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Town of Plaistow



2003 Annual Report



PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

1979 <i>Clifton E. Cook</i>	1987 <i>Annie Mae Schwaner</i>	1995 <i>Don & Judy Sargent</i>
1980 <i>John & Maude Duston</i>	1988 <i>Ruth E. Jenne</i>	1996 <i>Jerry Assad</i>
1981 <i>John A. Palmer</i>	1989 <i>Thomas H. Cullen</i>	1997 <i>Robert Chooljian</i>
1982 <i>LeRoy S. Dube</i>	1990 <i>Stanley T. Herrick</i>	1998 <i>Agnes Dube</i>
1983 <i>Irving S. Gilman</i>	1991 <i>Norman L. Major</i>	1999 <i>Volunteerism</i>
1984 <i>George B. Peabody</i>	1992 <i>David C. Hart</i>	2000 <i>Ruth E. Palmer</i>
1985 <i>Mildred L. Palmer</i>	1993 <i>Lyman W. Hill</i>	2001 <i>Donald E. Petzold</i>
1986 <i>Helen A. Hart</i>	1994 <i>John McSheehy</i>	2002 <i>George & Eleanor Peabody</i>
	2003 <i>J. Alden Palmer</i>	



Alden giving a speech at the 250th Anniversary



Dedication

J. ALDEN PALMER, JR.

J. Alden Palmer, Jr., has been a lifelong resident of Plaistow. He spent his youth, adolescence and adulthood in this great Town. He served proudly in the United States Naval Reserve for thirty years. After leaving the service, he remained active by joining the Gideon Lodge #84 Masons and served as secretary for many years.

Alden became a member of the Plaistow Fire Department in 1952 and remained an active firefighter till he resigned in 1970. At that time he became an active member of the Planning Board. He led this Board to become members of the Rockingham Planning Commission. The Planning Board has remained a member of this commission to date.

Alden comes from a heritage of dedicated residents. In fact, the 1981 Annual Town Report was dedicated to his father John A. Palmer. Alden worked with his father as a general contractor in the family business, John A. Palmer and Son, Inc. As a contractor, he was involved with the renovations of 14 Elm Street. This location has served as the library and is currently used by the District Court. Alden worked to renovate the second floor of the Town Hall to be used by the District Court before it moved in 2001.

Celebrations in Plaistow would not be the same without Alden. During the 100th Anniversary of the Town Hall, Alden played a significant role in removing and replacing the cornerstone and capsule located near the entrance. This time capsule will be opened in 2095. For the 250th Anniversary of the Town, he presented remarks on "Why he has remained in Plaistow all his life."

Retirement has only allowed Alden more opportunities to volunteer his time and knowledge. Currently, Alden serves on the Town Hall Renovation Committee. He is a wealth of information and is assisting the Town in improving the use of the entire building. Alden is also a member of the Plaistow Historical Society. He worked diligently to catalog items donated for display at the museum. His fellow Society members elected him President of the Society and currently he serves as Vice Chairman. His knowledge of the Town, its history and people make for interesting tales of yore.

Alden and his wife Ruth, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last year. This dynamic duo was surprised by their family and many friends with a great party. This dedication is a show of gratitude for all the hours Alden has spent improving Plaistow. His work has contributed to making Plaistow a great place to live, work and enjoy!



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IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2002. They have served the Town of Plaistow in an elected, appointed or volunteer capacity.

Arthur J. Robidoux

1922-2003

Building Inspector

Postal Service Carrier

Assistant Little League Baseball Coach

Timberlane Regional School District Bus Driver

Fred B. Smith

1907-2003

Selectman

Associate Justice Plaistow Municipal Court

Selective Service Board for Rockingham County

Shirley M. Walsh

1923-2003

Deputy Town Clerk





SPOTLIGHT ON FORMER EMPLOYEES

JOHN COLBY: John is one of the few residents of Plaistow that can claim to have spent his life here. John was born and raised in this community and along the way he has two children, seven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. From 1961 till his retirement in 1985 John was a part-time police officer in Plaistow. Generations of youngsters credit John for keeping them out of trouble during his years on the police force. John is also known for his nurturing labor at the Maplewood Cemetery. For more than fifty years John has been the sexton for this cemetery. John has not been the kind of person to serve on boards and committees, but he has always been willing to volunteer when work needed to be done. It is because of these many admirable traits that John Colby was chosen for a former employee spotlight.

KATHERINE FITZPATRICK: Kay was elected as a Supervisor of the Checklist in 1978. She has been reelected every six years since then. She has performed the duties of this position admirably for twenty-five years and is currently Chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist. She became a clerk in the Assessor's Office in 1986. At this time, Plaistow was preparing for a town wide revaluation. Two years later she became the secretary to the Building Inspector. She continued in this position until she retired in 1996. Kay and her husband, Joseph, raised their family of eight children in Plaistow. She is the grandmother of nineteen children and the great-grandmother of one. Kay is an active member of the Holy Angels Parish and has served as president of the Women's Guild. Kay also serves communion to parish members unable to leave their homes. With her friendly smile and willing-to-help attitude, Kay is a valuable asset to the Town of Plaistow. It is because of these many admirable traits that Katherine Fitzpatrick was chosen for a former employee spotlight.

GUY SAWYER: Guy started serving Plaistow in 1976. At that time, Guy held the position of Dog Officer. After a year of patrolling the streets for loose dogs, Guy became the Building Inspector. Guy served the Town in this capacity till 1986. Guy was a member of the Planning Board from 1979 through 1984; simultaneously he served on the Board of Health till 1986. After a brief respite, Guy returned to serve the community once again, this time on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Guy remains an active member of this Board and has served continuously since 1996. Guy is an active member of the community and cares for his fellow man. His concern for others prompted him to work diligently to build the Kimi Nichols Center in 1977 and continue on the Board of Directors for twenty years. Guy lives in Plaistow with his wife, Helen. Together, they have six children, twenty grandchildren and three great grandchildren. It is because of these many admirable traits that Guy Sawyer was chosen for a former employee spotlight.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

DENNISE HORROCKS: Dennise became Plaistow's Health Officer on December 21, 2001. Since that time Dennise has continually shown a level of professionalism that sets the bar for her fellow employees. As Health Officer, Dennise has the responsibility of ensuring restaurants, stores, child care facilities and schools are safe for the residents of Plaistow. Dennise achieves compliance without complaint and in her position that is not an easy task! Since accepting the position as Health Officer, Dennise's responsibilities have expanded to encompass many aspects of emergency management. Her current knowledge base and her willingness to continue her professional education make her a tremendous resource to the staff and residents of Plaistow. It is because of these many admirable traits that Dennise Horrocks was chosen for an employee spotlight.

CARRIE CHOOIJIAN: Carrie holds the position of Human Service Coordinator and has been employed by Plaistow since May 23, 1994. As Human Service Coordinator, Carrie assists the residents of Plaistow in many aspects of their daily lives. Carrie possesses the right combination of education, experience and personality and it is no wonder she is highly regarded by her peers and fellow staff. Carrie works jointly with many of the staff at Town Hall and outside organizations to increase the level of services available to our residents. Carrie has been involved with People Helping People, activities at the Vic Geary Center and holiday basket distribution, just to name a few. Her ability to view situations as a whole, her friendly demeanor and her work ethic are only part of what makes Carrie a pleasure to work with. It is because of these many admirable traits that Carrie Chooljian was chosen for an employee spotlight.



Dennise Horrocks & Carrie Chooljian



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Chester

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Hampstead

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Hampstead

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Danville

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Sandown

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Kingston

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John W. Flanders

Kingston

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Kenneth L. Weyler

Kingston

Tel: (603) 642-3518



Town Officials

2003 ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Term
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Chair.....	2004
Merilyn P. Senter, Vice Chair....	2005
John A. Sherman.....	2004
Martha L. Sumner.....	2006
Lawrence W. Gil.....	2006

Moderator	
Barry A. Sargent.....	2004

Tax Collector	
Rosemarie L. Bayek.....	2006

Town Clerk	
Barbara E. Tavitian.....	2004

Treasurer	
Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2004

Conflict of Interest Committee	
Harry Birmingham, Chair.....	2005
Ruth Santosuosso.....	2004
Dennis Lupi.....	2005
Therese Chouinard.....	2006
Joyce Ingerson.....	2006

Fire Engineers	
Richard Colcord, 1 st Engineer...	2004
Jon D. Lovett, 2 nd Engineer.....	2004
Michael Borges, 3 rd Engineer..	2004
David Sargent, 4 th Engineer....	2004

Municipal Budget Committee	
Kristin Lewis Savage, Chair.....	2006
Brenda Major, Vice Chair.....	2004
Susan Drew.....	2004
Ron Hayes.....	2004
Norman Marquis.....	2004
Janis Penta.....	2004
Ernest Sheltry.....	2005

Municipal Budget Committee Continued

Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2005
T. Richard Latham.....	2005
Henry Szmyt.....	2006
Marilyn Davis.....	2006
Edward Pitts.....	2006
Michael Emmons.....	resigned
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.	

Planning Board

Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2005
Steven Ranlett, Vice Chair.....	2004
Michelle Curran.....	2006
Kymerlee Lawton.....	resigned
Ernest Sheltry, Alternate	
Merilyn P. Senter, Selectman Rep.	

Supervisors of the Checklist

Katherine Fitzpatrick, Chair....	2008
Eleanor Peabody.....	2007
Nancy Jackman.....	2006

Trustees of the Public Library

Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair.....	2004
Karen Poznick.....	2004
Scott Lane.....	2005
Kathryn Morin.....	2006
Catherine Willis.....	2006
Catherine Emmons.....	resigned

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Helen A. Hart.....	2004
Susan Drew.....	2005
B. Jill Senter.....	2006

2003 APPOINTED OFFICIAL WITH TERMS

Cable Committee

Henry Szmyt, Chair.....	2004
Charles Manes.....	2004
Davena Szmyt.....	2006
William Verge.....	2006



Town Officials Continued:

Conservation Commission

Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2005
Lawrence W. Gil.....	2004
Patrick Ginty.....	2004
Steven Curran.....	2006
B. Jill Senter.....	2006
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.	

Recreation Commission

Sue Sherman, Chair.....	2006
Mark Denoncourt.....	2004
Greg Mason.....	2004
Brian Stork.....	resigned
Joseph D'Arezzo.....	2005
David Nye.....	2005
Martha L. Sumner.....	2005
John Maniella.....	2006
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Lawrence Ordway, Chair.....	2004
Peter Bealo.....	2004
Robert Loeffler.....	2005
Guy Sawyer.....	2005
Barbara Burri.....	2006
Brian Vaughn.....	resigned
Norman L. Major, Alternate	

2003 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Assistant Moderator

Norman L. Major

Beede Reuse Committee

Robert J. Gray, Chair
Marilyn Davis
Bertha Hill
Leigh Komornick
John McArdle
Timothy E. Moore
John F. Scruton
Merilyn P. Senter, Selectman Rep.

Capitol Improvement Committee

Timothy E. Moore, Chair
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
Leigh Komornick
Steven Ranlett
Henry Szmyt
John A. Sherman, Selectman, Rep.
Martha L. Sumner, Selectman Rep.
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Alternate

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Francis J. Berube
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
Daniel Garlington
Vanda McSheehy
Herbert Reed
John F. Scruton

Civil War Monument Restoration Comm.

Barry Sargent, Chair
Lou Drew
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
Norman L. Major
George Melvin

Elderly Affairs Committee

Carrie Chooljian
Ruth Jenne
Fran Kulak
Sherrie Lucia
Carlene E. Sarty
Dorothy Sainsbury
John F. Scruton
Sue Sherman
Peter Taylor
Doreen Tufts
Connie Young

Highway Safety Committee

Stephen C. Savage, Chair
Michelle Curran
Daniel Garlington
Dennis Marcotte



Town Officials Continued:

Highway Safety Committee Continued

John McArdle
Merilyn P. Senter, Selectman Rep.
David Walker, Rock. Planning Com.

Historical Society

Gordon Sykes, Jr., Chair
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
Paul Holmes
Brenda Major
Nancy Marston
J. Alden Palmer
Anna Tozier

Old Home Day Committee

Barry Sargent, Chair
Nicole S. Carr
Michelle Curran
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
Kathleen Jones
T. Richard Latham
Brenda Major
Jim Robinson
Lorice Sadewicz
John Scruton
Ernest Sheltry
Merilyn P. Senter, Selectman Rep.

Open Space, Town Land & Building Com.

Marilyn Davis
Dan Garlington
John Mainella
Timothy E. Moore
Stephen C. Savage
John F. Scruton
B. Jill Senter
Brenda Major, Alternate
Lawrence W. Gil, Selectman Rep.
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.

Pollard Park Tree Committee

James Collins
Bernadine A. FitzGerald

Pollard Park Tree Committee Continued:

Lawrence E. Gil
Richard Goudreault
George Peabody

Public Safety Complex Building Committee

Francis J. Berube
P. Michael Dorman
T. Richard Latham
John McArdle
Edward Pitts
Stephen C. Savage
John F. Scruton
William Scully
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep

Town Hall Renovation Committee

Robert J. Gray, Chair
Rosemarie Bayek
David Bowles
P. Michael Dorman
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
T. Richard Latham
John McArdle
J. Alden Palmer
Barry Sargent
John F. Scruton
Ernest Sheltry
Merilyn P. Senter, Selectman Rep.
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.

