Male			Doris Ella Riley	Plaistow, N. H.
Apr. 3	— Buckland	Male	Claude E. Buckland	Riverside, California	Katherine Cullen	Lowell, Mass.
Apr. 5	Marguerite R. A. Cotta	Female	Alfred J. Cotta	Waterville, Maine	Sarah Bolduc	Bowsville, Canada
Apr. 18	Florence Bertha Cote	Female	Eugene Cote	St. Thomas, Canada	Ida F. Joy	South Berwick, Me.
Apr. 29	Ruth Elin Duston	Female	John M. Duston	Salem, N. H.	Maude B. Parker	Chester, N. H.
July 9	— Martin	Male	Henry A. Martin	Salem, N. H.	Eileen Mayberry	Freeport, Maine
July 15	— Merritt	Female	William O. Merritt	Newburyport, Mass.	Adelaide C. Fuller	Haverhill, Mass.
Aug. 8	Fred Richard Grainger	Male	Fred Grainger	Bradford, England	Kathleen Hey	Lancaster, England
Aug. 12	— Holub	Female	Joseph F. Holub	Russia	Jennette Sikorsky	Manchester, N. H.
Sept. 8	— Oickle	Female	Arkanis Oickle	Bridgewater, N. S.	June Jodruf	Bridgewater, N. S.
Nov. 1	Joseph Calvin Thurber	Male	Joseph C. Thurber	Providence, R. I.	Alice M. Seibel	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 26	Marilyn Edna Hall	Female	Ralph E. Hall	Manchester, N. H.	Edith M. Couch	Providence, R. I.
Dec. 2	Natalie Davis	Female	Albert M. Davis	Plaistow, N. H.	Mabel H. Rumcry	Kingston, N. H.

A true copy of record,

Attest: JOSEPH S. HILLS, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The single most important library event for 1998 was the purchase of 4.8 acres on the corner of Main Street and Pollard Road for a proposed new library. The residents of Plaistow voted to authorize the purchase in March of 1998 and funds for the land were taken from the Mary Nelson Trust, which had been established for that purpose. This event was the culmination of a ten year search by the Trustees for a suitable piece of property. A building committee, composed of representatives from the Library Board of Trustees, various town boards, committees, and town residents was established in May of 1998. The Committee interviewed architects throughout the summer and in September the architectural firm of Sheerr, McCrystal and Palson of New London, NH was hired to design a 15,200 square foot library. The plan will be presented for a vote in March of 1999.

The present library has been at this location for over twenty years. It has outgrown its current space and has been inadequate in several ways for many years. Technological advances require numerous computer stations for which we do not presently have the space. The proposed new building will allow us to offer several stations with free Internet access to the public as well as expand our current CD ROM capabilities. We will also be fully handicapped accessible with a meeting room available to local organizations and town functions. There will be an opportunity to offer programming to the public that has been limited by space in the past. The library has grown tremendously in the space the townspeople provided for the past 20 years. Now we have a wonderful opportunity for the town of Plaistow to allow the library to grow for the next twenty years. We are very hopeful that construction will begin late summer of 1999.

I would like to thank the Trustees for their continuing support for the operation of the library and their tireless efforts in obtaining land for the new building. Their dedication to the library is invaluable to the town of Plaistow. Through their efforts, we all will realize an asset to the town that will leave its mark on the community forever.

As we progressed with the building plans this past year we continued to have a busy and productive year. Circulation figures increased again this past year making an increase of over 15,000 the past four years. The Summer Reading Program, "Live Free and Read" drew 221 children and approximately 2,646 books were read in connection with the program. The Children's Librarian, Sharon Spires, offered 63 different programs for children during the year as well as contests, book drawings, and craft times. Sharon retired at the end of the year after five years with the library. She will be greatly missed by both the staff and the community that she served. I would like to thank her for her dedication to the job and the wonderful connections that she made with the children of Plaistow.

I would also like to thank the current staff at the library; Susan Dufault, Marjorie Knowles, Florence Rullo, LuAnn Blair, Kristin Wicks, Erica Clarke and David Bowles. We have a wonderful staff that is always willing to take the extra steps necessary to make the operation of the library successful. They make my job a pleasure.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library. They have given not only time but also donations of CD ROMs, CDs and financial support to the library throughout the entire year. Their support is

crucial to the continuing expansion of the library. I also would like to thank everyone else who volunteered time and gave support and donations to the library during the past year. The volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated by both the staff and the Board of Trustees.

I am very hopeful and enthused about the changes that will take effect in 1999. It will be an exciting year!

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Houlihan
Director

STATISTICS 1998

Materials purchased		
Adult (includes reference)	766	
Juvenile	481	
Videos	90	
Audio cassettes	79	
CDs	43	
Total		1,459
Gifts added to the collection		
Books	195	
Videos	26	
Audio cassettes	5	
CDs	10	
CD ROM	6	
Total		242
Total videos in collection		559
Total audio cassettes in collection		437
Total CDs in collection		100
Total CD ROM materials		16
Total Magazine/Newspaper subscriptions		62
Gift subscriptions		2
Books lost/paid for		28
Total materials in collection (including periodicals)		31,445
Total circulation		54,098
Registered patrons		2,898
Total visits by patrons		34,920
Days open		302

PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PATAC meetings throughout 1998 have been suspended pending the outcome of discussions which will resolve all the issues surrounding AMTRAK's Boston to Portland service. It now seems at long last all issues have been resolved and that work to upgrade track signaling will begin in 1999 and work to upgrade the track to make it suitable for 79 MPH trains will take place throughout 1999 and 2000. Service will begin once these improvements are made. It has been a basic understanding that the AMTRAK service must be established before it would become economically feasible to resume MBTA passenger to Plaistow.

I expect PATAC to once again become active in 1999 to help bring the reality of MBTA service to Plaistow. We will be working with TrainRiders Northeast and New Hampshire Rail Revitalization Association (NHRRA).

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy E. Moore, PATAC Chairman,
Plaistow

DAMAGE BY DOGS and EXPENSES

Funds Provided:	1965 Appropriation	\$	250.00
	A. L. Moore Hardware Co.		3.39
	A. L. Moore Hardware Co.		4.75
	Clinton W. Senter, Sr.		240.00
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	Expended	\$	248.14
	Unexpended:	\$	1.86

SPECIAL ARTICLE—SIDEWALK REPAIR

Funds Provided:	1965 Appropriation	\$	250.00
	Senter Brothers, Repair at Town Hall and Cemetery	\$	188.50
	Merrimack Paving Corp, Hot Top		60.02
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	Expended	\$	248.52
	Unexpended	\$	1.48

PLANNING BOARD

With the 1998 Town Election, Robert Gray, Michael Dorman and Steven Ranlett were elected for three year terms. In June, John Lamb resigned, and the Board extends their appreciation to John for all of his hard work. Michael Penta was appointed to replace John Lamb until the March election. In the past several months other membership changes included the resignations of Steven Ranlett and Robert Loeffler, Alternate. The Board extends a thank you for the opportunity to work with the both of them. The Board also welcomes Kim Naimo as the minute taker.

The Technical Review Committee reviewed and presented approximately thirty-three plans to the Board. Some of the plans approved by the Board included site expansions, new buildings and subdivisions.

J & N Fieldstone (John Wilder), Old County Rd.	16,900 s.f.
J & N Fieldstone (John Wilder), Old County Rd.	21,700 s.f.
John Bresnahan & Co., 153 Plaistow Rd.	41,000 s.f.
Peabody Fabrication, Greenough Road	3,408 s.f.
N.E. Reptile, 151 Plaistow Road	2,000 s.f.
Westville Supply, 65 Plaistow Road	2,700 s.f.
MacGregor Smith, 11 Wentworth Ave. (Preliminary)	45,000 s.f.
Off the Wall Gymnastics, 191 Plaistow Road	10,000 s.f.
Cass-Ohan Realty Trust, 117 Plaistow Road	5,000 s.f.
Randall Xenakis, 30 Smith Corner Road	(2 Lot S/D)
Theodore Baratt, Pollard Road	(4 Lot S/D)
Jack Beaton, Cifre Lane	(11 Lot S/D)
Second Storey Homes (Preliminary)	(14 Lot S/D)

The Planning Board has proposals to amend the definition for vehicular dealerships; Article III, General Provisions regarding motor vehicle and trailer sales and one principal building per lot; Article IV, Wetlands Ordinance prohibitions and Article V: Establishments of Districts and District Regulations regarding the increase in lot coverage in the Industrial Zone to 75%, amendments to setback requirements, a new table for Minimum Dimensions for all Districts and a new table for a Motor Vehicle Fueling Station. The Board is also proposing to rezone two areas of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy E. Moore, Chairman
Robert J. Gray, Vice Chairman
Thomas Underwood
Michael Dorman
Michael Penta
Ronald Charette, Alternate
George Melvin, Selectman's Representative
Barbara Hobbs, Alt.. Selectman's Representative
Ann Sharpe, Administrative Assistant