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Town Employees

2003 Employees

Executive Department

Town Manager John F. Scruton
Executive Secretary..... Ruth E. Jenne
Finance Director Lorice Sadewicz
Management Assistant Nicole S. Carr

Town Hall Departments

Animal Control Officer..... Donald Sargent
Assessing Clerk Cathy Orff
Building Inspector P. Michael Dorman
Building Secretary Dee Voss
Cemetery Sexton Herbert Reed
Deputy Tax Collector Selwa McLaughlin
Deputy Town Clerk Maryellen Pelletier
Electrical Inspector Ken Ray
Health Officer Dennise Horrocks
Human Services Carrie Chooljian
Planning Coordinator Leigh Komornick
Plumbing Inspector Jim Flathers
Recreation Director Carlene E. Sarty
Water Superintendent Donald Sargent
ZBA Admin. Assistant Dee Voss

Emergency Management

Director..... William T. Scully
Assistant P. Michael Dorman

Highway Department

Supervisor Daniel Garlington
Foreman Glen Peabody
Laborer Dana Rabito
Laborer Aaron Shea

Maintenance Department

Supervisor David Bowles
Custodian John Arahovites
Custodian Mario Mejia

Public Library

Director..... Laurie Houlihan
Librarian LuAnn Blair
Librarian Alexandra Holmes
Staff Alyssa Collier
Staff Deb Hoadley
Staff Marjorie Knowles
Staff Judy Meunier
Staff Flo Rullo
Staff Alyssa Stack

Police Department

Chief Stephen C. Savage
Lieutenant Kathleen Jones
Sergeant Scott Anderson
Sergeant Patrick Caggiano
Sergeant Thomas Hawthorne
Master Patrol Officer Michael Beauchesne
Officer Valquerio Eiro, Jr.
Officer Nicolas Fiset
School Resource Officer Joan Marsilia
Officer Dorothy McGurran
Master Patrol Officer Glenn Miller
Officer Brett Morgan
Officer Scott Naismith
Master Patrol Officer Alec Porter
K-9 Stryker
Officer..... Patrick Schiavone, Jr.
Officer George Wickson
Part-time Officer William Baldwin
Part-time Officer Kristian Hanley
Part-time Officer George Lorden
Crossing Guard Gilbert Brasil
Matron Margo Collins
Victim Witness Advocate
..... Vanessa Underwood
Executive Secretary Linda Cote
Secretary (retired) Nancy Hetherington



Town Employees Continued:

Communications Staff

SupervisorLucia Theberge
DispatcherJoel Albair
DispatcherCherrie Chevalier
DispatcherJason Mazza
DispatcherJennifer Myers
Part-time DispatcherScott LaFrance

Fire Department

Chief, EMTJohn McArdle
Deputy Chief, EMTRichard Colcord
Deputy Chief, ParamedicJon D. Lovett
Captain, EMT-IMichael Borges
CaptainDavid Sargent
Lieutenant, EMT.....Jay Judson, III
Lieutenant, EMTMichael Kennedy
Firefighter, EMTRobert Agneta
Firefighter, EMT.....Anthony Alvino
Firefighter, EMT-IJeanette Borges
FirefighterCyle Bushong
Firefighter, EMTGary Carbonneau
FirefighterRobert Chooljian
FirefighterShawn Feeley

Fire Department Continued

Firefighter, ParamedicDavid J. Florin
FirefighterBruce Gusler, Jr.
Firefighter, EMT -1Jay Guzofski
Firefighter, EMTDonald Hutchinson
FirefighterRichard Johnston
Firefighter, EMTTamara LaFrancis
Firefighter, EMTRobert Lang, Jr.
Firefighter, EMTPaul McKendry
Firefighter, EMTErnest Morin
Firefighter, EMTGardiner Owen
FirefighterGeorge Peabody
Firefighter, EMTDonald Petzold
FirefighterChristopher Poliquin
Firefighter, EMTDaniel Poliquin
FirefighterMichael Price
Firefighter, EMT-IChad Putney
Firefighter, EMTWilliam T. Scully
Firefighter, EMTJohn Sproul
FirefighterScott Sullivan
Firefighter, EMTMartin Tavitian
Firefighter, EMT-IAmanda Taylor
FirefighterJohn R. Wood



Town Hall Employees on Halloween Day



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The theme of the 2003 Annual Town Report is "Progress in Plaistow." Throughout this book you will find the departments look back at our roots in the past, describe our accomplishments in the present and share our dreams of the future. For the Board of Selectmen, the past 50 years have seen many changes in the Town of Plaistow, not the least of which is the commercialization of Route 125 and its relocation from Main and Elm Streets and Kingston Road to its present location on what was known as Danville Road.

In the 50s, there were only three or four commercial ventures on what is now Route 125 and there were two variety stores, a service station, an A & P and Downing's stores in the village and the hardware store. Visitors who haven't been in town since the 50s are amazed at the change time has wrought.

And even more changes are coming for Route 125 as the State plans for the expansion of the highway from two lanes to four from East Road north to Route 111 intersection in Kingston. Not only will there be big changes coming for the highway itself but there are big changes coming in the commercial offering, with the opening of Home Depot at Pentucket Plaza to the expected redevelopment of State Line Plaza. And, once the highway has expanded to four lanes north of the railroad overpass, more business can be expected to locate there. Other state projects include the completion of the railroad bridge on Kingston Road and the rebuilding of the railroad bridge on Route 121 in future years.

We are now looking at protecting and preserving what open space remains undeveloped, so that it stays in pristine condition and hope the residents agree with us and support the bonding article this year. Open space defines the quality of life we so enjoy here in town.

And speaking of open space, we also support the warrant article on the recreation project. Recreation space is in very short supply and it is needed to meet the demands of our ever-increasing numbers of children in town.

There are exciting times coming for the town and its Board of Selectmen, including the possibility of a Plaistow stop for Amtrak DownEaster trains which would stop at the park and ride on Westville Road. This will enable residents and neighboring folks to catch a train to Boston or Portland or any of the stops in between. We understand there are more trips planned for the train, which will make it possible for commuters to leave their cars here and ride in comfort to their destinations.

Other exciting happenings on the horizon include the renovation of the Town Hall, on which a special subcommittee has worked, that will include making all of the building accessible for people with handicaps. Another happening will be the start of the completion of the fire suppression water line, with the first planned project looping the line from the Kingston Road overpass to connect with the line already in place on Main Street. As we go through the final phases of this project, we will see the entire central and commercial sections of town connected to the waterline, offering lower insurance rates and more fire protection to the buildings along it.



Although it will be many years before we see it completed, the clean-up of the Cash/Beede Superfund site on Kelley Road will be underway in a few years by state and federal agencies. Many hours were spent by the members of the Reuse Committee and we thank each and every one of them for their work.

It always amazes and gratifies us as to the large number of volunteers we have step forward in Plaistow and the makeup and reports of the special subcommittees are examples of the work they have done. And we thank them profusely.

Not everything that we have done has met with the approval of the entire town; however, we have always strived to listen to those who approach us or call us on the telephone. Some of the unpopular things we have done are implemented because of changes in State laws and rules and we ask residents to bear with us during these times. And some of these are done because of unexpected emergencies, which no one can foresee.

We want to finally acknowledge the many faithful and loyal town employees and their contributions which make Plaistow such a nice place to live. Without their work and cooperation, we wouldn't be able to do any of the projects that we have accomplished. We thank everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Chairman, Marilyn P. Senter, Vice Chairman, Lawrence E. Gil,
John A. Sherman & Martha L. Sumner*



Front: Martha L. Sumner & Marilyn P. Senter
Back: Charles L. Blinn, Jr., John A. Sherman & Lawrence W. Gil



From the Board of Selectmen – It is our hope that you enjoy these excerpts from past Town Reports

PLAISTOW 50 YEARS AGO

Excerpts From the 1953 Annual Town Report

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the construction of sidewalks.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 as annual compensation for the Building Inspector.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be deposited to the War Memorial Fund; and to direct the Moderator of the Town to appoint a committee of seven (7) citizens to locate a suitable site as a War Memorial....

Revenue from Motor Vehicle Permits: \$8,773.39

Actual Expenditures: Moth Extermination Blister Rust \$450, Dutch Elm Disease \$450

Actual Expenditures: Legal Expenses \$216.78

Number of Veterans who received property exemptions: 191

Inventory of the Town of Plaistow includes:	<i>Cows</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>\$4,900</i>
	<i>Goats</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>\$60</i>
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>\$2,200</i>

From the Town Clerk's Report:	<i>Dog licenses - 1953</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$284.00</i>
	<i>122 Male & Neuter Dogs @ \$2.00</i>		<i>\$244.00</i>
	<i>8 Female Dogs @ \$5.00</i>		<i>\$40.00</i>

Ordinances enacted in 1953: *The hours which the Town Dump will be open shall be from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, all day on Saturday, and from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Sundays until further notice. No dead animals including poultry, tree roots or large limb shall be dumped therein. Dumping facilities are limited to residents of Plaistow. Offenses punishable by \$25.00 fine.*

Summary of Town Hall expenses: *Heat \$291.14, Light \$164.69, Telephone \$138.21, Insurance \$448.00, Gas \$14.12, Improvements of toilets \$715.48, Improvements to cesspool \$483.20*

Summary of Town Poor Expenses: *Care of Children \$865.00, Welfare Orders \$165.63, Medical Care \$66.00, Hospital Care \$58.17, Medicine \$14.35 = Total \$1,169.15*

Total Library Appropriation: \$1,800.00



Bounties: *Expenditures Total \$.50 Russell Sargent, Porcupine Bounty \$.50*

From the Report of the Librarian: *...The Book-mobile visited Plaistow four times during the year – giving us a chance to use an additional number of books.*

From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health: *...In this matter, communicable disease; it should be brought to the attention of all persons of the Town that it is the duty of any householder in whose home there is such disease to notify the Board of Health as soon as such case has been seen whether or not a physician has been in attendance.*

And from the Superintendent of Schools: *...With the above facts and comparisons in mind it is evident that there is need from some financial equalizations of educational opportunities throughout New Hampshire; it seems that this might best be accomplished through the extension of the state aid program.*

PLAISTOW 40 YEARS AGO
Excerpts From the 1963 Annual Town Report

Article 10. *To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for continuance of the sidewalk program – namely – to extend from Evans Avenue on the Westerly side of Main Street traveling South to Forrest Street. (Without Recommendation of Budget Committee) By Petition.*

Article 15. *To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to buy land to expand the cemetery and improve said land.*

Revenue from Motor Vehicle Permits: \$26,247.98

Number of Veterans who received property exemptions: 331

Inventory of the Town of Plaistow includes:	<i>Cows</i>	<i>\$4,900</i>
	<i>Sheep and Goats</i>	<i>\$60</i>

From the Town Clerk's Report:	<i>Dog licenses - 1963</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$612.00</i>
	<i>251 Male & Neuter Dogs @ \$2.00</i>		<i>\$502.00</i>
	<i>22 Female Dogs @ \$5.00</i>		<i>\$110.00</i>

From the Report of the Librarian: *A Friends of the Library was organized September 24 at a meeting held in the library. The purpose of the Friends group is to assist the Trustees and Librarian in extending services where the library does not have time to do.*

From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health: *Three Sabin Oral Vaccine Clinics were held at the Town Hall in February, March and June when all types of that vaccine were administered and all clinics were well attended; all Selectmen were in attendance.*



From the Report of the Industrial Commission: *The Industrial Commission held several meetings this year to formulate plans for promoting Industrial growth in Plaistow. Two signs are to be erected on Route 125 as a first step.*

From the Annual Report of the Plaistow School Board: *At the last annual meeting of the Plaistow School District, we were authorized to proceed with the construction of an eight room addition to Pollard School.*

From the Report of the Supervisory Unit No. 55 Board: *Our Union, No. 55, is comprised of the Towns of Salem, Plaistow, Hampstead, Atkinson and Newton, with present estimated populations of 16,000, 3,200, 1,600, 1,500 and 1,600 respectively.... During the past three years, the growth has been phenomenal in all five towns.*

	Sept 1960	Sept 1963
All students – Grades 1-12	3407	4668
Elementary Classrooms – Grades 1-8	87	130
Teachers and Special Services	126	175
All Employees	167	242

From the Report of the Superintendent of Schools: *It is well known that a Planning Committee of twenty four individuals from eight towns including three members from Plaistow have been working for several months on a cooperative school study. They have made an exhaustive study of various plans to solve the secondary school problem.*

PLAISTOW 30 YEARS AGO

Excerpts From the 1973 Annual Town Report

Article 10. *To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$28,295.00 toward the completion of a tax assessing map for the Town of Plaistow....*

Article II. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,800.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser for the Police Department.*

Article 15. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,00.00 to help defray the expenses of the 225th Anniversary Celebration to be held June 21, 22 & 23, 1974.*

Revenue from Motor Vehicle Permits: \$94,501.56

Number of Veterans who received property exemptions: 445 (plus 6 totally disabled)

From the Town Clerk's Report:	<i>Dog licenses - 1973</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,335.00</i>
	<i>505 Male & Neuter Dogs @ \$2.00</i>		<i>\$1,010.00</i>
	<i>65 Female Dogs @ \$5.00</i>		<i>\$325.00</i>



From the Board of Selectmen's Report: The year 1973 has seen continued growth in our commercial area as is evident by the new construction along Route 125. The State Industrial Development Commission continued to show prospective industrial clients available land in Plaistow in conjunction with the Town Industrial Commission.

From the Report of the Librarian: We, also, started a mini-traveling library for Senior Citizens. Upon request, selections of books are brought to the home and picked up at a later date.

From the Report of the Police Department: Growth in the Town's population to over 5,000 people with it resulting in an increased demand for police service - over 450 phone calls responded to per month - has required an increase in police force and equipment. Your Police Department first employed a full-time officer in 1971. The department will start 1974 with 3 full-time officers. In addition, the department is made up of 14 part-time officers and 1 part-time civilian clerk.

From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health: There were no major outbreaks of any serious life-threatening diseases in the community in this past year, although equine encephalitis was prevalent in the surrounding communities.

From the Report of the Industrial Commission: The Growth and expansion of our Industrial and Commercial areas continued throughout 1973. A shopping center has opened and several enterprises have enlarged their operations.

From the Report of the Recreation Commission: Plans are under way to develop the newly acquired land on Ingalls Terrace for recreation purposes.

From the Report of the Conservation Commission: A nature trail was laid out behind Pollard School with the help of Roger Sloan of the Extension Services. This trail, showing points of botanical, zoological and ecological interest, when properly marked, will be used by the school and available to the public.

We have been proceeding toward the goal of a Town Forest in the Mt. Misery area and have obtained a Ford Foundation Grant of \$1,625 to help with the legal work. The appropriation in this year's warrant of \$875 is needed to qualify for the total grant.

From the Report of the Tree Warden: Despite its old age and decay, it appears that the "Town Elm" is going to be around for Plaistow's 225th Anniversary.

PLAISTOW 20 YEARS AGO

Excerpts From the 1983 Annual Town Report

Article 19. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,200.00 for a 1984 police cruiser equipped with radio, siren, roof lights and cage...*



Article 30. *To see if the Town will vote to establish a dispatching department that will dispatch for police, fire and civil defense on a 24-hour per day basis and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,018.00 to fund the personnel for this department.*

Revenue from Motor Vehicle Permits: \$254,741.00

From the Board of Selectmen's Report: *The state will be reconstructing a portion of Route 125 in the spring of 1985. The portion of the road from the Massachusetts border to a point just south of the Westville overpass will be widened. This was necessitated by the increased traffic and the business expansion along the roadside. While the road is under construction, the Town should lay waterlines that will eventually be activated to our fire suppression system for fire protection to those businesses.*

The Town is in need of a revaluation as one has not been performed since 1972....

The Town has purchased 78 acres of conservation land in Frog Pond Woods from longtime resident Marion Peaslee Turner.

From the Report of the Librarian: *As more residents become aware of the meeting space provided, the library is becoming the focal point for many active groups. Organizations who have met at the library include the Soccer League, Garden Club, Miniatures Club, Nuclear Freeze, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Historical Society, Democrats, Friends of the Library and craft workshops for children.*

From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health: *1983, again as in 1982, was a year which saw an increase in tenant and nuisance complaints. Most of these complaints were centered around the town's only privately owned water company.*

From the Report of the Highway Safety Committee: *There are now eight major plazas on Route 125 and the Committee has had input into each. Receiving excellent cooperation from developers.*

From the Report of the Building Inspector: *The year 1983 was one of substantial growth for the Town of Plaistow in all areas. Single Family housing stats were up 133%, commercial and industrial new construction up 16%, alterations and additions commercial and industrial were up 83%, up from the 1982 figures.*

From the Report of the Cable Television Advisory Committee: *...Among ideas in the offing are programs by the Fire and Police departments on fire safety, medically oriented subjects, programs on Neighborhood Crime Watch, how to burglar-proof your homes and cars. The program possibilities are endless.*

From the Report of the Water Department: *Extension of the waterline with the installation of additional hydrants is a project which must be addressed by the Town without delay. The rapid expansion of commercial property on Route 125 makes it imperative that serious*



consideration be given to adding 500 feet or more each year to the waterline. If this had been done from the inception of the system, a great portion of our town would now have much better fire protection. Beginning in 1985, we intend to seek funds on a yearly basis to gradually extend the line at least until the system is "looped," thus giving it greater efficiency.

PLAISTOW 10 YEARS AGO

Excerpts From the 1993 Annual Town Report

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,347 for repair of brickwork and other exterior repairs to the west side of Town Hall including the entire clock tower and necessary roof work for Town Hall. Said cost to be reduced by any grants that may be available for such a project.

Revenue for Motor Vehicle Permits: \$612,042.00

From the Report of the Town Manager: In 1993, the Board of Selectmen voted on a major policy change for the town by authorizing semi-annual collection of taxes.... By altering the borrowing pattern to account for the semi-annual collection of taxes, we were able to save the Town over \$52,000 from what was budgeted in 1993 and \$111,000 from what we actually spent in 1992.

From the Report of the Librarian: The major focus of the Plaistow Public Library during the past two years has been our automation project.... This is a tremendous technological step forward and will benefit all who use the library....

From the Report of the Planning Board: A survey of 900 voters at the September 1992 election showed the following results - 813 were in favor of affordable elderly housing in Plaistow, 51 claimed that they or their immediate family had a current need for affordable elderly housing, 250 answered on the survey that they foresee a need in the future for this type of housing for themselves or their immediate family.

The current population of Plaistow shows 700 elderly citizens, and with people living longer, this number will grow significantly in the future years.

...The Planning Board authorized the Coach Company (Milton Smith) to run an experimental Park and Ride on Westville Road. Buses are to run from Epping to Kingston to Plaistow to Boston to the Airport and return, from 6:00AM to 7:00PM. This service started Monday, January 31, 1994.

From the Report of Highway Safety Committee: ...In 1994, we plan on drafting a warrant for the overlay replacement of sidewalks within Pollard Green.

From the Report of the Building Inspector: We expect that 1994 will be a similarly good year with residential development holding at 35-40 new homes. We also anticipate one, possibly two, industrial projects and one sizable commercial project.



From the Report of the Conservation Commission: During 1993 our water testing expanded to 16 locations with VOC testing at 1 of them. The results continue to show traces of coliform in most locations and fairly high levels in Little River at the Kingston/Plaistow line and in Seaver Brook.

From the Report of the Recycling Committee: ...your recycling committee wants you to know that on the first and third Saturdays of each month we are at the recycling drop-off-site off Old County Road from 8:00AM until 2:00PM to accept your recyclables.

From the Report of the Water Department: The water line study approved at last year's town meeting has been completed. The water line was constructed in five segments over more than twenty years. The study was commissioned to ensure that all of the previous work would lend itself to future expansion and also would be suitable for a potable water system if needed sometime in the future. The report shows that the water system is in good condition.



Sabin Oral Vaccine Clinic, 1963



REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

The last 50 years has seen major changes in our community. The Town has gone from a small rural village to a fine suburban community that seeks to retain the best of its rural roots. Fifty years ago this community operated without any paid Town Hall staff other than elected officials, some of whom worked out of their homes. Now there are 17 employees at Town Hall (plus numerous elected and appointed Board and committee members). These dedicated individuals provide a wide range of services, many of which were not required 50 years ago. In 1953 there were 647 homes in Plaistow compared to 3200 properties in 2003. Total valuation in 1953, counting property plus horses, cows, goats, 12,085 fowl, etc., was \$3,120,767 compared to \$714,291,718 in 2003. The Town "fund balance," a kind of savings account for the difference of assets compared to liabilities, was just under \$10,000 in 1953. The Town ended 2003 with a fund balance of well over \$2,000,000.

As Town Manager I constantly work at improving my skills and abilities to better serve Plaistow. I am both a Certified Public Manager through the American Academy of Certified Public Managers and a Credentialed Manager through the International County/City Managers Association. I was chosen as a voting delegate in 2003 to the national meeting of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. I was also elected to the Executive Board of New Hampshire Municipal Managers Association in 2003. The grant for studying the Beede Waste site paid for Selectman Larry Gil and me to attend the national Brownfields 2003 conference in Portland, Oregon. We met regional and national EPA and ICMA officials and saw numerous examples of successful residential redevelopment of petroleum contaminated sites.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager sit down several times a year to review and update goals. These goals fall into three general categories. First, and always ongoing, are goals that result in a smoothly running Town Government that continually provides quality services to the community. During 2003, there has been sound financial management as evidenced by the solid independent audit report and the excellent level of fund balance. Spending was well within the bottom line of the budget. The Budget Committee received information in a timely fashion. Long range planning has been done for staffing needs, bridges, waterline, vehicles, buildings and other infrastructure needs. Elected officials, boards, and committees have received support. A salary survey was done again and the pay matrix updated. Employee benefits were examined and adjustments made to remain competitive, fair and affordable. I am also working upon implementation of Best Management Practices for the Storm-water Drainage Permit requirements for the EPA permit which we obtained in 2003. Finally there is an emphasis within town government to increase programs for older citizens. These same goals will again be part of my focus for 2004.

The second category of goals was those which had a timeframe of less than one year. Working with the Beede Reuse Committee, a re-use plan was developed and accepted by the Board of Selectmen. A new integrity section for employees was developed and added to the Personnel Plan. A committee was formed and has made a great deal of progress on a plan to renovate Town Hall and bring the building into compliance with Americans with Disabilities



Act. A Housing and Community Development Plan was written by staff and the Board of Selectmen adopted it. This supported a successful Community Development Block Grant application to help pay for architectural fees associated with Town Hall renovations. Another committee was formed which has begun a review of all town-owned property. This committee will work upon recommendations on what land should be retained and also to examine what additional land may be needed for Town operations in the future. The Public Safety Complex Expansion Committee met and updated its report. When the multi-year contract with Verizon for phone service ended, a study of options led to the selection of a new phone carrier at a lower cost.

Then there are goals which are spread over a much longer timeframe for completion. Many of those remain a part of the challenge for 2004. One is to explore opportunities for reducing the costs related to Waste Collection and Disposal, including options for improving the levels of recycling within the town. I will work with the Department Heads, to search for, recommend and implement no cost & low cost improvements to the level of service offered by town employees to the citizens of Plaistow. I also will work to assist in completing the work needed to bring about the acquisition and construction of recreation fields on Old County Road. Another goal is to look at potential water resources within the Town, including work to protect the aquifer. Studies are being done by a consultant working with Plaistow and Haverhill, Massachusetts, on a traffic signal on Route 125 at either Haseltine Street or Cushing Avenue. I will work to improve use of Town Report as a communication tool by working with Department Heads, elected officials, and town staff to win the NHMA annual Town Report contest by incorporating concepts as applied in other N.H. town reports. While we have an excellent website, I want to improve the Website, www.plaistow.com, to include forms, answers to commonly asked questions and ways to reduce standing in line.

Finally, my town manger's report would not be complete without emphasizing that these goals could not have been accomplished without the help and support of the Board of Selectmen, many fine dedicated town employees, and the many volunteers who are so important in making local government succeed.

Respectfully Submitted

John Scruton
Town Manager



DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 1, 2003

The Deliberative Session was held on February 1st at the Timberlane Regional Performing Arts Center. Meeting started at 10:15 AM.

Non voters who wished to speak were Jackie Potter, Recreation Director; Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor; John Scruton, Town Manager; and Dick Gerrish of Sad Café. A voice vote was taken and permission granted.

Barry Sargent, Town Moderator, explained Deliberative Session and amendments. Zoning articles won't be addressed at this time, as they can not be amended.

Selectmen Robert Gray and Charles Blinn honored Ruth Jenne for her many years of service. Gray read the names of the thirty-two selectmen who Ruth has worked with over the years. February 1, 2003, was designated "Ruth Jenne Day" in Plaistow. Blinn presented Ruth with a trophy.

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

Article P-2: Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling five million five hundred ninety-eight thousand sixty-nine dollars (\$5,598,069)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be five million three hundred fifty four thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$5,354,181), 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 RSA40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Kristin Lewis-Savage presented the operating budget. The difference between the Board of Selectmen's budget and the Budget Committee's budget is position of the Recreation Director.

T. Richard Latham made an amendment seconded by Ernest Sheltry to increase the Cultural line dealing with Old Home Day in the operating budget by \$5,000. Barry Sargent, Chairman, stated that Old Home Day has been around since 1970. A \$5,000 cut would affect the parade. The cannons are in need of repairs and the committee is looking for donations. Tom Vinci asked if the money for the fireworks could go towards the parade. Sargent stated the fireworks and the parade are the biggest events of the day. Davena Szymt suggested organizations participate with no cost to the town. Latham stated the bands, pony rides plus other things are paid out of this budget. Jim Robinson, member of the Lions Club, said the intent was to break even, never to make any money. Bands cost from \$500 to \$2000 for 1 band. Vote was 36 yes and 25 no and the amendment passes.

Sue Sherman, Recreation Chairman, made an amendment, seconded by David Nye, to increase the hours of the Recreation Director from 32 hours to 40 hours and increase the operating budget by \$6,155. Sherman stated this would allow for more planning and more programs. Hopefully in the spring the field issues will be resolved with the owner and the State. Lewis-Savage asked if this goes to 40 hours would Jackie be involved with cultural affairs, Old Home Day and other organizations and would this be in place in 2003. Sherman



said yes. Nye stated that he has talked to landscapers regarding the new fields when issues are resolved. Tom Vinci mentioned how long is it going to take. The children are going to be the Town of Plaistow tomorrow. Steve Savage questioned if hourly this year, would it go to salary next year. John Scruton said it would be hourly this year and evaluated next year. The Recreation Director is interested in working to get the fields up and going, planning trips and holding workshops. John Sherman is in favor of a 40 hour week. Bob Zukas was interested in how the fields are coming along and are we holding programs now. Potter said yes. Janis Penta asked if there was a probationary period and how long is it? John Sherman stated there was a six month period for employees. The answer to questions about the fields; the Wetlands Board was the holdup and this has been resolved. A standing vote was taken with 41 yes and 20 no. Amendment passed.

Walter Mailhot made a motion to increase the Sad Café line from \$2000 to \$5000. This was seconded by Linda Mailhot. Mailhot states this is a non profit organization. We need a safe place for the children. The Sad Café no longer received rent from the Rock Church. Kristen Lewis-Savage stated we gave \$1000 last year. George Melvin stated it was worthwhile and we need places for the children. Sue Sherman mentioned we need to provide places for the children who don't find a place at school. The schools provide after school activities. Michael Emmons asked if other towns contributed? Mailhot stated Kingston and Atkinson put it on their warrant. Hampstead doesn't use the facilities but have it in their budget. A standing vote with 48 yes and 4 no. Motion passed.

Robert Gray made a motion to amend the bottom line of the Highway budget in the amount of \$20,000. This would represent an increase of \$5000 to sand and salt line, \$7500 to overtime line and \$7500 to contract plowing line. Martha Sumner seconded the motion.

George Melvin made a motion to reduce the operating budget by \$1.5 million. This was seconded by Tom Vinci. A standing vote was taken with 1 yes. Amendment failed. We went back to the original motion and a standing vote was taken. There were 46 yes and 12 no. Motion passed. The amended budget is \$5,632,224.

Article P-3: Pursuant to RSA 72:39-b shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Plaistow, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$80,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$110,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$140,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or if married, combined net income of less than \$36,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Article P-4: Pursuant to RSA 72:37-c shall we modify the exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$110,000. 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 such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$36,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.



Article P-5: Shall the town vote to accept the NH Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$127,716 for equipment and road maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V roads in accordance with Chapter 235 of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated and to raise and appropriate said sum for equipment and local highway maintenance?