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) COMMITTEE

The CIP Committee for FY1999 met in 1998 and the membership was comprised of three from the Budget Committee, three from the Planning Board and two from the Board of Selectmen along with the Town Manager and the Planning Board's Administrative Assistant. During 1998, Tim Moore served as Chairman and Bob Gray served as Vice Chairman. The names of the 1998 committee members follow:

Name	Representing		Name	Representing
Tim Moore	Planning Board		John Sherman	Budget Committee
Bob Gray	Planning Board		Bernadine Fitzgerald	Budget Committee
Mike Penta	Planning Board		Martha Sumner	Budget Committee
Barbara Hobbs	Board of Selectmen		Mike Emmons	Board of Selectmen
Ann Sharpe	Administrative Assistant		Bob Belmore	Town Manager

The work of the CIP Committee is to review with each Town Department their capital projects, prioritize them and target a specific budget year(s) for each capital project. In agreement with the Boards represented on the committee, a capital project is defined as a project outside of normal operations and maintenance. It is a singular budget item of \$5,000 or more and a life expectancy of three years or more. Although most of the work is done on a single budget year, the plan does look at expected capital projects for a period of five years and a very high level look at capital projects five to ten years in the future. The CIP included in the Town Report includes eight years of capital projects.

The CIP shows the capital budget for 1998 which was updated after the 1998 Town Meeting so all items shown with dollar amounts greater than \$0, reflect what was approved at Town Meeting either through the Town Operating Budget or a special Warrant Article. The 1999 column represents what the CIP committee is recommending to the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and submitting to the Planning Board for approval. Note the Planning Board only approves the document with the Plan and in no way participates in the Budget process. Thus the CIP is a planning document only and does not get voted on directly at Town Meeting. It is important that the Planning Board approve the Plan because a current CIP is one of the items which enables Towns to assess impact fees such as the Rt. 125 Improvement Impact Fee and the School Impact Fee. A Recreation Impact Fee will be presented to the voters at the 1999 Town Meeting.

CIP Goals

The CIP committee has established a target figure for each budget year which is based on "Town Meeting Approved" capital expenses for previous years and allows for a 3% increase year to year. The 3% figure allows for 2.5% inflation and 0.5% growth; a very conservative approach to capital growth. For the 1999 budget year, the target figure was \$448,205 and the total capital expense recommended by the committee was \$400,176 which was \$48,029 less than the target figure. The \$400,176 amount was the net amount after subtracting \$116,944, received from various public/private funds and grants, from a total amount of \$517,120. Please note that the two bonds (library and recreation

complex) do not have any impact in the 1999 budget because if approved at the March, 1999 Town Meeting, no bond payments are due until some time in 2000.

Understanding the CIP

There is a narrow column between the leftmost column listing each capital need by department and the 1998 capital expense column. It is used to indicate whether a particular item should appear in the Operating Budget (noted by a **Boldface letter B**), or as a Warrant Article (noted by a **Boldface letter W**). A third notation (B/W) appears in the Library Building line item; this indicates the Warrant Article will be requesting voters to approve a Bond. This same notation should also appear in the Recreation Field line item. Please also note that in the year 2004, for the Fire Department's Capital Reserve line item a figure of \$180,000 appears. This is the expected replacement cost for an existing piece of fire apparatus.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (1998 – 2005)

CAPITAL ITEM BY DEPARTMENT		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
FIRE DEPARTMENT									
1) Capital Reserve Fund to Replace Fire Engines	W	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000 \$180,000	\$25,000
4) Install Ventilation System									
5) Breathing Apparatus	W		\$41,200						
Grants									
Subtotal		\$25,000	\$66,200	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT									
1) Replacement Vehicles	B	\$77,839	\$85,000						
3) Dome Salt Shed									
5) Road Reconstruction/Reclamation/Drainage Repair	W	\$105,277	\$103,594	\$108,774	\$114,212	\$119,923	\$125,919	\$132,215	\$138,826
6) Highway Diesel Tank Removal	B		\$12,000						
Highway Block Grant Funds Available	W	(\$105,277)	(\$103,594)	(\$108,774)	(\$114,212)	(\$119,923)	(\$125,919)	(\$132,215)	(\$138,826)
Vehicle Trade-In	B	(\$5,000)							
Subtotal		\$72,839	\$97,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LIBRARY									
1) New 13,000 sf Library on 3-5 acres.	B/ W		\$1,900,000	BOND \$1,900,000 for 10 years					
3) Paint & Repairing of Library ('97)									
4) Land Purchase for new Library	W	\$228,000							
Income from Trust Funds	W	(\$228,000)		(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)
Income from Fundraising									
Subtotal		\$0	\$0	(\$200,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (1998 – 2005)

PARKS & RECREATION		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1) New Recreation Field: 2-Baseball Diamonds, 2 multipurpose	B/ W	\$0	\$345,000	BOND \$ 345,000 for 10 years					
2) Upgrade existing play equipment at Smith Field ('97)									
3) Building for concessions and toilet facilities(New Site)	W	\$0							
5) Playground (New Site)	W	\$0							
6) Access Road Construction	W	\$0							
Building Grants & Fundraising									
Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
POLICE DEPARTMENT									
1) Software/Hardware Computerization	W	\$7,050	\$11,385						
2) Replacement of Police Cruisers	B	\$46,000	\$28,778	\$28,778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
3) Replace 2 Position Motorola Console					\$140,000				
4) Replace Dictaphone						\$20,500			
5) Copy Machine ('97)									
6) Mobile Data Terminals									
7) Expansion of Safety Complex						\$100,000			
8) Cruiser Radios	W	\$12,984							
Grants	W	(\$11,686)	(\$10,350)						
Subtotal		\$54,348	\$29,813	\$28,778	\$190,000	\$170,500	\$50,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE									
2) Energy Conservation Program / Central Air Conditioning	W	\$17,470							
6) Records Management (Town Hall)	W		\$16,000						
8) Town Hall Fire Alarm (\$17K) & Sprinkler System (\$45K)	W		\$17,000		\$45,000				
9) Cemetery Improvements	W	\$8,000	\$10,000						
10) Town Hall expansion to 2nd floor/Elevator Chairlift									
11) Town Hall Heating System Replacement (Gas HVAC) ('97)									
12) Town Hall Electrical Upgrade ('97)									
13) Town Hall Telephone System	W		\$9,220						
14) Town Ordinance Codification				\$9,200					
15) ADA Accessibility				\$35,000					
Grants	W	(\$8,735)							
Subtotal		\$16,735	\$52,220	\$44,200	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WATER DEPARTMENT									
1) Extend water line (south loop 7,800 ft.)		\$0							
2) Replace 8" to 12" piping (1,000 ft.)	B		\$60,000						
4) Repairs to Water Tower	B	\$9,500			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants									
Subtotal		\$9,500	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT									
1) Remove & Replace 500 Gallon Inground Storage Tank	B	\$10,000							
Grant	B	(\$5,000)							
Subtotal		\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (1998 – 2005)

TAX ASSESSING OFFICE		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1) GIS Tax Maps, Property Revaluation & Computerization Grants	W	\$225,000	\$0						
Subtotal		\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE									
1) Sidewalk Improvements Grants	W	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$242,000 (\$193,600)			
Subtotal		\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT									
1) Route 125 Study	W	\$12,000							
2) Building Inspector Vehicle Replacement					\$15,000				
3) GIS Implementation				\$23,000					
4) Master Plan Update Grants	B		\$10,000 (\$3,000)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Subtotal		\$12,000	\$7,000	\$33,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
BONDED DEBT									
1) Safety Complex & Landfill	B	\$172,174	\$87,943	\$81,340					
2) Library				\$279,731	\$266,713	\$259,113	\$251,275	\$243,200	\$234,650
3) Recreation Fields on Old County Rd.				\$51,276	\$48,894	\$47,494	\$46,050	\$44,563	\$42,988
Other Funds – Landfill Closure	B	(\$15,448)							
Subtotal		\$156,726	\$87,943	\$412,347	\$315,607	\$306,607	\$297,325	\$287,763	\$277,638
Animal Control									
1) Animal Control Vehicle Grants				\$8,000					
Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COST - TOTAL		\$966,294	\$517,120	\$530,099	\$714,819	\$874,030	\$508,244	\$498,978	\$495,464
OFFSETTING FUNDS – PRIVATE/PUBLIC		(\$379,146)	(\$116,944)	(\$178,774)	(\$184,212)	(\$383,523)	(\$195,919)	(\$202,215)	(\$208,826)
NET TOTAL		\$587,148	\$400,176	\$351,325	\$530,607	\$490,507	\$312,325	\$296,763	\$286,638
TARGET (2.5% inflation + 0.5% growth)		\$435,150	\$448,205	\$461,651	\$475,500	\$489,765	\$504,458	\$519,592	\$535,180
Delta		\$151,998	(\$48,029)	(\$110,326)	\$55,107	\$742	(\$192,133)	(\$222,829)	(\$248,542)

New for 1999

During the update of the Master Plan in 1999 we are expecting several of the updates will have an impact on the CIP and we are hoping to get significant input from Plaistow residents. We discussed this year about adding "members-at-large" to the CIP committee to gain a different and needed prospective of the impact of the capital budget on the tax rate and ultimately the tax bill we all during the year. Please look for these requests in the local papers and from cable TV broadcasts of the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen's meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy E. Moore, Chairman,
CIP Committee

TOWN REPORT

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Amount of Taxes and Rates

Total to be raised for 1928	\$39,894.48
Anticipated Revenue:	
Insurance Tax	\$9.00
Railroad Tax	300.00
Savings Bank	30.00
Interest and Dividend	500.00
Auto Fees	1,800.00
Licenses	70.00
Rent of Hall	50.00
Poll Taxes	1,500.00
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	\$4,259.00
Total to be raised by taxation	<hr/>
	\$35,635.48
Valuation \$1,101,906.00 @ \$33.00 Tax Rate	\$36,364.68
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Overlay	\$729.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1998, our members participated in 1318 training hours for all officers and dispatchers. Our K-9 team consisting of Officer Alec Porter and Rajah continued to participate in weekly training exercises with other regional K-9 teams. Our DARE program consisting of Detective Glenn Miller and Officer John Lavoie provided drug education to the 5th and 7th grades.

Our Special Investigations Unit (Detective Glen Miller and Scott Anderson) was extremely busy during the year. They initiated 213 serious felony/misdemeanor cases involving 383 crimes and produced 93 arrests. A majority of cases initiated were property-type crimes. We saw a drop in Domestic Violence cases of 4% which is a personal reward to Vanessa Underwood, our Victim Witness Advocate, who worked diligently with families on many repeat cases.

Our computer software/hardware system is moving forward (although slowly) with the acquisition of court schedule software, personnel, time management software, detective software, and hardware to print all of our criminal complaints. It is now time to become Year 2000 Compliant and to begin to replace computer work stations.

Our communications center, a real showpiece, handled 15,410 calls for service in 1998, a 1% increase over the previous year. The center dispatches for both the the Police and Fire Departments of Plaistow as well as the Town of Atkinson by contract. The staff, led by Communications Supervisor, Lucia Cusimano, is to be commended for a job well done.

Our Operations/Patrol Division realized some serious statistical impact of their own. The chart illustrates the increases in incidents along with the decreases in overall court cases and adult arrests. Our self-initiated activity has markedly been impacted by several events this past year, not the least of which was the MRI Study.

CRIME STATISTICS – THROUGH – DECEMBER 28, 1998

<u>Offense/Incident</u>	<u>01/01/97-12/31/97</u>	<u>01/01/98-12/28/98</u>	<u>Percent %</u>
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	-
Burglary	51	55	+ 08
Theft	321	403	+ 26
MV Theft/Recovery	75	66	- 12
Criminal Mischief	224	278	+ 24
DWI	22	28	+ 27
MV Accidents	423	443	+ 05
Alarms	846	1,045	+ 24
Assaults	132	109	- 17
Sexual Assaults	20	25	+ 25
Calls for Service	15,231	15,410	+ 01
Court Cases	1,010	712	- 30
Arrests: Adults	408	323	- 21
Juveniles	116	112	- 03
MV Arrests	63	36	- 43
Traffic Citations	719	535	- 26
Domestic Calls	113	109	- 04

In 1999, by Warrant Article, the Department intends to fund an additional full-time officer starting in July, a recommendation of the MRI Study. This new position, along with other internal plans, will allow us to expand coverage to three cruisers during certain specific times. Additionally, a Warrant Article for our Victim Witness Advocate is again offered which will be grant-funded for the last time. Also, a Warrant Article (federal grant) will cover the cost of computer software/hardware enhancements in the New Year. Finally, we reached an accord with the Teamsters' who represent our employees, the results of which will be reflected in a Warrant Article. The amount will be quite modest in comparison to past years.

1998 was a year filled with unrest, ambiguity and political upheaval which affected each and every one of us. Hopefully, we will be able to put many of the causes behind us as we transition into the New Year, a year fill with renewed hope, spirit and vigor. We sincerely appreciate the Town's support during these very difficult times.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Savage
Chief of Police



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses, 1925

39 Male dogs for 1 year at \$2.00	\$ 78.00
9 Female dogs for 1 year at \$5.00	45.00
1 Male dog for 9 months	1.50
2 Kennel Licenses at \$12.00	24.00
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	\$148.50
Less 51 fees @ \$0.20	10.20
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	\$138.30

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, 1925-26

Dr.	
Total amount received 405 automobiles	\$2,369.38
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Paid Treasurer	\$2,369.38

JOSEPH S. HILLS,
Town Clerk

Recreation Department

1998 proved to be a very creative year for the Recreation Department. We had to find a way to accommodate Plaistow's growing population. Our Baseball and Softball teams had the maximum amount of players on each team. Finding field space for teams has become a challenge. Currently Plaistow has one town owned field located on Ingalls Terrace. We currently use two fields at Pollard School which are not regulation size for Little League. Also available to us are the softball fields at Timberlane High School when they are not in use by school teams. We would like to congratulate our Little League B Division players and coaches, all three teams made it to the Timberlane Little League playoffs. Great job representing Plaistow. We would like to thank all our team sponsors, coaches and parent volunteers for your support.

The Summer Recreation Program again this year had to turn away interested residents. The Recreation Department and Recreation Commission apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused. We had to put a cap on enrollment due to the size of the recreation field. Despite cramped space we had many exciting activities going on daily. Canobie Lake is one of our most popular field trips. This year we were invited to Atkinson Recreation for our annual Olympics Day. The children competed in numerous sporting events and games. We conclude the day with a joint cookout feeding approximately 380 campers and staff. Atkinson Recreation also came to Plaistow to see the Buddy Up Program on safety awareness. Our daily program offers a wide variety of sports, games, arts & crafts, nature walks, and field trips.



Community Trips were a big hit in 1998. We sold out of Red Sox tickets. Yankee Candle and Disney on Ice were also very successful. We will be adding additional trips due to their popularity.

The Recreation Field has a new look to it thanks to Paul Sickel of Westville ServiStar Supply. Paint, new locks, building supplies, cement, and many tools were donated to the Recreation Department. A new well house was also constructed; for this we thank Lee MacDonald, Masonry and Scandia Plastics for the donation of the cinder blocks. This summer a new swing set was installed. Dave Hoyt of Al Hoyt and Sons once again donated the safe sand surface for under the swing set, and the Plaistow Highway Department spread the sand. The tennis and basketball courts were both resurfaced.

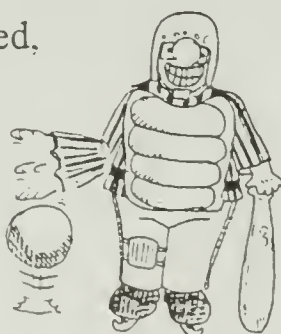


In March, Article 98-2 for a new Recreational Facility was defeated. This facility would give the towns people the much needed field space to accommodate our recreational needs. We have teams without diamonds to play on, adult leagues that have nowhere to play, and numerous children not able to participate in the summer program. The reason for this is inadequate facility space.

December of 1998 the first annual Town of Plaistow Holiday Party was held. This party had two purposes: one to bring people together and the other to raise money for some of our less fortunate children. The party was a huge success on both accounts. We will be doing it again next year.

In closing out 1998 I would like to thank the following on behalf of the Recreation Department, Recreation Commission and the children who benefited from their generosity. The Plaistow Lions Club and the Plaistow Fish and Game for their generous donation to less fortunate children for field trips and special activities, Arthur Sickel of Grand Rental for his donation to our Summer Carnival, Bruce Transportation for their donation of buses back and forth to Atkinson, the Folk Cellar for sponsoring a raffle benefiting Friends of Recreation and Wal-Mart of Plaistow for the matching funds grant. We appreciate your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlene Sarty
Recreation Director



WATER DEPARTMENT

The inner cooler on the diesel pump at the Process Pump House broke and had it fixed before the engine was damaged during a fire. This pump is over twenty years old. With the water setting there all week without moving; it ate at the cooler and the iron in the water is what damaged it. We were lucky to get this many years out of it.

The 12-inch water line from Main Street to Process is going to be put in this spring making all the main lines all 12 inches. This will then let us put the Maple Street Pump House on line as the Number 1 system.

It has been voted that we shut the water tower down when we complete the work on the new line. The plans call for the new line to go around the Process Pump House so that the system can be taken off line soon.