Article P-6: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under RSA 31:19-a for Improvements to the Town Hall including but not limited to installation of an elevator to bring the second floor into compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), renovation of the interior, improvements to the heating and cooling system, the electrical system, installation of a sprinkler system, etc., and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend without further action by Town Meeting for the purposes of Town Hall improvements and to raise and appropriate \$81,000 to this fund, said sums to come from the December 31, 2002, unreserved fund balance? This is the first year of a multi year project.

Article P-7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,000 for the purchase of a digital replacement console for the Public Safety Dispatch Center, with \$110,000 of this amount to come from the December 31, 2002, unreserved fund balance? This represents the amount raised but never expended in 2001 because the appropriation was conditional on a grant that was not received and is not now available, plus \$10,000, which was raised but not expended for radios in 2002? We also anticipate the availability of \$23,000 in money from drug forfeitures. Steve Savage mentioned the system was being changed from analog to digital. A matching grant lapsed. Janis Penta asked how sure can we be of the forfeiture money and where will the money come from if we don't get it. Savage has been in touch with DEA stating we will get approximately \$25,000 and another \$25,000 depending on litigation. If it doesn't happen the Town Manager and Selectmen will say whether the money will get spent. Robert Zukas asked if other towns were on digital systems that we give mutual aid to. Also wanted to know if our equipment was that outdated. Savage stated that it was his understanding that all or most of them along with mobile units are going digital. Atkinson's dispatcher for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and the State Police are all on digital. He doubts the old equipment can be used in this community.

Article P-8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,135 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Internet use, said sums to come from the December 31, 2002, unreserved fund balance and represents revenue received from AT&T Broadband/Comcast for the franchise agreement for Internet use?

Article P-9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,448 for the installation of diesel engine filtration systems for Fire Department Apparatus? Filtration of diesel exhaust is necessary for the overall health of the employees in the Safety Complex. Two national codes, the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) 1500 and Building Officials and Code Administrations (BOCA), require exhaust emissions be filtered or exhausted to the outside environment to ensure indoor air quality is maintained at safe levels. Currently there are no systems installed on the apparatus or in the apparatus bay to remove exhaust emissions.

Article P-10: Shall the Town vote to establish one part time administrative aide position within the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,629 to fund the position for Fiscal Year 2003; said sum represents the cost of wages at 30 hours per week, associated roll-up costs as well as other related expenses for the position for approximately 8 months?



The starting hourly rate will be commensurate with the current town pay matrix. Martha Sumner stated this would free up the Fire Chief to go on calls and take care of new regulations. Steve Savage states this position is necessary.

Article P-11: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Child Advocacy Center to provide a safe environment for the evaluation of child abuse and exploitation? This is a coordinating service to children and families. Steve Savage stated this was started 3 to 4 years ago, and is presently housed in a private facility in Portsmouth. Has currently expanded to Derry and there is a clinical environment for sexual exploitation and child abuse. Interviews with the child with the assistance of a police officer and caseworker.

Article P-12: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,859 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$1,727 from \$30,833 to \$32,692? The additional \$132 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare. This article is by petition. Susan Drew made an amendment to the intent. In 2001 a warrant article was passed that the town would pay 90% of health benefits. This amounted to \$8,891 in 2002 and \$8,934 in 2003. Barbara Tavitian, Town Clerk, stated that she has had the position for 15 years going from a manual system to a computerized system. John Sherman mentioned that a matrix system was in place for town employees, but not for elected officials.

Article P-13: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept trust gifts, legacies, and devises made to them for public purposes without further action of the Town under the provisions of RSA 31:19? Such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at town meeting. Barry Sargent, Chairman of Civil War Monument/Cannons Restoration, spoke about accepting funds for this much needed work. Cannons are rotting and the World War I Monument has slime and discoloration. This whole project is approximately \$20,000. Other committee members are Norman Major, Bernadine FitzGerald, Louis Drew and George Melvin. Steve Savage asked if this included the cannons at the Safety Complex. Sargent said yes.

Article P-14: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the town for any public purpose under the provisions of RSA 31-95-e and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at town meeting?

Article P-15: To see if the Town will vote a non-binding resolution to support the efforts of the Board of Selectmen to acquire open space land and/or preserve open space in order to protect the rural character of Plaistow. Should this require the expenditure of funds beyond those already available, the proposal will be brought to the voters in a Special Town Meeting or at a future regular Town Meeting for approval.

Robert Gray stated that the Board of Selectmen wanted to ask the town's people whether we should acquire open land or not. Henry Szmyt wanted to know if there were any plans. John Sherman states there were a couple of proposals. The Selectmen were negotiating with current owners, but no conclusions have been made. They wanted to get a sense of the community and how far they should go. Eleanor Peabody asked if it was the Beede Waste site and the answer was no. Kristin Lewis-Savage stated there was no intent line and there should have been one. Davena Szmyt asked if the taxpayers' money was going to pay for the purchase. The taxpayers should know and will there be any grants, conservation funds, gifts,



etc. Gray made an amendment, seconded by Lewis-Savage to add this to the intent. The Selectmen would like the sense of the community on preserving farmland, fields and forest as open space. All sources of revenue will be sought including grants, current use change penalty funds, gifts and conservation funds. A standing vote was taken to add this to the intent. The vote was 39 yes and 1 no.

Barry Sargent, Town Moderator, asked if there were any questions on the zoning articles (Articles P-16 – P-22). The zoning articles are part of the warrant, but could not be amended at this session.

John Scruton thanked the cable crew, sound engineers from the Timberlane School, Tony DiBartelemeo, janitors and the public for making this session possible.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

2003 ELECTION RESULTS

Selectman 3 Year Term – Vote for 2

Steven Curran	275
Lawrence W. Gil	384✓
Robert J. Gray	360
Martha L. Sumner	398✓
Robert Tomes	115

Tax Collector 3 Year Term

Rosemarie L. Bayek	742✓
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Fire Engineers:

First Assistant 1 Year Term

Richard Colcord	759✓
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Second Assistant 1 Year Term

Michael Borges	744✓
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Third Assistant 1 Year Term

David R. Sargent	753✓
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Fourth Assistant 1 Year Term

John W. Judson, III	736✓
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Budget Committee 3 Year Term – Vote for 4

Marilyn Davis	637✓
Edward Pitts	579✓
Kristin Lewis Savage	629✓
Henry Szmyt	581✓

Planning Board 3 Year Term – Vote for 1

Michelle Curran	495✓
David Hoyt	281

Library Trustee 3 Year Term – Vote for 2

Kathryn Morin	644✓
Catherine R. Willis	652✓

Trustee Of Trust Fund 3 Year Term

B. Jill Senter	634✓
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Conflict of Interest 3 Year Term – Vote for 2

Therese A. Chouniard	431✓
Joyce Ingerson	404✓
Ruth Santosuosso	337

Conflict of Interest 2 Year Term – Vote for 2

Harry Birmingham	558✓
Dennis Lupi	554✓

Conflict of Interest 1 Year Term

Joyce Ingerson	6✓
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Auditors 1 Year Term – Vote for 2

Mike Schena	6 (declined)
Susan Drew	5✓



2003 WARRANT ARTICLES

Article	Description	Yes	No
P-02	Operating Budget	455✓	313
P-03	Elderly Exemptions	584✓	185
P-04	Disabled Exemptions	564✓	253
P-05	Highway Block Grant	764✓	66
P-06	Trust Fund Town Hall Improvements	606✓	227
P-07	Replacement Console	542✓	286
P-08	Trust Fund Internet Use	627✓	192
P-09	Filtration System	498✓	331
P-10	Part-time Fire Department Administrative Aide	347	477✓
P-11	Child Advocacy Center	616✓	213
P-12	Elected Official Salary Increase	387	437✓
P-13	Accept Trust Gifts, Legacies & Devices	648✓	173
P-14	Accept Gifts Offered to Town	648✓	178
P-15	Open Space Preservation	548✓	211

2003 ZONING ARTICLES

Article	Description	Yes	No
P-16	Special Exceptions	460✓	265
P-17	Contiguous Frontage	502✓	235
P-18	Commercial II District	458✓	291
P-19	Temporary Signs	493✓	269
P-20	Signs	501✓	258
P-21	Affordable Elderly Housing Communities	602✓	140
P-22	General Provisions – Site Plan	520✓	209
P-23	Road Profiles	522✓	206



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

BALANCE FORWARD JANUARY 1, 2003

7,939,261.07

Receipts :

DEBITS

CREDITS

TOTALS

Town Clerk:

Withholding State of NH		5,382.00	
Dogs Withheld State of NH		2,963.00	
UCC Fees		2,862.00	
UCC Fees Direct Deposit		255.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		1,356,763.55	
Mail In Registrations		4,849.00	
Miscellaneous		184.58	
Dog Licenses		4,243.50	
Dog Pick Up Fines		745.00	
Marriage Licenses		665.00	
Certified Copies		1,303.00	
Municipal Agent Program		23,820.00	
Voter Checklist		275.00	
Dredge & Fill Permits		10.00	
Boat Registrations		9,039.45	
Recordings		10.00	
Filing Fees		10.00	
Voter Registration Cards		6.00	
Town Title Fees		5,172.00	
Pole Licenses		120.00	
Prior Year Returned Checks Paid		40.50	

Remitted by Town Clerk 1,418,718.58

Returned Checks 5,071.50

Returned Checks Paid 4,369.00

Returned Check Fines 575.00

1,418,591.08

Receipts:

Planning Board

9,809.36

Receipts:

Zoning Board of Adjustment

6,091.52

Receipts:

Fire Department:

Ambulance	1,530.27
Insurance Reports	135.00
General Revenue	1,392.00
Court Ordered Reimbursements	1,511.28
Outside Detail	4,415.50

8,984.05



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<i>Recreation:</i>			
Summer Recreation Registrations		35,581.75	
Baseball/Softball Registrations		7,015.00	
Community Trips		9,933.00	
Special Events		35.00	
Returned Checks	728.00		
Returned Checks Paid		360.00	
Returned Check Fines		75.00	
			52,271.75
 Receipts:			
<i>Tax Warrant Copies</i>			615.00
 Receipts:			
<i>Welfare General Assistance</i>			10,735.47
 Receipts:			
<i>Witness Fees</i>			2,782.95
 Receipts:			
<i>Police Department Training</i>			1,875.00
 Receipts:			
<i>Court Ordered Restitution</i>			386.06
 Receipts:			
<i>Tax Collector:</i>			
Previous Years Taxes		402,745.46	
2003 Taxes		14,044,315.81	
Property Tax Interest		26,605.16	
Redemptions		116,651.30	
Redemption Interest/Costs		15,487.77	
Mortgage Notice Costs		2,900.00	
Water Suppression Bills		51,388.26	
Current Use		14,330.00	
Returned Checks	17,906.38		
Returned Checks Paid		17,906.38	
Returned Check Fines		50.00	
			14,674,473.76
 Revenue from Departments:			
<i>Building & Code Enforcement Office:</i>			
Inspections		92,219.37	
Returned Checks	85.00		



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Revenue from Departments Continued::	DEBITS	CREDITS	TOTALS
<i>Building & Code Enforcement Continued:</i>			
Returned Checks Paid		85.00	
Returned Checks Fines		25.00	
			92,244.37
Revenue from Departments:			
<i>Health:</i>			9,554.02
Revenue from Departments:			
<i>Police:</i>			
Gun Permits		800.00	
Licenses to sell Pistols		150.00	
Pawnbrokers/Second Hand Dealers		550.00	
Parking Violations		7,120.00	
False Alarms		2,235.00	
Insurance Requests Report Fees		8,346.00	
Money from Evidence Room		369.05	
Finger Printing		199.00	
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		20.00	
Returned Checks	296.00		
Returned Checks Paid		296.00	
Returned Checks Fines		50.00	
Outside Detail		86,888.25	
			106,727.30
Revenue:			
<i>State of New Hampshire:</i>			
Shared Revenue		75,483.00	
Highway Block Grant		127,715.58	
Grants from State		8,721.81	
District Court Rent		42,478.40	
NH Railroad Tax		4,568.66	
NH Fuel Tax		1,983.06	
NH Forest Tax		62.25	
Room and Meals Tax		232,286.95	
Emergency Management		9,271.13	
Reimbursement			502,570.84
Revenue:			
<i>Federal Government:</i>			
OJP Grant		2,214.00	
School Resource Officer Grant		59,802.61	
			62,016.61



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Revenue:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<i>Other Government:</i>			
Police Department Dispatch		25,000.00	
<i>Other Government Cont:</i>			
Library		70,000.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds		12,756.44	
School Crossing Guard		7,484.80	
School Resource Officer		4,751.00	
			119,992.24
 Revenue:			
<i>Miscellaneous Sources:</i>			
Cable Franchise Fee		68,590.60	
Hardship Liens		1,423.73	
Cemetery Lot Sales		1,300.00	
Cemetery Open/Close Fees		1,300.00	
Veteran Markers		175.00	
Sale Surplus Property		4,496.00	
Leased Land		76,000.00	
Fines – Court Portion		3,395.00	
Group Health Insurance Reimb.		27,092.70	
Miscellaneous		25,024.25	
Copy Machine Income		933.25	
Assessor Copies		601.92	
Robbins Settlement & Final Payment		41,442.07	
Walmart Police Agreement		26,270.33	
BCLM Agreement		24,286.76	
250 th Anniversary		10.00	
			302,341.61
 Reimbursements:			
Internet		9,217.27	
Library		14,871.66	
Primex		199.58	
Cable		24,000.00	
NHMA Claim Damage Cruisers		2,651.80	
Town of Hampstead		1,224.51	
Telephone Calls		80.00	
Staples Rebate		64.58	
NH Retirement System		90.09	
Benefit Strategies		150.00	
Timberlane Coach Company		275.00	
SS Employee Share		2,591.26	
State of NHDES Grant		1,900.00	
Trustee Trust Funds/Fire Trucks		134,000.00	
Overpayment J. Sewall		135.00	