The water hammer problem should be completed by the time you read this report. We are installing a higher-pressure jockey pump so that pressure is closer to the start pressure of the diesel as not to cause the big water hammer that will break the water line.

I invite any resident to see the water system. If you would like to tour the pump houses call me at 382-8144 or Ken Higgins at 382-4211 so we can set up a time. We look forward to working with the other departments for the good of the town.

I hope that the Fire Department and this department can work together for the town in the coming year. The town needs to loop the water line soon. This is a must because if the water breaks with only the one system on line and there is a fire it is going to be hard for both departments to supply water to the fire.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Sargent
Water Superintendent

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF ALARMS 1974

Vehicles: Fires, Gas Spills, Accidents	20
Structural:	
Residential	8
Commercial, Industrial and Sprinkler	8
Miscellaneous - Stove, Washer, etc.	12
Brush (Grass, Woods, Trash, etc.)	53
False	7
Miscellaneous	17
Arson (excludes brush fires)	6
Mutual Aid	9

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Latham
Chief

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a busy year with fifty-five (55) cases concerning special exceptions, variances and appeals from administrative decisions.

We have been involved in several legal cases; one being the Riddle case which at this date has finally come to a conclusion after many years; another being the Taylor cases which is at present in the courts having been brought forward by the Town against the Zoning Board.

We wish to extend our best wishes and appreciation to the following former members of the Board: Donald Wood who has resigned after twenty-seven (27) years on the Board; some of which he served as Chairman, Emile Langlois who resigned after twenty-three (23) years; some of which he served as Chairman, and Joyce Wright's term expired after thirteen (13) years on the Board. Many thanks to them for their unselfish service to the Town of Plaistow.

For clarification as to what the Zoning Board is for; we submit the following information. The Board is a board of relief from the ordinances of the Town. We have very specific criteria to be used in our decision making. The public needs to understand that if an ordinance says something should be 100 ft. from a highway or whatever, it does not mean that is cast in stone. It can be varied by the ZBA. The Board is a quasi-judicial board. The job is a difficult one and the Board tries to be just and fair to all parties concerned.

Things appear to be constantly busy in the Town and we look forward to another busy year in 1999.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence M. Ordway, Chairman
Barbara Burri, Vice-Chairman
Ronald Charette
Guy Sawyer
Robert Loeffler
Norman L. Major, Alternate
Susan Matson, Alternate
Kathy Giragosian, Alternate
Ruth E. Palmer, Administrative Assistant

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment held their meetings on the last monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. Public Hearings were held as requested by application.

There were three (3) public hearings held, of which two (2) were approved and one (1) rejected.

There was a special meeting held to adopt by-laws for the Board of Adjustment under the authority of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, Chapter 31:66-67, and the zoning ordinance of the town of Plaistow.

It is the opinion of the Board that the decisions handed down, after due consideration of all the facts, were in the best interest of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David M. Caskie, Chairman

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PLAISTOW'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

At the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, the citizens of the town voted to form an Executive Committee to make plans for celebrating the Town of Plaistow's 250th Anniversary. Following the vote, the Board of Selectmen appointed Barry A. Sargent – Chairman, Bernadine A. Fitzgerald – Vice-Chairman, Dianne Nye – Secretary, Brenda E. Major – Treasurer, and George E. Melvin & Barbara Hobbs – Selectmen Representatives.

Following the appointments, the Executive Committee met in the spring of 1997 to review the events of previous anniversary celebrations. We then advertised and invited the public to attend a meeting for the purpose of forming committees for the anniversary celebration. The following committees were organized: Security, Fireworks, Anniversary Book, Publicity, Barbecue, Children's Parade and the Anniversary (Big) Parade, King and Queen, Anniversary Ball, Sports and Junior Dance, Ecumenical Service, Fundraising, and the Governor's Reception. Concerns we had were scheduling, fundraising, budgeting and setting dates for all the events.

In March of 1998 a Warrant Article was passed in the amount of \$123,950.00 to be used to cover the cost of all the events. The Town's Recreation Director, Carlene Sarty, took on the responsibilities of scheduling events and making up the contracts. This was a great help to the Executive Committee.

The celebration will start on Wednesday, June 23rd with a concert and a gala display of fireworks. The Shaw Brothers, from New Hampshire, will be entertaining us on Thursday evening. The King and Queen will be chosen on Friday evening and reign over the rest of the weekend. Saturday will be similar to the Old Home Day events we have held every year along with a Children's Parade, the Barbecue and the Grand Ball in the evening. The Boy Scouts have a time capsule that was buried at the time of the 225th Anniversary celebration and will be opened on Saturday. Sunday the Anniversary Parade and the Governor's Reception follow the Ecumenical Service. Fireworks on Sunday evening will end the celebration

The dedicated people on the subcommittees have been a tremendous help. It should also be known that this celebration could only be a success with the help and contributions of many towns people. If you have any interest in contributing to the celebration, please let us know.

We, as an Executive Committee, hope that you have a wonderful time at the 250th, and look forward to your participation and enjoyment. It was an immense project, and at times overwhelming. Come one, come all and have a great time.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry A. Sargent, Chairman
Bernadine A. Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairman
Dianne Nye, Secretary
Brenda E. Major, Treasurer
George E. Melvin, Selectman's Rep
Barbara Hobbs, Selectman's Rep.



TOWN OF PLAISTOW

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1999 FISCAL YEAR TOWN MEETING WARRANT & BUDGET

Town Meeting

(Senate Bill 2)

- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 6, 1999**
- **Ballot Voting - Tuesday, March 9, 1999**

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA 1998	Actual Expenditures Prior Year 1998	Selectmen's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriation for Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
					1999	1999	1999	1999
	Electric							
4351-4352	Admin & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equip. Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	Health & Welfare							
4411-4414	Admin & Pest Control		\$31,136	\$31,136	\$31,236		\$31,236	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		\$46,389	\$46,389	\$45,380		\$45,380	
4441-4442	Admin & Direct Assistance		\$43,031	\$43,031	\$38,734		\$38,734	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments.							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	Culture & Recreation							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		\$73,138	\$73,138	\$77,965		\$77,965	
4550-4559	Library		\$167,958	\$167,958	\$260,312		\$260,312	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$600	\$600	\$600		\$600	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation (Old Home Day)		\$15,252	\$15,252	\$2		\$2	
	Conservation							
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources		\$5,771	\$5,771	\$5,779		\$5,779	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Revelopment & Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
	Debt Service							
4711	Principal-Long Term Notes & Bonds		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$75,000		\$75,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Notes & Bonds		\$22,175	\$22,175	\$12,945		\$12,945	
4723	Interest on TAN		\$45,000		\$30,000		\$30,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	Capital Outlay							
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equip.							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements, other than buildings							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer -							
	Water -							
	Electric -							

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					Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
					1999	1999	1999	1999
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds							
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds							
4918	To NonExpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1		\$3,473,382	\$3,432,681	\$3,595,965		\$3,595,965	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space to the right to identify the make up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriation for Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
					1999	1999	1999	1999
	Bond for New Recreation Fields & Access	99-2			\$345,000		\$345,000	
	Bond for New Library	99-3			\$1,900,000		\$1,900,000	
	Fire Dept Capital Reserve Fund	99-7	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000		\$25,000	
	Establish & Fund Recreation Reserve Fund	99-20			\$1,000		\$1,000	
	Establish & Fund Cable TV Expendable Trust	99-21			\$80,000		\$80,000	

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA 1998	Actual Expenditures Prior Year 1998	Selectmen's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriation for Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
					1999	1999	1999	1999
	SUBTOTAL 2 (Recommended)				\$2,351,000		\$2,351,000	

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "Special Warrant Articles". An example of an Individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA 1998	Actual Expenditures Prior Year 1998	Selectmen's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriation for Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
					1999	1999	1999	1999
	Highway Block Grant	99-5	\$105,277	\$75,000	\$103,594		\$103,594	
	Cemetery Improvements (Phase 3 of 3)	99-6	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000		\$10,000	
	Fire Dept Life Support Breathing Apparatus	99-8			\$41,200		\$41,200	
	Town Hall Fire Alarm upgrade & install	99-9			\$22,000		\$22,000	
	New Town Hall telephone system	99-10			\$9,220		\$9,220	
	Town Hall Records Management retention	99-11			\$16,000		\$16,000	
	Establish Water Superintendent	99-12			\$4,000		\$4,000	
	Fund Part-time Secretarial position	99-13			\$15,000		\$15,000	
	Additional Police Officer	99-14	\$10,584	\$10,584	\$16,937		\$16,937	
	Victim Witness Advocate Position	99-15	\$3,371	\$3,371	\$13,333		\$13,333	
	Police Dept Computer Hardware/Software	99-16	\$7,050	\$7,050	\$11,500		\$11,500	
	Police Union/Teamsters Agreement	99-17	\$43,515	\$43,515	\$24,331		\$24,331	
	Tax Collector Salary Increase	99-18			\$996		\$996	
	Town Clerk Salary Increase	99-20			\$1,513		\$1,513	
	Rec Project/withdrawn should Rec Bond pass	99-22			\$215,000		\$215,000	
	SUBTOTAL 3 (Recommended)				\$504,624		\$504,624	

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Acct No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art #	Estimated Revenues Prior Year 1998	Actual Revenues Prior Year 1998	Estimated Revenue for Ensuing Fiscal Year 1999
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes			\$2,828	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on delinquent Taxes		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business licenses and Permits			\$4,200	\$4,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$725,000	\$800,000	\$750,000
3230	Building Permits		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
3290	Other licenses, Permits & Fees		\$30,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (Police Grants, etc)	15, 16	\$30,995	\$30,995	\$20,350
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenue		\$56,870	\$56,931	\$56,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		\$81,869	\$116,052	\$80,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	99-5	\$105,277	\$105,277	\$103,594
3354	Water Polution Grants				
3355	Housing & Community Development (CDBG Grant)				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (inc. Railroad Tax) (Court lease, ECM, ICMA, Land Closure)		\$54,783	\$60,000	\$40,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT (Atkinson Dispatch)		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$22,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
3409	Other Charges (Cable TV, Water Dept)		\$91,000	\$84,000	\$80,000

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Budget of the Town of PLAISTOW

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Acct No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art #	Estimated Revenues Prior Year 1998	Actual Revenues Prior Year 1998	Estimated Revenue for Ensuing Fiscal Year 1999
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$120,000	\$120,000	\$10,000
3502	Interest on Investments		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
3503-3509	Other (Fundraising, etc)		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	Special Revenue Fund				
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (offset)				
	Water - (offset)				
	Electric - (offset)				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund	99-20			\$1,000
3916	Trust and Agency Funds (Library Trust Fund)		\$211,509	\$211,509	\$83,500
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Notes & Bonds	2, 3	\$345,000		\$2,245,000
	Amounts voted from Fund Balance ("surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes		\$100,000	\$318,110	\$150,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		\$2,292,303	\$2,284,902	\$4,000,444

BUDGET SUMMARY	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	\$3,595,965	\$3,595,965
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles (from page 4)	\$2,351,000	\$2,351,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles (from page 4)	\$504,624	\$504,624
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	\$6,451,589	\$6,451,589
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue (from above) (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	\$4,000,444	
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$2,451,145	\$2,451,145



Plaistow Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Timberlane Regional *Middle School* in said Plaistow on Saturday, February 6, 1999 at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to explain, discuss, and debate each Article and to determine the form for questions on the ballot, except those warrant articles where wording is prescribed by law. The final voting on all warrant articles will take place by official ballot at the second session.

FURTHER, You are hereby notified to meet for the second session of the annual town meeting at Sawyer's Banquet Hall, 182 Plaistow Road (Route 125), in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 from 8:00 AM in the forenoon until 8:00 PM in the afternoon to elect officers and to act on the following Articles by official ballot voting.

The article numbers begin with "99" to differentiate these town articles from the school district article numbers.

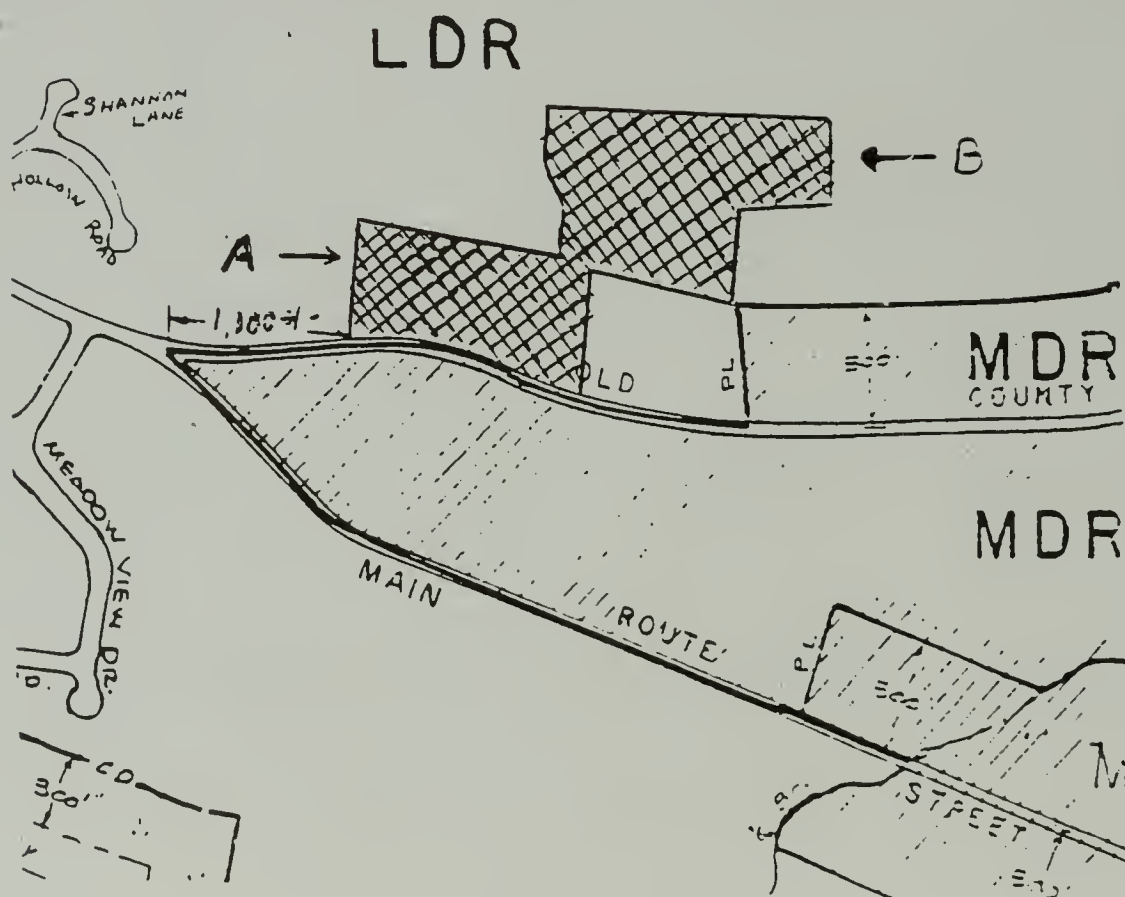
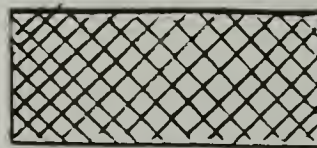
Article 99-1. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 99-2. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345,000 for the purpose of constructing a recreational facility off Old County Road (presently identified by the Town Tax Map as a 21.46 acre parcel:Map 24,Block 3,Lot 3 and a 25.5 acre parcel:Map 30,Block 1, Lot 1) to include construction of an access road, recreational fields and buildings as well as associated costs such as engineering, surveying, legal and other necessary expenses; \$345,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)(2/3 ballot vote required)

Shaded Area will be the location of the Recreational Facility.

A = 21.46 acres

B = 25.5 acres



Article 99-3. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900,000 for the construction of a new library on Tax Map 61, Block 1, Lot 2, Subdivision Plan, Pollard Road, to include any associated costs; \$1,900,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Furthermore, to authorize the acceptance of approximately \$130,000 from the Friends of the Library and payments of approximately \$700,000 from the Mary Nelson Trust, plus accrued interest and dividends, until the Trust is depleted, and to use these amounts to make debt service payments on the above bond. (Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)(2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article 99-4. Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,595,965 ? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,316,383 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article 99-5. Shall the town vote to accept the NH Dept of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$103,594 for maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V roads in accordance with Chapter 235 of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated and appropriate said sum for local highway maintenance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-6. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for capital improvements to the town cemetery off Elm Street to include fencing and installation of a well (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-7. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for apparatus vehicle/s. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-8. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,200 to upgrade the Fire Department's firefighters' life support breathing apparatus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-9. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purchase, upgrade and installation of a new fire alarm system for the town hall. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-10. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,220 for the purchase and installation of a new town hall telephone system that is year 2000 compliant. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-11. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for start-up costs for a record retention program for the Town beginning with Official Records from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector offices; said program is intended to include when appropriate the creation of an archival microfilm medium and a working CD-ROM copy. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-12. Shall the town vote to establish a paid water superintendent position and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to fund the position for the first year. Said sum will cover the cost of wages and social security/medicare payments for the first year. The water department superintendent position will be established as a working supervisor position of approximately 5 hours per week. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-13. Shall the town vote to establish a part-time secretarial support position to the Town Manager's office to include back-up secretarial support to the Selectmen's office, as needed, and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 which represents the cost of wages and social security/medicare payments. This is part-time secretarial support and is intended to be approximately 28 hours per week. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-14. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,937 which represents the salary, fringe benefits, uniforms, and equipment for an additional full-time police officer position beginning July 1, 1999. If approved the cost of this new officer would be funded entirely within the operating budget of the ensuing fiscal years beginning with an estimated 2000 fiscal year sum of approximately \$33,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,333 which represents the salary, fringe benefits, training and equipment of a part-time Victim Witness Advocate for the Police Department as funded by the Violence Against Women Federal Grant (3rd year, 75%-25% grant position extension) of which up to \$10,000 is reimbursable.