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Reimbursements Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Soda Machine		1,141.50	
NHMA Property Liability		4,250.00	
Lexis-Nexis Refund		77.85	
State of NH Clerk Notary Refund		50.00	
Water Suppression		108,350.39	
Overtime Reimbursement		1,837.50	
NH Highway Vehicle Reimbursements		2,064.57	
NH Snow Removal Reimbursements		12,822.82	
NH Salt Reimbursements		1,897.58	
US Treasury Overpayment		120.95	
Teamsters Overpayment		85.23	
Pilgrim Lanes Reimbursement		106.50	
Michelle's Creations Refund		611.53	
Walmart Foundation Donation AED		5,572.00	
Beede (expenses Town Manager)		2,674.10	
Beede (secretarial support)		854.38	
Beede (Fire Chief)		900.55	
Beede (Planning Coordinator)		797.17	
Personnel Benefit Health Insurance		711.77	
Balance of Beede Fund		82,397.03	
Recreation Field Trust		9,346.15	
			428,120.32
Interest::			
Bank:			
Fleet Bank		791.55	
MBIA		2,042.53	
Bank North		35,944.08	
			38,778.16
2003 Total Receipts:			17,848,961.47
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Disbursements:			
Library	309,148.00		
County	856,132.00		
Timberlane Regional School District	10,883,009.00		
Town	6,337,478.19		
Property Lien	156,519.05		
2003 Total Disbursements			18,542,286.24



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Accounting Balance:

Balance as of January 1, 2003	7,939,261.07
Receipts less Disbursements equals	-693,324.77
Balance as of December 31, 2003	7,245,936.30

Cash Balance December 31, 2003:

Bank:

Bank North	6,928,744.72
Fleet	62,348.61
MBIA	254,842.97

TOTAL: 7,245,936.30

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadine A. FitzGerald

Treasurer

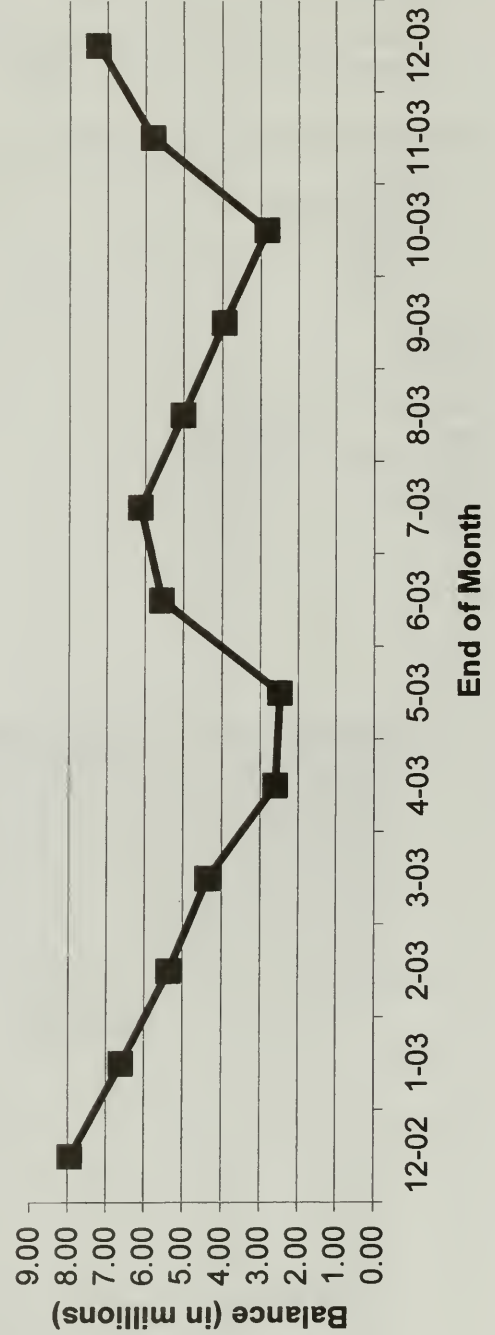


Treasurer Bernadine A. FitzGerald

2003 CASH FLOW

End of Month	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
December-02			7,939,261.07
January-03	285,818.66	1,623,437.73	6,601,642.00
February	260,279.78	1,499,730.71	5,362,191.07
March	403,665.50	1,409,831.95	4,356,024.62
April	380,719.88	2,138,275.50	2,598,469.00
May	510,463.67	631,383.74	2,477,548.93
June	4,297,993.43	1,216,388.36	5,559,154.00
July	3,029,642.02	2,468,794.62	6,120,001.40
August	277,971.12	1,386,960.51	5,011,012.01
September	328,546.31	1,396,119.35	3,943,438.97
October	317,201.41	1,427,535.94	2,833,104.44
November	4,059,013.21	1,089,923.45	5,802,194.20
December-03	3,584,669.50	2,140,927.40	7,245,936.30

Cash Flow Analysis



BONDED DEBT STATEMENT

<i>This is all Plaistow's outstanding debt:</i>						
FISCAL YEAR	COUPON DATE	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	COUPON RATE	INTEREST PAYMENT	PERIODIC DEBT SERVICE	FISCAL DEBT SERVICE
2003	01/02/00		4.47	29,752.10	29,752.10	
	07/01/03	190,000.00	4.47	29,752.10	219,752.10	249,504.20
2004	01/01/04		4.47	25,501.80	25,501.80	
	07/01/04	190,000.00	4.47	25,501.80	215,501.80	241,003.60
2005	01/01/05		4.47	21,251.50	21,251.50	
	07/01/05	190,000.00	4.47	21,251.50	211,251.50	232,503.00
2006	01/01/06		4.47	17,001.20	17,001.20	
	07/01/06	190,000.00	4.47	17,001.20	207,001.20	224,002.40
2007	01/01/07		4.47	12,750.90	12,750.90	
	07/01/07	190,000.00	4.47	12,750.90	202,750.90	215,501.80
2008	01/01/08		4.47	8,500.60	8,500.60	
	07/01/08	190,000.00	4.47	8,500.60	198,500.60	207,001.20
2009	01/01/09		4.47	4,250.30	4,250.30	
	07/01/09	190,000.00	4.47	4,250.30	194,250.30	198,500.60
TOTAL:		1,330,000.00		238,016.80	1,568,016.80	1,568,016.80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Library: Original Amount: \$1,900,000 Year Term 2000/10 years @ 4.474%. •Authority to bond Fire Truck for \$82,000 approved 2001 but the Town has not borrowed the funds. Article is in 2004 Warrant to cancel authority to borrow. 						



2003 INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION SUMMARY

	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
LAND SECTION:			
Current Use	846.15	73,238	
Conservation	28.00	2,180	
Residential Land	2,965.70	189,783,700	
Commercial/Industrial Land	<u>1,168.06</u>	<u>78,083,100</u>	
Sub-Total Taxable Land	5,007.91		267,942,218
<i>Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land</i>	<u>1,122.60</u>	15,887,206	
Total Land	6,129.51		
BUILDING SECTION:			
Residential		336,711,300	
Commercial/Industrial		89,476,600	
Sub-Total Taxable Buildings			426,187,900
<i>Tax Exempt & Non -Taxable Buildings</i>		32,568,250	
PUBLIC UTILITIES SECTION:			
Sub-Total Public Utilities			<u>20,161,600</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions			714,291,718
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<u>7,809,374</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED:			706,482,344
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION IS COMPUTED:			686,320,744



2003 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN PORTION:

Gross Appropriations	6,062,523
Less Revenues	(3,421,646)
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)
Add Overlay	90,789
War Service Credits	47,200

Approved Town Tax Effort

2,769,560

Town Rate: 3.92

SCHOOL PORTION:

Regional School Appropriation	12,858,939
Less Adequate Education Grant	(2,044,456)
Less State Education Taxes	(3,452,233)

Approved School Tax Effort

7,362,250 *Local School Rate: 10.42*

STATE EDUCATION TAXES:

State-wide Education Tax Rate	4.92
Equalized Valuation	701,673,355

Divided by Local Assessed Valuation 686,320,744

State Education Tax For Plaistow

3,452,233 *State School Rate: 5.03*

COUNTY PORTION:

Due to County	856,132
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)

Approved County Tax Effort:

846,856

County Rate: 1.20

Total Property Taxes Assessed

14,430,929

Less War Service Credits

(47,200)

Total Property Tax Commitment:

14,383,729

Total Rate: 20.57

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation

State Education Tax (no utilities)

686,320,744

All other Taxes

706,482,344

Tax Rate

5.03

15.54

Assessment

3,452,233

10,978,696

14,430,929



REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	0	510,130.22	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	18.91
Interest	0	0	0
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	14,392,524.00	0	0
Land Use Change	14,330.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0
Utilities	0	51,388.26	0
Current Use Penalties	0	0	0
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	70,457.61	36,467.01	0
Return Check Fine & MNC	25.00	1,936.00	0
Collect Interest-Late Taxes	9,688.30	26,779.98	0
Penalties	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBITS:	14,487,024.91	626,701.47	18.91
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CREDITS:			
Property Taxes	13,891,832.67	388,115.18	0
Return Check Fine & MNC	25.00	1,936.00	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0
Utilities	0	51,369.35	18.91
Interest	9,688.30	26,779.98	0
Penalties	0	0	0
Conversion to Lien	0	156,519.05	0
Land Use Change	14,330.00	0	0
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	6,133.00	1,963.00	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:			
Property Taxes	565,015.94	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0
Utilities	0	18.91	0
TOTAL CREDITS:	14,487,024.91	626,701.47	18.91



REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR CONTINUED:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000-1990</u>
DEBITS:			
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning of Year	0	74,494.84	354,709.54
Liens Executed During Year	156,519.05		
Interest & Costs Collected	3,649.69	6,140.94	5,697.14
Mortgage Notice Costs	835.00	513.50	392.50
Lien Costs	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBITS:	161,003.74	81,149.28	360,799.18
CREDITS:			
Redemptions	69,296.40	29,613.63	17,720.52
Interest & Costs Collected	3,649.69	6,140.94	5,697.14
Mortgage Notice Costs	835.00	513.50	392.50
Lien Costs	0	0	0
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	0	0	0
Uncollected	87,222.65	44,881.21	336,989.02
TOTAL CREDITS:	161,003.74	81,149.28	360,799.18

REMITTED TO TREASURER

DESCRIPTION:

Property Taxes	14,279,947.85
Return Check Fine & MNC	1,961.00
Utilities	51,388.26
Interest	36,468.28
Conversion to Lien	156,519.05
Land Use Change	14,330.00
Redemptions	116,630.55
Interest & Costs Collected	15,487.77
Mortgage Notice Costs	1,741.00
TOTAL:	14,674,473.76

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie L. Bayek

Tax Collector



CURRENT USE PROPERTIES

<u>TAXPAYER NAME</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
Andrews, Eleanor	Mount Misery	21-5	12.60
Baribeau, Roger	310 Main Street	21-2	14.00
Bartlett, William	43 Forrest Street	48-39	.50
Bartlett, William	Forrest Street Rear	48-40	12.34
Collins Jr, John	93 Old County Road	20-35	17.40
Corso-Upton Family Trust	34 Newton Road	67-1	16.10
Cox Tr, Claude & Eunice	30 Crane Crossing Road	56-3	5.60
Cox Tr, Claude & Eunice	29 Crane Crossing Road	55-9	8.50
Dickey, Richard	Westville Road Rear	40-9	7.45
Dickey, Richard	27 Westville Road	40-10	2.55
Dougherty, William	6 Woodland Drive	37-35	11.53
Emerson III, Robert	Atkinson Line	7-3	21.00
Gallant, Michael	23 Hickory Ridge Road	8-27	15.47
Gattineri Tr, Daniel	43 Crane Crossing Road	55-5	19.06
Goudreault, Richard	82 Newton Road	68-8	39.00
Haverhill Golf /Country Club	93 Forrest Street	66-17	156.00
Herrick, Stanley	44 Sweet Hill Road	62-29	17.65
Holt, Gerald	17 Harriman Road	50-78	47.23
Hoyt Tr, David	18 Chandler Ave	38-4	16.08
Hoyt, David	63 Forrest Street	48-32	15.35
James Tr, Bruce & Barbara	67 Kingston Road	44-50	47.00
KNP Land Associates, LLC	Old County Road Rear	33-1	62.00
Leavitt, Anne E	School and Back Land	47-3	41.00
LeBlanc Tr, M G	31 Forrest Street	49-3	16.62
Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	1 Major Lane	42-62	5.88
Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	12 Kingston Road	53-13	7.31
McGirr Tr, Robert Rudolph	Frog Pond Woods	6-15	43.80
Noyes, Doris	27 Main Street	37-55	8.70
One Twenty One A Realty	244 Main Street	18-10	14.60
Paul, Richard E	Main Street Rear/Mt. Misery	22-15	4.00
Paul, Richard E	Main Steet Rear/Mt. Misery	22-1	6.00
Post, David F	Atkinson Depot Road Rear	12-1	9.40
Post, David F	19 Atkinson Depot Road	11-6	2.40
Post, David F	Atkinson Depot Road Rear	99-7	4.80
Post, Gary K	15 Atkinson Depot Road	11-8	8.50
Riley, Richard	28 Newton Road	65-2	11.53
Russ Tr, John Wesley	64 Sweet Hill Road	62-41	51.00
Saracusa, Marion	49 Forrest Street	48-33	18.20
Smith, Elizabeth	148 Main Street	41-14	28.00
Total Acres			846.15



TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST

<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND VALUE</u>	<u>BUILDING VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>
Off Newton Road Rear	\$ 6,400	\$ 0	\$ 6,400	73-3
163 Plaistow Road	752,200	0	752,200	30-65
East Road Rear	11,900	0	11,900	6-3
Center Circle Rear	93,600	7,500	101,100	40-60
3A Dundee Drive	2,000	0	2,000	69-21
169 Plaistow Road	292,100	0	292,100	31-68
144 Main Street	325,800	0	325,800	41-11
Atkinson Line	90,100	0	90,100	6-6
Old Stage Coach Road	49,100	0	49,100	9-11
307 Main Street	231,400	0	231,400	21-7
Main Street	35,900	0	35,900	8-22
Main Street Rear Kelley	46,000	0	46,000	8-23
Hickory Ridge Road	700	0	700	20-12
Frog Pond Woods	184,800	0	184,800	7-4
Frog Pond Woods	65,600	0	65,600	7-5
Formerly JA Noyes Land	37,900	0	37,900	6-8
Frog Pond Woods	44,200	0	44,200	18-2
Frog Pond Woods	20,200	0	20,200	17-7
Near B&M Railroad	3,800	0	3,800	11-7
East Road Off N/S	2,500	0	2,500	14-35
45 Greenough Road	74,800	0	74,800	16-1
Frog Pond Woods	110,200	0	110,200	17-6
Lot 2 Section B Brentwood	6,900	0	6,900	31-5
11 Lower Road	85,900	0	85,900	17-32
14 Culver Street	5,300	0	5,300	18-13
16 Culver Street	68,300	0	68,300	17-29
15 Lower Road	68,300	0	68,300	17-30
13 Lower Road	68,000	0	68,000	17-31
Frog Pond Woods	54,500	0	54,500	18-3
Frog Pond Woods	17,900	0	17,900	18-4
266 Main Street	376,600	0	376,600	19-5
280 Main Street	391,600	0	391,600	19-6
Mt. Misery	190,000	0	190,000	20-38
Old County Rear	139,500	0	139,500	32-29
N/S Old County Road	95,400	0	95,400	32-25
33 Westville Road	61,100	0	61,100	27-54
Route 125	19,700	0	19,700	26-2
North Ave Rear	1,500	0	1,500	37-51
7 Massasoit Blvd.	81,700	0	81,700	38-20
35 West Pine Street	111,900	0	111,900	25-15
7 Whiton Place	1,600	0	1,600	40-1
26A Westville Road	12,000	0	12,000	40-7



TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST CONTINUED:

PROPERTY LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE	MAP/LOT
4 Bittersweet Drive	80,900	0	80,900	39-47
120 Main Street	769,200	4,982,400	5,751,600	40-34
127 Main Street	69,300	196,100	265,400	40-67
145 Main Street	142,100	698,700	840,800	41-63
5 Ingalls Terrace	83,500	16,100	99,600	42-43
Plaistow Road Rear	47,600	0	47,600	43-12
Town Landfill	249,200	0	249,200	32-32
215 Plaistow Road	105,800	0	105,800	45-8
Arbor Lane	77,900	20,400	98,300	42-57
27 Elm Street	244,700	1,955,700	2,200,400	41-77
17 Elm Street	366,500	0	366,500	41-82
14 Elm Street	123,900	298,500	422,400	41-67
17 Canterbury Forest	65,500	0	65,500	49-35
2A Woodland Drive	600	0	600	37-36
Autumn Circle	16,600	0	16,600	48-26
Autumn Circle Rear	2,500	0	2,500	59-8
10 Harriman Road	51,900	0	51,900	50-70
41A Sweet Hill Road	6,300	0	6,300	62-18
Town Road	27,900	0	27,900	53-27
Timberlane Road Rear	37,400	0	37,400	60-28
Forrest Street	0	6,100	6,100	99-20
23 Newton Road	22,200	0	22,200	66-24
Newton Road Rear	13,000	0	13,000	69-54
Plaistow Road Rear	30,000	0	30,000	25-38
Main Street Rear	26,200	0	26,200	21-13
Main Street Rear	24,200	0	24,200	21-12
Main Street Rear	15,200	0	15,200	22-14
Kingston Line	5,900	0	5,900	22-10
Newton Rear	25,500	0	25,500	69-51
Mt. Misery	68,300	0	68,300	21-9
87 Main Street	171,200	1,794,600	1,965,800	39-50-21-3
Atkinson Town Line	300	0	300	15-8
Mt. Misery	85,700	0	85,700	21-10
Mt. Misery Ledge	52,800	0	52,800	22-11
Mt. Misery Center	10,200	0	10,200	22-7
Mt. Misery Center	27,600	0	27,600	22-9
Rear Land	13,100	0	13,100	22-12
Main Street Rear	91,300	0	91,300	21-17
Old County Road Rear	34,500	0	34,500	20-37
Old County Road Rear	116,800	0	116,800	20-36
Main Street Rear	17,300	0	17,300	21-11
Main Street Rear	9,500	0	9,500	21-14
Mt. Misery Center	48,300	0	48,300	22-8



TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST CONTINUED:

<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND VALUE</u>	<u>BUILDING VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>
Mt. Misery Rear	13,800	0	13,800	21-8
Main Street Rear	20,200	0	20,200	22-5
Old County Road	11,200	0	11,200	44-52
Plaistow Road	2,500	0	2,500	44-61
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS:	7,865,000	9,976,100	17,841,100	

TOWN PROPERTY WITH NO LISTED VALUES:

Pollard Brook – Water	Jordan Land (2 lots)	Landry & Kimball	Rear George Mason
Kingston Line (2 lots)	Main Street (3 lots)	Hazeltine	Hampstead Line
Depot Road	Water Tower	Tucker & Flanders Land	Leavitt Land
Mt. Misery (2 lots)	Frog Pond (5 lots)		



Chairman of the Old Home Day Committee Barry Sargent & Family



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

2003 REVENUES:

Withholding State of NH Marriages Certified Copies	5,382.00
Dogs Withheld State of NH	2,963.00
UCC Fees	2,862.00
UCC Fees Direct Deposit	255.00
Autos (10857)	1,356,763.55
Mail In Registration Fee	4,849.00
Miscellaneous	184.58
Dog Licenses	4,243.50
Dog Pickup Fines	745.00
Marriage Licenses	665.00
Certified Copies	1,303.00
Municipal Agent Program	23,820.00
Voter Check List	275.00
Dredge & Fill	10.00
Boat Registration	9,039.45
Recordings	10.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Voter Registration Cards	6.00
Title Fees	5,172.00
Pole Licenses	120.00
Prior Year Returned Checks	40.50

TOTAL:

Remitted to Treasurer:

1,418,718.58

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Javitian

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Unaudited

All funds are invested in the New Hampshire Public Depository Investment Pool.

FUND	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			GRAND TOTAL
	Beginning Balance	Newly Created	Transferred Expended	Year End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	
Plalstow Cemetery	61,933.26	1,900.00		63,833.26	20,265.32	730.24	7,443.50	77,385.32
North Parish Cemetery	5,300.00			5,300.00	224.90	4.33	4.33	5,524.90
TOTAL:	67,233.26	1,900.00		69,133.26	20,490.22	734.57	7,447.83	82,910.22
Conservation Fund	16,000.00			16,000.00	13,798.13	238.99	1,000.00	29,037.12
Capital Reserve - Fire	125,000.00		122,419.98	2,580.02	11,370.47	237.28	11,580.02	2,607.75
Recreation Commission	1,013.12			1,013.12	158.13	9.27		1,180.52
P.E.G. Cable Access	144,579.83		16,774.30	127,805.53	6,539.08	1,148.31	7,225.70	128,267.22
Recreation Field	24,839.35		4,720.95	20,118.40	4,406.79	236.21	4,625.20	20,136.20
Conservation Forest	33,142.29			33,142.29	993.58	275.91		34,411.78
Internet Expenses	1,986.00	7,135.00	9,095.76	25.24	99.75	22.49	121.51	25.97
Fire Suppression	107,250.00	81,000.00	188,250.00		779.20	434.71	1,213.91	
Town Hall Expenses	0.00	81,000.00		81,000.00		232.56		81,232.56
TOTAL:	453,810.59	169,135.00	341,260.99	281,684.60	38,145.13	2,835.73	25,766.34	296,899.12
ALL FUNDS:	521,043.85	171,035.00	341,260.99	350,817.86	58,635.35	3,570.30	33,214.17	379,809.34

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, 2002, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 \$450,466 in its General Fund, which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 \$2,890,890 to \$2,440,424, 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, 2002 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

Wachon, Chulung & Co., PC

July 23, 2003

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long- Term Debt	2002	2001
ASSETS							
Cash and equivalents	\$ 7,731,787	\$ 93,852		\$ 312,344		\$ 8,137,983	\$ 7,754,179
Investments	252,800	504,707		584,226		1,341,733	1,170,048
Receivables:							
Taxes receivable	616,478					616,478	781,875
Notes receivable	53,572					53,572	104,546
Accounts receivable	39,941					39,941	37,994
Unbilled charges for service	51,388					51,388	46,035
Due from other funds	17,712		\$ 5,000	160,000		182,712	94,810
Due from other governments	47,969					47,969	
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations					\$ 1,478,937	1,478,937	1,693,767
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,811,647</u>	<u>\$ 598,559</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,570</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,937</u>	<u>\$ 11,950,713</u>	<u>\$ 11,683,254</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 100,542			\$ 202		\$ 100,744	\$ 171,420
Accrued expenses	59,523					59,523	43,496
Retainage payable			\$ 5,000			5,000	5,000
Deposits				312,344		312,344	480,975
Due to other funds	165,000	\$ 648		17,064		182,712	94,810
Due to other governments	5,272,007					5,272,007	4,861,572
Deferred revenue	900					900	
General long-term debt obligations					\$ 1,330,000	1,330,000	1,520,000
Capital lease obligations					81,150	81,150	123,051
Compensated absences payable					67,787	67,787	50,716
Total Liabilities	<u>5,597,972</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>329,610</u>	<u>1,478,937</u>	<u>7,412,167</u>	<u>7,351,040</u>
Fund Balances:							
Reserved:							
Reserved for endowments		10,550		67,233		77,783	74,933
Reserved for encumbrances	23,381					23,381	73,237
Reserved for long term receivables						-	53,572
Unreserved:							
Designated for future year's expenditures	299,404	482,579		639,237		1,421,220	1,157,787
Undesignated	2,890,890	104,782		20,490		3,016,162	2,972,685
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,213,675</u>	<u>597,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>726,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,538,546</u>	<u>4,332,214</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,811,647</u>	<u>\$ 598,559</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,570</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,937</u>	<u>\$ 11,950,713</u>	<u>\$ 11,683,254</u>

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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, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Expendable Trust	2002	2001
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 2,606,687		\$ 160,000	\$ 2,766,687	\$ 2,241,729
Licenses and permits	1,432,540			1,432,540	1,407,498
Intergovernmental revenues	486,045			486,045	454,394
Charges for service	262,789			262,789	217,588
Miscellaneous revenues	359,785	\$ 67,641	6,428	433,854	554,668
Total Revenues	<u>5,147,846</u>	<u>67,641</u>	<u>166,428</u>	<u>5,381,915</u>	<u>4,875,877</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	1,319,813			1,319,813	1,148,895
Public safety	1,535,793	4,194		1,539,987	1,390,858
Highways and streets	476,747			476,747	365,482
Health and welfare	118,427			118,427	71,737
Sanitation	573,734			573,734	533,869
Water distribution and treatment	34,893			34,893	31,460
Culture and recreation	123,780	295,405	10,835	430,020	424,441
Capital outlay	361,217	16,872	48,765	426,854	427,542
Debt service	257,958			257,958	266,487
Total Expenditures	<u>4,802,362</u>	<u>316,471</u>	<u>59,600</u>	<u>5,178,433</u>	<u>4,660,771</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>345,484</u>	<u>(248,830)</u>	<u>106,828</u>	<u>203,482</u>	<u>215,106</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds from capital leases				-	111,479
Operating transfers in	70,000	302,473	259,953	632,426	398,593
Operating transfers out	(562,426)	(70,000)		(632,426)	(398,593)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(492,426)</u>	<u>232,473</u>	<u>259,953</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,479</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(146,942)</u>	<u>(16,357)</u>	<u>366,781</u>	<u>203,482</u>	<u>326,585</u>
Fund Balances - January 1	3,360,617	614,268	272,456	4,247,341	3,920,756
Fund Balances - December 31	<u>\$ 3,213,675</u>	<u>\$ 597,911</u>	<u>\$ 639,237</u>	<u>\$ 4,450,823</u>	<u>\$ 4,247,341</u>

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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, 2002

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 2,569,667	\$ 2,606,687	\$ 37,020
Licenses and permits	1,414,787	1,432,540	17,753
Intergovernmental revenues	581,175	486,045	(95,130)
Charges for service	188,700	262,789	74,089
Miscellaneous revenues	293,487	359,785	66,298
Total Revenues	<u>5,047,816</u>	<u>5,147,846</u>	<u>100,030</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,364,226	1,333,025	31,201
Public safety	1,577,095	1,537,960	39,135
Highways and streets	490,089	429,312	60,777
Health and welfare	116,714	118,427	(1,713)
Sanitation	575,861	564,734	11,127
Water distribution and treatment	19,100	26,093	(6,993)
Culture and recreation	137,246	123,780	13,466
Capital outlay	572,562	361,217	211,345
Debt service	278,005	257,958	20,047
Total Expenditures	<u>5,130,898</u>	<u>4,752,506</u>	<u>378,392</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>(83,082)</u>	<u>395,340</u>	<u>478,422</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating transfers in	117,550	70,000	(47,550)
Operating transfers out	(606,860)	(562,426)	44,434
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(489,310)</u>	<u>(492,426)</u>	<u>(3,116)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(572,392)</u>	<u>(97,086)</u>	<u>475,306</u>
Fund Balance - January 1 - Budgetary Basis	<u>3,287,380</u>	<u>3,287,380</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance - December 31 - Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 2,714,988</u>	<u>\$ 3,190,294</u>	<u>\$ 475,306</u>

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EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
All Non-Expendable Trust Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	2002	(Memorandum Only) 2001
Operating Revenues:		
Investment income	\$ 1,342	\$ 3,205
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,342</u>	<u>3,205</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>1,342</u>	<u>3,205</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Non-Operating Income:		
Bequests	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Total Non Operating Income	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Net Income	2,850	2,800
Fund Balances - January 1	<u>84,873</u>	<u>82,073</u>
Fund Balances - December 31	<u>\$ 87,723</u>	<u>\$ 84,873</u>

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Non-Expendable Trust Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	2002	(Memorandum Only) 2001
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Investment income	\$ 1,342	\$ 3,205
Cash paid for services	-	(5,130)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>1,342</u>	<u>(1,925)</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Bequests	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Net increase in investments	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>(875)</u>
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>(875)</u>
Net increase in Cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Net Operating Income	\$ -	\$ -
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	10	(160)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	<u>1,332</u>	<u>(1,765)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,342</u>	<u>\$ (1,925)</u>

See notes to financial statements



REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

When I started this job in 1971, there were only half as many roads and half the population as today. Over the past 30 years, the duties and responsibilities of the Animal Control Department have grown tremendously. Almost 1,000 dogs are licensed each year in Plaistow. The Animal Control Officer is now provided with a Town truck to respond to calls and help transport animals, traps and supplies. Another of my responsibilities as the Animal Control Officer is to work jointly with the Health Officer to protect the community from mosquitoes that could carry West Nile Virus.