Raised by Town of Plaistow	\$3,333
Federal Grant	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total Cost	\$13,333

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500 for the Police Department for computer hardware/software under the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) of which \$10,350 is reimbursable (90%-10% grant match).

Raised by Town of Plaistow	\$1,150
Federal Grant	<u>\$10,350</u>
Total Cost	\$11,500

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-17. Shall the town vote to approve the cost items in the *one* year collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Plaistow and the Police (Teamsters) Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Fiscal Year 1999</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
Salaries	\$ 21,532
Roll up Costs	<u>2,799</u>
	\$ 24, 331

INFO for FY 2000

Salaries	\$ 8,607
Roll up Costs	<u>1,119</u>
	\$ 9,726

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 24,331 for the 1999 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Deliberative Session Amendment: The original article erroneously stated the term of the collective bargaining agreement as three years. The article was amended at Deliberative Session to read the one year collective bargaining agreement: “*Three*” changed to “*one*”. No other amendments made.

Article 99-18. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$996 to increase the Tax Collector’s salary by \$925 from \$18,500 to \$19,425. The additional \$71 is to cover town payments to Social Security and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-19. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,513 to increase the Town Clerk’s salary by \$1,405 from \$28,100 to \$29,505, The additional \$108 is to cover town payments to Social Security and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-20. Shall the town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for recreational purposes on Ingalls Terrace/Old County Road and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this fund, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund; said \$1,000 is to come from the acceptance of a \$1,000 Wal-Mart Foundation grant. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-21. Shall the town vote to establish an expendable trust fund for the operation of Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) cable access, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund, furthermore to raise and appropriate \$80,000 plus accrued interest and fees to be placed into this fund; this entire amount of said \$80,000 plus interest and fees represents money coming from MediaOne through grant payments and franchise fees. Said fund will be dedicated to support the production of PEG Access Programming to include the purchase, upgrade and maintenance of equipment and facilities necessary to televise Town Board and Committee meetings. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 99-22. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,000 for the purpose of construction of phase one to a recreational facility off Old County Road (presently identified by the Town Tax Map as a 21.46 acre parcel: Map 24, Block 3, Lot 3 and a 25.5 acre parcel: Map 30, Block 1, Lot 1) to include but not limited to construction of an access road, construction of field area, well, irrigation as well as associated costs such as engineering, surveying, legal and other necessary expenses. (It is intended that this article be withdrawn and become invalid should Article 99-2 pass by the required 2/3 ballot vote.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

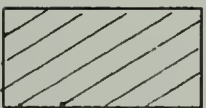
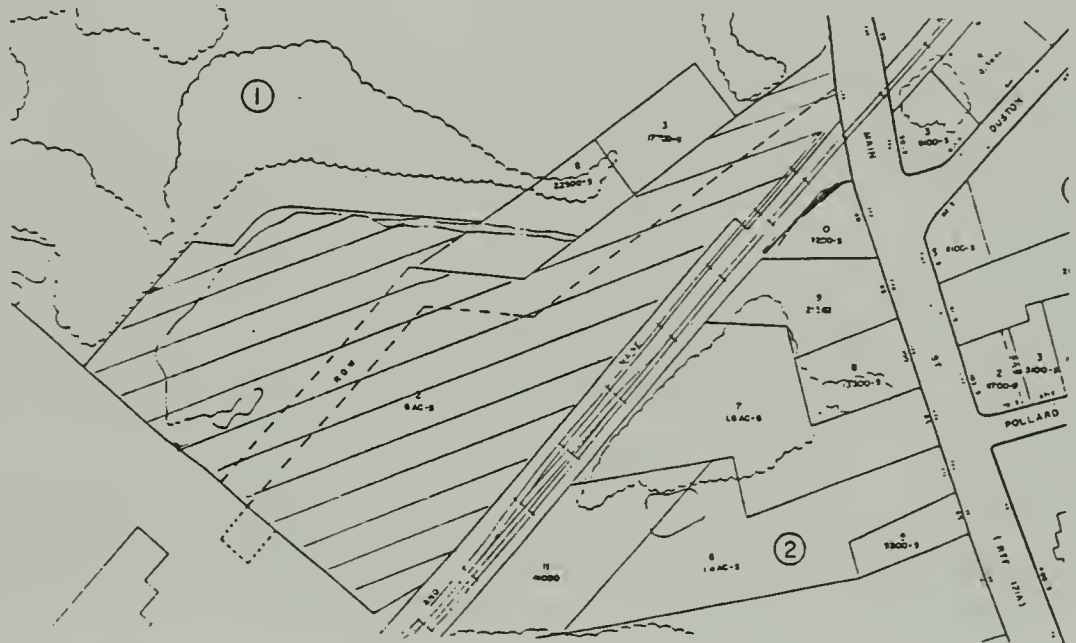
Article 99-23. Shall the town vote, if article # 99-17 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article # 99-17 (Police Teamsters Union Contract) cost items only?

Article 99-24. Pursuant to authority granted under RSA 72:37-b, shall we adopt an exemption for the disabled? The exemption based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$99,500. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$28,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$45,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Article 99-25. Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to deed, without covenants, an 8 acre parcel of real estate property off Main Street identified by the Town Tax Map as Map 47, Block 1, Lot 2 in a land exchange for the town's acceptance of the following parcel by voting to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and retain for public purposes an approximate 3.11 acre portion of land which is part of a 9.4 acre parcel identified by the Town Tax Map as Map 58, Block 3, Lot 2 located on Major Lane and vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to manage this 3.11 acre parcel in the best interest of the town. This authorization is contingent upon the State of New Hampshire's appropriation of the necessary funds to build a new District Court on the said Major Lane 3.11 acre parcel.



Shaded area is
M47, B1, L2



Shaded area is
M58, B3, L2



Article 99-26. To the extent consistent with RSA 41:33 shall the town vote to change the method for providing raises to the Tax Collector from an annual Warrant Article to including raises in the Operating Budget. This change would become effective for the 2000 Fiscal Year. (by Petition)

Article 99-27. To the extent consistent with RSA 41:25 shall the town vote to change the method for providing raises to the Town Clerk from an annual Warrant Article to including raises in the Operating Budget. This change would become effective for the 2000 Fiscal Year. (by Petition)

Article 99-28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to relocate an existing driveway easement across a lot described as Map 80, Block 1, Lot 6B owned by the Town of Plaistow which was granted March 14, 1991. The purpose of the easement is to gain access for a single family home on a lot described as Map 80, Block 1, Lot 6A owned by Richard and Charles Shepard. The location of the access easement should coincide with a proposed fifty (50) foot wide easement beginning at a point which is located N 2-23' – 48"E, Four hundred five feet and twenty-eight hundredths feet (405.28') from the southeasterly corner of Tax Map 80, Block 1, Lot 6B. Thence: N 2-23'-48"E, fifty feet (50.00') to a point, Thence: S 87-36'-12"E, Sixty-nine and forty hundredths feet (69.40'), to a point, Thence: Southwesterly along a curve of a proposed right of way, with a radius of three hundred twenty-five (325.00'') and an arc length of fifty and six hundredths feet (50.06') to a point, Thence: N 87-36'12"W, Seventy and fifty-three hundredths feet (70.53') to the point of beginning. (By Petition)

Article 99-29. Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus personal property without further action by the town meeting, by public auction, sealed bid or in any manner that is in the best interest of the town.

Article 99-30. Shall the town vote to accept, as submitted, the report of its agents, auditors, and other officers and committees thereby appointed.