There has been a housing boom in recent years. With the increase in development, there has been a corresponding decrease in animal habitat. Beaver have caused flooding and property damage. With the assistance of the Highway Department, the beavers are trapped and the dams are removed to limit damage. It is important that residents report suspected beaver activity.

LIST OF CALLS

General Information	1150
Lost Feline	40
Reported Canine Bites	4
Canine Pick-up	31
Canines Licensed	976
Bat Problems	5
Beaver Dams	9
Raccoon Deaths	19
Deceased Birds Removed	37
Feline Car Deaths	31
Deer Hit by Cars	7
Skunks Trapped	18
Woodchucks Hit by Cars	11
Squirrel Problems	15
Lost Canine	62
Unrestrained Canines	192
Canine Car Deaths	11
Animals in Chimneys	7
Beaver Removals	34
Woodchuck Trapped	14
Opossums Live Trapped	8
Fox Hit by Cars	5
Skunk Car Deaths	9
Snake Problems	3
Bear Problems	8



Animal Control Officer Donald Sargent with
a beaver trapped in Plaistow

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sargent

Animal Control Officer



REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

Property values in Plaistow have seen dramatic changes over the past 50 years. Many people now pay more for a car than they paid for a home 50 years ago. Assessments have changed over the years to keep up with these changes.

Our last full revaluation was in 1999. At that time all properties were inspected over a six-month period, and appraised all at one time. This resulted in some drastic changes in assessments, which caused hardship to many taxpayers faced with sharply increased tax bills. This also proved that some taxpayers had not been paying their fair share while others had been paying more than their fair share.

State law requires assessments to be based upon market value each year. As a result of the impact of the revaluation in 1999 and state law, the Selectmen implemented a policy to keep assessments current on an ongoing basis. This avoids the drastic changes in tax bills caused by revaluations every five to ten years. It also keeps the system much fairer and is cost effective. The Assessors Office is responsible, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for keeping assessments current with market value.

The Town is following a cycled inspection process where 25% of all properties are inspected each year on a continuing basis. We do this so that we may be confident that the data we rely upon to generate assessments is accurate.

Since 1999, we have also updated assessment values 3 times in response to the increasing real estate market. While these updates in assessed values do cause some shifting of the tax burden from some properties to others, the changes are much less drastic than when a full revaluation occurs.

These changing assessments do cause some changes to individual tax bills, but the total overall taxes collected by the Town are not changed. Overall taxes are determined by spending decisions made at the annual Town Meeting, at the annual School District Meeting, by the County Delegation and from revenue decisions made by the NH Legislature. It is these decisions that determine the overall taxes to be raised for the year.

To help demonstrate how this works, consider the total taxes to be raised in the Town to be a pie. The size of the pie is determined by the spending and funding decisions of the Town, School, County and State. Each individual taxpayer is responsible for a slice of that pie that should be the ratio of their property value compared to all property in the Town. Individual assessments determine what share of the pie each taxpayer will pay. For example, if a taxpayer is paying $1/10,000^{\text{th}}$ of a pie (total taxes) that totals \$14,000,000, the taxpayer will owe \$1,400. If the assessor increases the taxpayer's assessment 30%, but the total of all assessments also go up 30%, the person's share will still be $1/10,000^{\text{th}}$ and the tax bill will not change. However if the total tax pie (total taxes) grows to \$15,000,000, that same $1/10,000^{\text{th}}$ will be \$1,500. Assessment changes do not change the size of the pie (amount of total taxes for the whole Town).



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

The assessing Department also helps people with exemptions.

Elderly Exemption

To qualify, applicant must:

- be 65 years of age or older on or before April 1st in the year they're applying.
- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1st.
- total household income cannot exceed \$30,000 if single, or \$36,000 if married.
- all sources of income are included.
- total assets cannot exceed \$60,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on. Everything else would be included.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- ages 65 to 74 - \$80,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 75 to 79 - \$110,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 80 and over - \$140,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.

Totally and Permanently Disabled

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1st
- be totally and permanently disabled and collecting Social Security.
- total household income cannot exceed \$30,000 if single, or \$36,000 if married.
- all sources of income are included.
- total assets cannot exceed \$60,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on. Everything else would be included.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$110,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.

Blind Exemption

To qualify, applicant must:

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

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

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



Veteran's Tax Credit:

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1st in the year exemption is claimed.
- have served at least 90 consecutive days of active duty during a wartime period and honorably discharged. A copy of paperwork showing date of entry and date of discharge must be supplied at time of application.

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

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$100 will be deducted from the taxes for a standard veteran credit and \$1400 (warrant article in 2004 to increase this amount to \$2,000) for a veteran with a service connected total and permanent disability.

Other restrictions may apply.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wil Corcoran

Corcoran Consulting



Town Manager's Executive Secretary Nicole S. Carr conducting
a tour of the Town Hall for Pollard School Students



REPORT OF THE BEEDE REUSE COMMITTEE

Over a long period of time, the site known as the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site was used for disposal of petroleum products. By the late 1980s and early 1990s, it was clear that the environment was being contaminated by the oil recycling.

Following active involvement by the Community and with the assistance of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the polluting activities on the site were stopped and immediate efforts taken to start reducing the impact of contamination on neighboring properties. The EPA and DES has since worked to determine how best to clean up the site and who would be responsible to pay for that clean-up, since the owners were financially unable to do so.

In 2003, Plaistow took a giant leap forward in finally getting the former Beede Waste Oil site cleaned up. Plaistow received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for \$99,350 to study possible reuses of the site. The EPA has taken that information and will soon be deciding on how to clean up the site, including what level of clean up to implement on the site.

One of the uses of the grant money was to hire CMA Engineering Company out of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. With their help, the committee held several public hearings and gathered input from the community on what they would like to see done with the site after clean up is finished. The committee received a lot of valuable input from the community and came up with a plan on how the site should be reused after clean up. Those ideas include senior housing, recreation uses, and a community center. In November, Town Manager John Scruton and Selectman Larry Gil went to a Brownfield's conference in Portland, Oregon, and received information on how polluted sites can be turned around and made into valuable assets for the community. Many examples of clean-up for residential uses were discussed and some sites were visited.

The Record of Decision (ROD) was issued in January 2004. The Committee will reconvene to discuss what the EPA's clean up strategy is. The committee will also continue to discuss options on site ownership and access. We would like to remind the public that all meetings are open and we encourage all to participate.

The committee would like to thank Jim Dilozenzo, John Podgurski and Angela Bonarrigo from the EPA and Bob Minicucci and Dick Pease from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for their help and guidance during these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Gray
Chairman



REPORT OF THE BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Prior to 1946 there was no such thing as a Building Inspector in the Town of Plaistow. In 1950 the "code" that was in place was called the Building Zone Code. A permit to build a new home cost a mere \$2.00, compared to the nearly \$6,000.00 (once impact fees are calculated) that new residential construction brings into the town today.

The Building & Code Enforcement Department continues to serve the Plaistow residents. Permits continue to be issued at fast pace. As of December 31 this office issued 210 building permits. It has been noted that there are many more permits being requested by residents improving their homes, versus new homes being built. Plaistow residents know that this is a great place to live and continue to develop their properties and stay in the community.

Plaistow homeowners continue to ask all the right questions showing the desire to be educated consumers. We in the department are always more than happy to answer whatever questions people have, whether they are from potential or long-term residents. What is important to us is that the health, safety and welfare of the residents is protected, and that is what the permit process is all about. Permits mean that proper inspections are done, protecting our residents and the valuable investments that their homes represent.

The Building & Code Enforcement Department has a great support team. Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector, and Jim Flathers, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector, continue to give superior service to the residents of the town. The process of tracking permits has been refined making the contractors more accountable in the inspections process, providing yet another layer of protection for the homeowner. Dee Voss (aka "Dee Boss") is the face that most of you know from the office. She continues to develop her knowledge of the town and our department. If she doesn't know the answer, she can usually point you in the right direction.

Our department continues to meet its goal of collecting enough revenue to fund our own budget line. It's very important to us that the residents get value for their tax dollar. As of December 31 our revenue stands at \$94,377.87 compared to last year's total of \$88,360.25.

The new permitting software has been challenging to learn and we can already see the potential for expanded use. Now when a building permit is issued, all in the department have online access to the information. Soon we will be incorporating the next layer of the program.

We have also started to use a new Pictometry software package, which was primarily acquired for assessing use. This software provides us with an aerial overview of all of Plaistow. Our office has found it to be a great help when evaluating zoning for a building permit application. This is another example of how the departments are blending together to share information and service the residents more efficiently.

We continue to work very closely with the Zoning Board of Adjustment, offering them information and support. We have recently started to include staff reports with each ZBA



application to provide the Board with better details. It makes the meetings run more smoothly and continues to result in fair decisions.

This office also continues to assist the Planning Board with the review process when new commercial development comes to town. The Technical Review Committee, which reviews all the technical aspects of a commercial plan, will soon be revised and we welcome the opportunity to continue to be part of this invaluable evaluation process.

The Building & Code Enforcement Department is here to assist property owners with all their building needs. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by or call us at 382-1191 X20 anytime!

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Dorman

Chief Building Official



Old Home Day Parade



REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a support document to the Master Plan and like the Master Plan it is strictly a planning document. The CIP Committee is charged by the Planning Board to prepare an annual CIP and present it to the Planning Board for approval. The CIP Committee then presents the approved plan to the Board of Selectmen and to the Budget Committee to aid them in preparing the annual budget. The CIP Committee is made up of members from the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, the Town Manager and the Planning Coordinator.

Plaistow has had an active CIP for almost a decade and each year it gets refined so that the capital needs of Plaistow can be easily seen not only for the current year but also for future years. The CIP has detailed estimates projected for 6 years (a CIP standard planning interval). Since many of the capital replacement costs, such as fire apparatus, have a longer life cycle than 6 years, this year we also made annual estimates for years 2010 through 2015.

Each year we review and update, if necessary, capital reserve accounts for fire apparatus, highway department vehicles, Town Hall renovations and water lines for the fire suppression system. The goal of all such accounts is to have a balance of a sufficient quantity such that the capital needs can be met by the capital reserve account without having to raise any additional tax dollars.

The CIP serves one other important purpose. When a CIP is in place and maintained, it allows towns to impose impact fees on developers. Impact fees are used to offset the cost of capital expenses that are caused by growth, that is, the new development. In 2003, Plaistow collected impact fees to offset costs relating to Route 125 improvements, recreational facilities, school improvements and the Public Safety Complex expansion.

The school impact fees (approximately \$160,000) were sent to the State Department of Revenue and directly reduced the amount calculated as Plaistow's share of the school district capital budget.

The Route 125 improvement fees have been used to pay for a local match to synchronize the traffic lights along Route 125 (to be completed in 2004) and for our share of the study conducted in partnership with Haverhill to improve the Main Street, Rt 125, Cushing Avenue, and Haseltine Street intersections. The study has been completed and we are waiting for a presentation of the results. We have an approximate balance of \$150,000 for all the impact fees collected to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore

Chairman

10/01/03	As Approved by Planning Board October 1, 2003										Est. major items next 6 years 2010 to 16
	T. Meet. 2002	T. Meet. 2002 Bud	2003	T. Meet. 2003 Bud	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	04to 09
Transportation											
Loader	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000					40,000
Pick-up						40,000					40,000
Dump Truck										85,000	85,000
One Ton Dump					59,000						59,000
Backhoe								70,000			70,000
Cap Funding for above dpw veh. (excl loader til 08)(see at end of page 3)											
Sale of vehicles					59,000	80,000	60,000	45,800	45,800		315,800
Garden Road Bridge					-5,000	-3,000		-5,000	-5,000		-18,000
Slate Bridge Aid							104,000		416,000		520,000
Highway Capital Projects/drainage	123,593	122,815	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	-418,000		-416,000
Rev. Block Grant (offset see Bldg)	-123,593	-122,815	-123,593	-127,718			-96,148	-127,716	-127,718		420,000
Road Surface Management Projects	70,000	70,000	198,195	127,718	50,000	198,195	247,744	247,744	247,744		-479,296
Building Insp Pick-up											1239,170
Main St. Elm St. Sidewalks	242,000	242,000							18,000		18,000
Sidewalk Grant	-193,800	-193,800									0
Subtotal	138,400	138,400	164,802	90,000	194,000	345,195	385,598	230,828	253,628	230,828	1639,674
Town Buildings	2002	02 T. Meet	2003		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	04to 09
Town Hall Windows	20,000	20,000									0
Town Hall ramp	35,000	35,000									0
Town Hall Architect			19,500								0
Town Hall Elevator/stairs											0
Town Hall Sprinkler											210,000
Town Hall Zones for Heating and ductwork											40,000
Asbestos Removal/floor work Town Hall			10,000								13,500
Capital Reserve for 5 projects above			81,000	81,000	131,000	81,000					0
Grant		6370			-50,000						212,000
Institutional Fiber Network					30,000						-80,000
Ventilation for Fire Bays	10,000	0	50,500	50,448							30,000
Safety Complex rooftop units	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100					0
Land for expan. of cemetery and Saf. Co	100,000	17,000	8,500		10,000	50,000		550,000			14,500
Expansion/renovation Safety Complex					-10,000			-350,000	100,000		200,000
Rev. for Safety Complex Expans											0
Bond for Exp. Safety Complex	45,000	3,000									610,000
Resurface Parking Lot											-10,000
Library Bond (Final pay 2009 or sooner)	258,005	258,505	249,504	249,504	241,004	232,503	224,002	215,502	202,750	198,501	1314,282
Library Rev. (Pay off sooner possible)	-70,000	-70,000	-70,000	(70,000)	-70,000	-70,000	-70,000	-70,000	-70,000	-70,000	-420,000
Cable set-up and Cable Building	129,217	129,217				100,000					100,000
Cable Revenue		-129,217				-50,000					-80,000
Salt shed							35,000				35,000
Highway Garage					2,000	240,000					242,000
Block Grant offsetting (net)					-127,718	-127,716	(31,568)				-287,000
Recreation Building							180,000				160,000
Subtotal	406,106	276,876	328,604	318,052	163,388	482,887	317,434	345,502	232,750	228,501	1750,462