ZONING ARTICLES

[Italicized and lined out text in brackets is text deleted by this proposed change]

[Underlined bold text in square brackets is text added by this proposed change]

Article 99-31. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article II: Definitions Section 200 - Definitions

200:1 by amending:

V2 Vehicular Dealership means that portion of a lot or structure devoted in whole or part to:

1) The sale of (2) or more new/used ~~automobiles and/or trucks;~~ **[motor vehicles];** or

Article 99-31 Continued

2) The display of two (2) or more ~~new/used automobiles and/or trucks~~ [motor vehicles] for the purpose of sale.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-32. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article III: General Provisions

Section 300.14 by amending:

~~Vehicular, Trailer & Recreational Vehicle~~ Sales to read [Motor Vehicle & Trailer] Sales

b. No lot used for a ~~vehicular, trailer or recreational vehicle~~ [vehicular] dealership in Commercial I District may be located any closer than one thousand (1,000) feet in any direction to any other lot used for a vehicular ~~trailer and recreational vehicle~~ dealership.

d. This use shall stand alone or may be combined with another vehicular [dealership] ~~trailer or recreational vehicle~~ related use only.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-33. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article III: General Provisions

Section 300. General Provisions by adding a new section:

[Section 300.1 a]

[For CI, Industrial and ICR combined zones, more than one (1) principal building per lot may be constructed if the Planning Board finds that multiple buildings improve the general health, safety and welfare of the public.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-34. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article III: General Provisions

Section 300. General Provisions by adding a new section:

[Section 300:15 Motor Vehicle Fueling Station]

[No lot for a motor vehicle fueling station may be located any closer than one thousand (1,000) feet in any direction to any other motor vehicle fueling station.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-35. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article IV: Wetlands Ordinance by amending

Section 407. Prohibitions In the Wetlands District and Buffer Zone

407:1 No septic system, waste disposal system, or replacements of any kind shall be allowed within wetlands boundaries or buffer zone areas [unless a new design has been approved by appropriate State and Municipal authorities on existing lots of record.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-36. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article V: Establishment of Districts & District Regulations

Amend Table 504.1 "IND" – Industrial

C. Area and Dimensions

3. Maximum Lot Coverage (percent): Change from 50% to [75%]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-37. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article V: Establishment of Districts & District Regulations

Amend Table 504.6 - "LDR" Low Density Residential

Delete:

~~Properties fronting on a state highway shall provide for an additional 30' setback. Properties facing on a designated Collector Road shall provide for an additional 20' setback.~~

Add:

[Corrals for all farm animals must be at least 50' from any lot line".]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-38. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article V: Establishment of Districts & District Regulations

Amend Table 504.5 - "MDR" Medium Density Residential

Delete:

~~Properties fronting on a state highway shall provide for an additional 30' setback. Properties facing on a designated Collector Road shall provide for an additional 20' setback.~~

Add:

[Corrals for all farm animals must be at least 50' from any lot line".]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-39. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article V: Establishment of Districts and District Regulations

Amend Table 504.8 - "RC" Residential-Conservation

Delete:

~~Properties facing on a designated Collector Road shall provide for an additional 20' setback.~~

Add:

[Stables for horses must be at least 100' from any lot line.]

[Corrals for all farm animals must be at least 50' from any lot line".]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-40. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article V: Establishment of Districts & District Regulations

Section 500. Establishment of Districts

Delete *Section 510. Principal Buildings, Including Dwellings on Lots*

~~510.1 Principal Structures. There shall be only one principal structure on a lot except when approved under the PRD provisions (see Article VI) of this ordinance.~~

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-41. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article V: Establishment of Districts and District Regulations

Amend Table 504.1 – Industrial; Table 504.2 – Commercial I; Table 504.3 – Commercial II;

C. Area Dimensions

2. Minimum Yard Dimensions (Feet):

Delete Setback Numbers under Front, Side and Rear

Add under Front, Side and Rear - **[Refer to Table 504.9]**

Amend Table 504.4 – Affordable Elderly Housing Community; Table 504.5 – Medium Density Residential; Table 504.6 – Low Density Residential; Table 504.8 – Residential Conservation.

C. Area and Dimensions

3. Minimum Yard Dimensions Feet:

Delete Setback Numbers under Front, Side and Rear

Add under Front, Side and Rear – **[Refer to Table 504.9]**

Article 99-41 continued

Add a new [TABLE 504.9 – Minimum Dimensions for All Districts]

	<u>[SIDE]</u> & <u>[REAR]</u>	<u>[FRONT]</u>
<u>[1. Where land used industrially abuts residential.]</u>	<u>[100']</u>	<u>[50']</u>
<u>[2. Where land used industrially abuts commercial.]</u>	<u>[50']</u>	<u>[50']</u>
<u>[3. Where industrial use abuts industrial use.]</u>	<u>[35']</u>	<u>[50']</u>
<u>[4. Where Commercial I land abuts industrial land use.]</u>	<u>[35']</u>	<u>[50']</u>
<u>[5. Where Commercial II land abuts industrial land use.]</u>	<u>[20']</u>	<u>[30']</u>
<u>[6. Where land used commercially abuts a residential usage.]</u>	<u>[50']</u>	<u>[50']</u>
<u>[7. Where Commercial I land use abuts any other commercial land use.]</u>	<u>[35']</u>	<u>[50']</u>
<u>[8. Where Commercial II land use abuts any other commercial land use.]</u>	<u>[20']</u>	<u>[30']</u>
<u>[9. Where manufactured housing subdivision land use abuts any other land use.]</u>	<u>[25']</u>	<u>[35']</u>
<u>[10. Where AEHC land use abuts any other land use and a fence is provided.]</u>	<u>[25']</u>	<u>[35']</u>
<u>[11. Where AEHC land use abuts any other land use and trees and shrubs are provided.]</u>	<u>[25']</u>	<u>[35']</u>
<u>[12. Where Medium Density Residential abuts any other land use.]</u>	<u>[15']</u>	<u>[35']</u>
<u>[13. Where Low Density Residential abuts any other land use.]</u>	<u>[25']</u>	<u>[35']</u>
<u>[14. Where Residential Conservation abuts any other land use.]</u>	<u>[25']</u>	<u>[50']</u>

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-42. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Article VI: Planned Residential Development (PRD)

Amend Section 601:2 g (3) Specific Design Requirements

Structures **[Dwelling units]** shall not be located closer than fifty feet (50') from each other.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-43. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

ARTICLE IX: SIGNS

Section 900:3 – Commercial II District

Add new sections under 900:3:1

[a. All signs in a C-2 district shall consist of wood construction only, shall be illuminated with indirect lighting only, and shall be in keeping with the character of Main Street.]

[b. The Planning Board, if deemed necessary, shall retain the services of a landscape architect and professional sign maker to assure compliance with subsection “a” above at the applicant’s expense.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-44. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Add a new Section – Article XVI – Recreation Impact Fee Assessment

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-45. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

By amending ARTICLE XIX: FINES AND PENALTIES

Pursuant to RSA 676:17, any violation of the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations or site development plan review regulations shall be made punishable by a fine of ~~\$100~~ **[the maximum allowed by R.S.A.]** for each day that such violation is judged by the court to continue after violator receives written notice from the municipality that s/he is in violation of any ordinance or regulations so adopted under this ordinance.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 99-46. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 16 as proposed by the Planning Board to Renumber and Classify current zoning regulations for the purposes of orderly reference?

Article 99-47. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 17 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

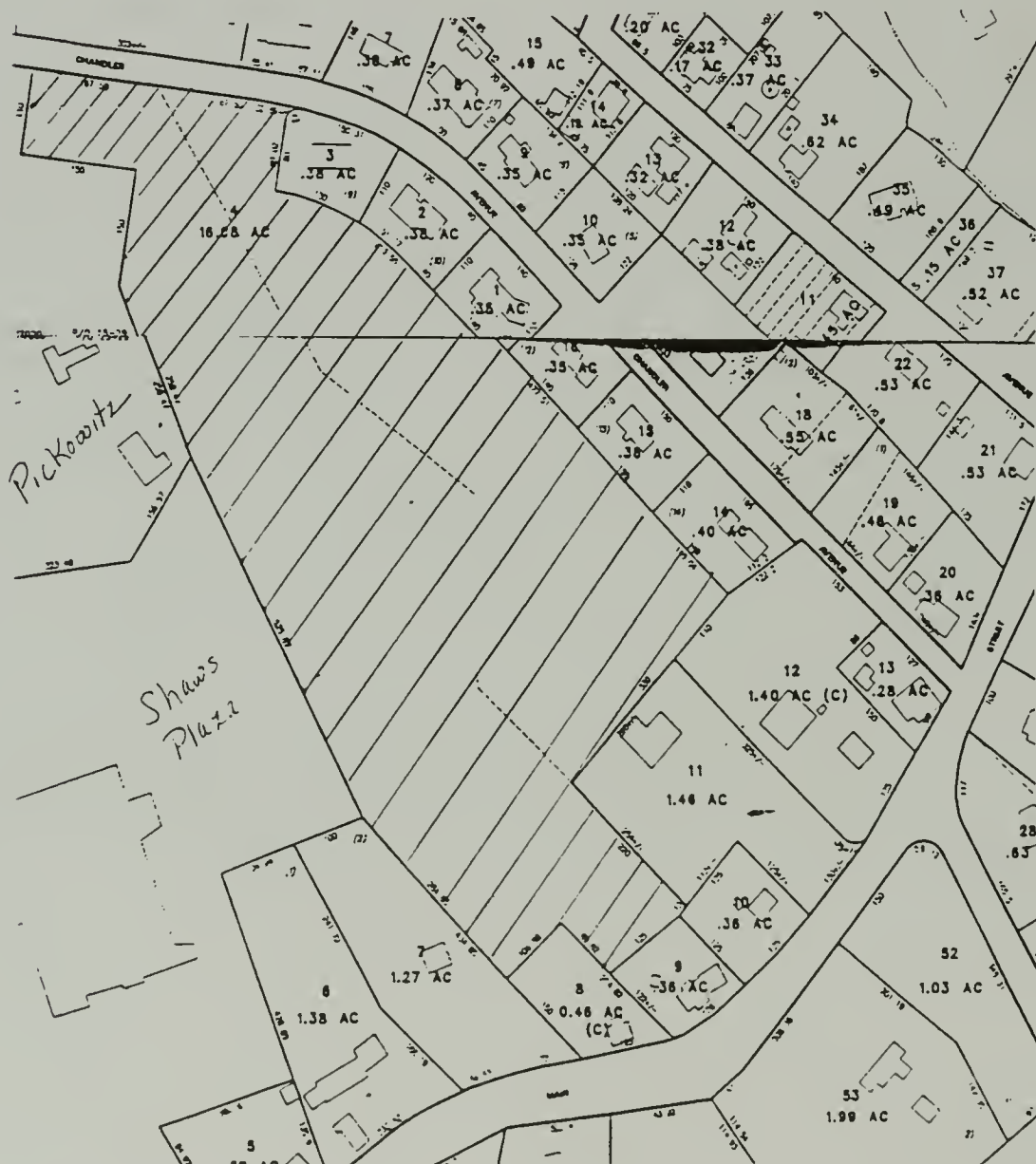
Change the zoning of the described area of land from Commercial I to Medium Density Residential beginning at the center line of Chandler Avenue of the property line between the properties described as Tax Map 43, Block 1, Lot 7A owned by Nicholas Pickowitz and Tax Map 43, Block 1, Lot 8 owned by Remic properties. Follow this property line southeast to the intersection of the Commercial II zone.

Explanation: The incorrect owner of Tax Map 43, Block 1, Lot 8 is erroneously stated in the article. The owner of the parcel is Michael Chow not Remic Properties.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)



Area to be rezoned from
Commercial I to
Medium Density Residential.



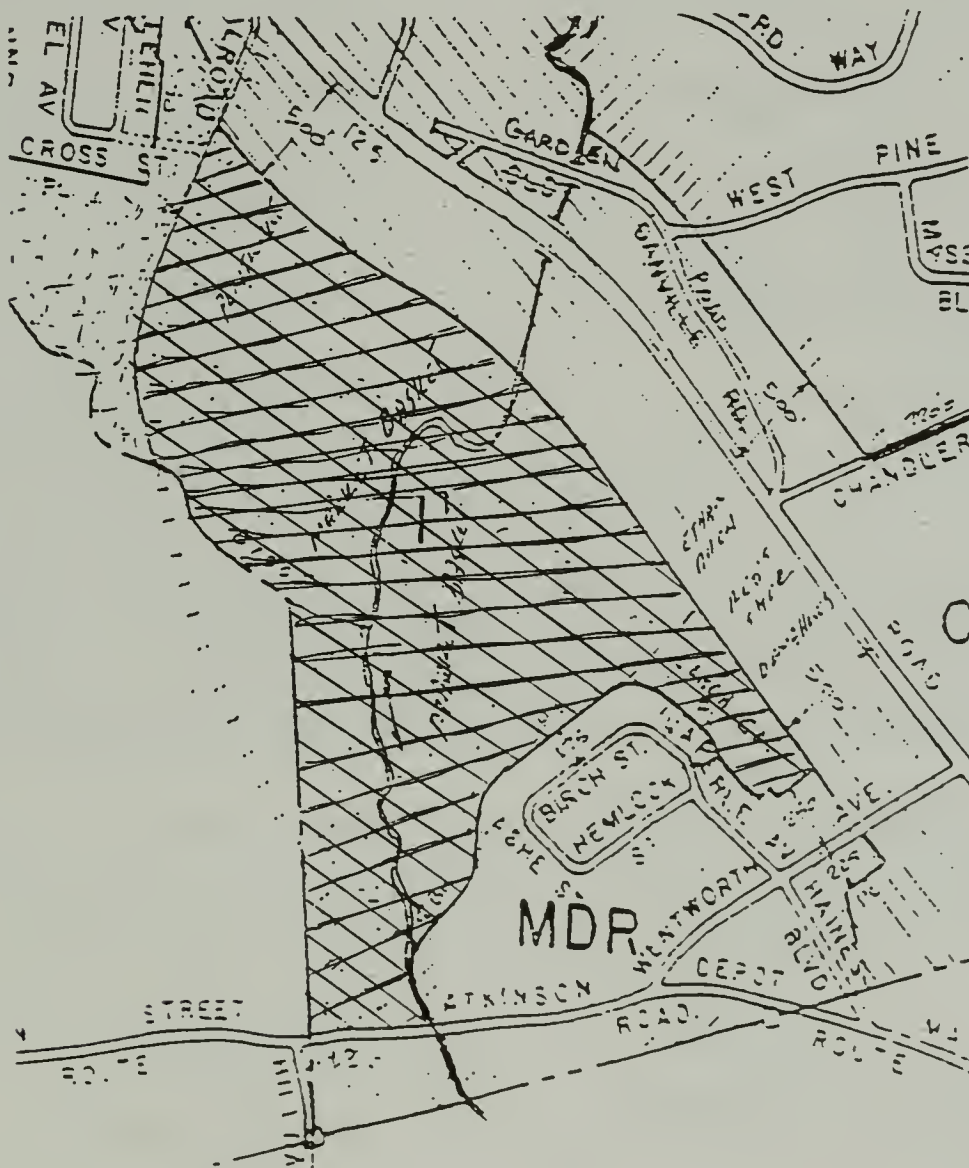
Article 99-48. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 18 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Map as follows?

All of the property west of Plaistow Road/Route 125 starting at the railroad tracks between Pentucket Mall and Old Westville Homes then south on railroad tracks to Bryant Brook/Atkinson town line up to the town line at Route 121 rezoned from Industrial to Commercial I.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)



Area to be rezoned from Industrial to Commercial I.



Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine.

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January 18, 1999

A true copy - Attest:

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We certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named to meet at the time and place for the purpose, within mentioned, by posting up an attached copy at the Plaistow Post Office, Plaistow Public Library and Plaistow Town Hall, being public places in said Town on the 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine.

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VOTER'S NOTES

			Yes	No
99-1	Elect Officers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-2	Recreation Bond	\$ 345,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-3	Library Bond	\$ 1,900,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-4	Operating Budget	\$ 3,595.965	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-5	Highway Block Grant/Class IV & V Roads	\$ 103,594	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-6	Capital Improvements Town Cemetery	\$ 10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-7	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve/ Apparatus Vehicles	\$ 25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-8	Fire Dept. Firefighter's Life Support Breathing Apparatus	\$ 41,200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-9	Town Hall Fire Alarm System	\$ 22,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-10	Town Hall Telephone System	\$ 9,220	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-11	Record Retention Program	\$ 16,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-12	Water Superintendent Position	\$ 4,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-13	Part-time Secretarial Position	\$ 15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-14	Full-time Police Officer	\$ 16,397	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-15	Part-time Victim Witness Advocate	\$ 13,333	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-16	Police Dept. Computer Hardware/Software	\$ 11,500	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99-17	Police (Teamsters) Union Contract	\$ 24,331	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTER'S NOTES

			Yes	No
99-18	Tax Collector's Salary Increase \$18,500 to \$19,425	\$ 996		
99-19	Town Clerk's Salary Increase \$28,100 to \$29,505	\$ 1,513		
99-20	Capital Reserve Fund - Recreational	\$ 1,000		
99-21	(PEG) Cable Access Fund	\$ 80,000		
99-22	Phase I Recreational Facility	\$ 215,000		
99-23	Police Teamsters Union Contract Cost Items Special Town Meeting if 99-17 fails.			
99-24	Taxpayers Exemption - Disabled			
99-25	Land Exchange - Main St. property for Major Lane property			
99-26	Petition - Tax Collector Raise Method			
99-27	Petition - Town Clerk Raise Method			
99-28	Petition - Driveway/Easement Relocation			
99-29	Dispose of Surplus Personal Property			
99-30	Acceptance of Reports			
99-31 thru 99-48	Planning Board Zoning Articles			

250th SOUVENIRS

Sweatshirts Adult	\$ 20.00
Sweatshirts Child	\$ 15.00
T-Shirts	\$ 8.00
Tote Bags	\$ 9.00
Hats	\$ 9.00
Coffee Mugs	\$ 4.00
Afghans	\$ 45.00
1999 Planners	\$ 1.00
License Plates	\$ 20.00
Boston Rocker	\$275.00
Lamp	\$169.00

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