Hwy \$40/sq foot at 8,000 sq ft.
Salt shed fabric based on other towns

	2002 02 T. Meet	2003 T. Meet 03	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	04 to 09	2010 to 15
Town Hall Services										
Records Management		15,000		10,000					10,000	
Elections Voting Machines		15,000							0	15,000
Copier	9,000									
Computers, Software	26,000	6,000	8,000	26,000	6,000	9,000	10,000	8,000	10,000	10,000
Printers	3,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,500	6,000	1,500	62,000	148,000
Subtotal	26,000	22,500	9,500	37,500	7,500	13,500	17,500	9,500	13,000	9,000
Fire Suppression Water										
Capital Reserve for below projects	109,750	200,000		118,250	118,250	118,250	118,250	118,250	280,000	709,500
In Water Budget	109,750	11,000	280,000		25,500	200,000	100,000	150,000	591,260	
Drinking Water Source					ibid	340,000			280,000	
Kingston Road										
Library to Forest										
Forest to Shaw's										
Maple to 125										
North loop 125 (depend on State apx. \$250,000)										
Chadwick-Library										
Elm Street Loop										
Subtotal	109,750	118,250	280,000	118,250	118,250	118,250	118,250	118,250	871,260	709,500
School Capital Bond										
(based on 37.19% assess share)										
Nat. Resources and Rec.										
Conservation Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000	30,000
Recreation Fields	0	200,000	250,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	260,000	300,000
Grant for Fields	-100,000	-100,000							0	0
Beebe Oil Clean-up	25,000								0	0
Master Plan	16,000								0	0
Drinking Water Source									0	0
Purchase of open space									0	0
Subtotal	105,000	105,000	255,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	280,000	330,000
Fire/Rescue										
Capital Reserve for Fire										
Engine 1	300,000	308,000		80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	445,000	480,000
Use of Cap reserve	-133,000	-134,000	45,000						0	0
Use of Lease Purchase (in 02 \$10k used	-87,000	-82,000	35,000						36,000	0
Command Vehicle									160,000	0
Rescue 8 (order in 07 for 08)									-160,000	0
Use of Capital Reserve									0	0
Snorkel or other truck (\$300,000)									480,000	480,000
Subtotal	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	480,000	480,000
Police										
Cruiser Lease Purchase	22,750	22,750	58,000	60,000	62,000	64,000	86,000	88,000	378,000	408,000
Cruiser replacement	80,000	27,000	-5,700	-5,700	-5,700	-5,700	-5,700	-5,700	-34,200	(34,200)
Sale of used cruisers	-5,700	-3,000							50,000	200,000
Dispatch Console		183,000			50,000				0	0
Grant for Console		-23,000							84,000	
From surplus see 2001		-100,000							0	
Mobile Data Terminals	72,500	76,125			64,000					

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

In the year 2003, nothing unusual occurred. Everything went along on a regular day to day existence. There were not specific projects planned; only maintaining the cemetery in a state of readiness and beauty.

The year 2004 will witness the opening of a new section of the cemetery. The numbers have been obtained and will be placed, so that we will be able to start selling lots in this section by mid June 2004. These lots will be available on a need or a pre-need basis.

Anyone wishing to purchase lots is advised to make arrangements with the Selectmen's Executive Secretary at the Town Hall, sometime after June 21, 2004. It would be a wise decision to make your choices before these lots are all gone. The lots are available to all and are sold on a first come, first sold basis.

As always it has been a pleasure to serve your needs through the years and look forward to helping you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Rood

Cemetery Sexton



Pollard School Students planting an elm tree in Pollard Park



REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

I'm pleased to present this report as Chairman and on behalf of the Committee.

The Conflict of Interest Committee has been meeting the third Tuesday of each month since being elected to office in the Town election in March 2002.

The Committee is dedicated to serving the best interests of all the citizens of the Community with Town Officials who continue to keep the Town a good, growing, clean and safe place to live.

There have been no Petitions of Alleged Violation(s) of the Town of Plaistow Conflict of Interest Ordinance filed with the Committee to date; however, there has been much interest with interpreting the Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

The Committee is available to review Petitions of Alleged Violation(s) at any time. Required forms to file a Petition may be acquired from the Town's Internet site at plaistow.com, at the Town Hall entryway in a plastic wall organizer, from the Town's Secretary, or may be picked up at one of the Committee's regular open meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, or by writing to the Conflict of Interest Committee, PO Box 903, Plaistow NH 03865. Also, a copy of the Ordinance and a copy of the Petition form is available at the Plaistow Public Library and may be photocopied.

The Committee is willing to discuss and/or to clarify sections of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for citizens of the Community at our regular monthly meeting, or by contacting its Chairman.

Petition of Alleged Violation(s) forms must be mailed to Town of Plaistow Conflict of Interest Committee, PO Box 903, Plaistow, NH, 03865. These will be processed at non-public Conflict of Interest Committee meetings.

The Committee is in the process of gathering information in order to assemble Conflict of Interest and Ethics Committee members from area towns to exchange ideas to better serve the Communities.

The Committee has sent information on the Committee's meeting days and where to obtain copies of the Ordinance and Petition forms to area newspapers and the Plaistow cable channel.

I would like to thank the other members of the Committee, Ruth Santosuosso, Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary; Dennis Lupi, and Joyce Ingerson for all the hard work, commitment and time that they have dedicated to this Committee for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Birmingham
Chairman



REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2003 proved to be another very busy and very successful year for the Conservation Commission. As in previous years, we can attribute our success to the dedication of the parents, leaders and Boy Scouts of Troop 18 working together in supporting Eagle Scout projects in the Town Forest. This year's Eagle Scout candidates Ben Major and Brian Beaulieu led teams to complete 2 bridges over Kelley Brook so that we can all enjoy the Town Forest trails and keep our feet dry!

This year for the first time, Conservation Commissions from Plaistow, Atkinson, Hampstead, Newton, Kingston, Sandown and Danville met to share common interests, problems and solutions. Our own Town Forest borders on land owned and protected by Atkinson and Hampstead and we are in the process of working with Atkinson and Hampstead on a common set of regulations for the Town Forest and surrounding conservation lands.

A highlight for us all occurred during the first week of June when we were asked by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to attend its annual National Source Water Protection Conference to present the Source Water Protection Plan that we completed in 2002 and started to implement in 2003. Jill Senter and I had the honor of attending this conference on behalf of Plaistow and Jill did an absolutely outstanding job of presenting our Source Water Plan. Thanks to Jill and thanks to all of the other members (Larry Gil, Pat Ginty, Charles Blinn, and Steve Curran) who provided help and support to Jill and getting her prepared for the conference. Our friends at the Northeast Rural Water Association (NeRWA) helped us with the Source Water Plan and also made the contacts at the EPA who then extended the invitation to speak at the conference.

We are continuing to work on the implementation of our Source Water Protection plan and to work with the schools through Project WET (Water Education for Teachers). We also continue to work with the Conservation Law Foundation on a review of all Plaistow's water resource zoning and site review regulations. The review should be completed this year and we will present any recommended changes to the Planning Board. We continue to work on our project to locate, classify and place into our Geographical Information System (GIS) database information about all of the drainage structures such as catch basins, culverts, swales and retention ponds that are located in Plaistow.

Lots of interesting work is going on and we can always use help. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission or would like to help out on any project, please contact us at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore

Chairman



REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Over the years, the role of Emergency Management has evolved. Initially called Civil Defense, its primary focus was instruction of the community for building bomb shelters for storage of food and water in anticipation of a possible nuclear attack. Secondly, it taught children to seek protection under their desks while in school in event of an attack.

In the 1970s its role changed toward responding to natural disasters within the community. When disasters occurred, the department provided the needed resources to the residents of the town based upon pre-planning.

Civil Defense became Emergency Management in the 1980s. Now the emphasis is on planning for natural, man-made, biological and terrorists incidents. However, since 9/11/01 the Federal Government has unified many agencies and their resources into one department under Homeland Security. This merger of resources requires a greater degree of threat assessments by all community services. Our newest role is to evaluate our local required resources and to plan for providing these resources. Small pox, terrorists incidents planning, bio-terrorist training, Weapons of Mass Destruction and SARS have become the focal point of Local and Statewide training.

The Emergency Management Department has been very successful in securing grants for the Safety Complex. A matching grant for \$4,072.00 was used for a new phone system that was installed in the Safety Complex. A second matching grant was obtained for \$8,173.32. This grant included \$4,487.95 toward the cost of voice/data lines installed at the Safety Complex and \$3,685.37 toward renovating the Emergency Operations Center, located in the Fire Department Training Hall. This small conference room will provide a work area for department heads during an emergency. A second room was constructed with workstations used daily by the Fire Department. In times of emergency, these workstations will be available for emergency communications, such as dispatch.

Statewide 911 mapping has been completed. The Town's GIS map was provided to the State and they will perform the up-dates needed. This will be an ongoing project on which Emergency Management will work jointly with the State 911 agency.

In the coming year, the State Office of Emergency Management will be funding a project for the Rockingham Planning Commission to complete a detailed hazard analysis of potential natural hazards, technological hazards and civil hazards for the Town of Plaistow.

I would like to invite persons interested in assisting their fellow citizens during times of emergency to contact me at the Emergency Operations Center, by phone at 382-5847 or via e-mail at emergency@plaistow.com.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Scully

Director



REPORT OF THE FAMILY MEDIATION & JUVENILE SERVICES OF SOUTHERN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Last year, our twentieth in operation, we provided services to 630 youth and parents from the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem. Our programs include: Parent/Child Mediation; Peer Mediation; Challenge Course (Drug and Alcohol Abuse); TLC (Anger Management); Parental Education in conjunction with the Challenge and TLC courses; SSTOP (Stop Shoplifting Teens Option Program); Up In Smoke (Tobacco Education); Community Service and Restitution Program as well as various workshops and presentations.

In addition to receiving funds from the above towns, Heritage United Way, and Rockingham County DCYF, we also received grant money from the Timberlane Regional School District to sustain the parenting component for the Challenge and TLC Courses for 2003. These classes have been a tremendous success. They assist parents to learn alternative skills of communicating and interacting with their youth, allowing a better understanding of their youth's daily challenges. The outcome is a more creative, positive family dynamic, which leads to decreased high-risk behavior at home and in the community.

The Peer Mediation workshops at Sanborn and Timberlane Regional High Schools have been well received by the youth, parents and the schools. Today, more than ever, a program such as this is needed to build positive self-esteem and role models within the school system as well as the community.

Other activities include:

- Mediation cases increased 11% over 2002;
- Youth placed at community service sites-712 hours of service returned to the community;
- \$2,992 in monetary restitution was returned to the victims;
- Our resource/referral book has been updated by an extremely industrious volunteer intern;
- New fundraising efforts have been initiated, allowing us to sustain and improve programs;
- Hampstead's Health Fair and Project Respect were again attended with great success;
- We continued to expand Tobacco Education workshops in area schools;
- Participated in Salem Middle School's Read-to-Lead Day;
- Round-table meetings with area police and school personnel were attended regularly;
- Facilitated Parent/Child Mediation training for eight new mediators;
- Sponsored Red Ribbon week at local libraries and town halls; and
- 45 people attended our Annual Gathering held in appreciation for the volunteers.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is dedicated to serving area youth and families. We would again like to thank the townspeople, judges, donors, volunteers (mediators, community service supervisors, donors, etc.) and the staff, who make it all possible.

Family Mediation Board of Directors

Andrea Bonner, *Kingston*
Dale Childs, *Hampstead*
Judith Cogswell, *Danville*

Debra DeSimone, *Atkinson*
Dick Gerrish, *Kingston*
Arline Grant, *Hampstead*
Kathleen Marino, *Newton*

Wade Parsons, *Danville*
Lawrence Streeter, *Newton*
Martha Sumner, *Plaistow*



REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department came into being in 1916 as a result of having no organized method of dealing with fires in the community. Changes that were made over the years were accomplished with the common goal of improving the service to the community. Through several attempts at Town Meetings in the early 1900s to establish an organization and purchase equipment for fire suppression it is apparent that the goal back then is the same as it is now: to provide a service to the community that is necessary, has great value, and at minimal cost. Each change has been driven by the need of the community. As the community grew and developed, so did the capabilities of the Fire Department.

In researching some of the more prominent history of the Fire Department, retiring Chief John A. Palmer reported in his final Town Report of 1969 that "When I became chief in 1932, we had one pumper, one hose truck and a chemical truck with less than 200 feet of two and one-half inch hose. Today we have four trucks of over 500 gallon per minute pumping capacity; one truck with 750 pumping capacity; a tank truck with 250 gallons per minute pumping capacity and carries a thousand gallons of water; a war surplus trailer truck that has a capacity of 500 gallons per minute. The total amount of water carried by these trucks is 4,000 gallons. We carry over 5,000 feet of one and one-half inch hose."

Today, some 34 years later, we have 3 trucks that can each pump in excess of 1,500 gallons per minute, a medium duty rescue, a 75' aerial and over 8,000 gallons of water in our trucks. We carry several thousand feet of large diameter hose (4" and 5" diameter) as well as the smaller diameter handlines and have installed foam extinguishing systems on the 3 high capacity pumping trucks. The department staff has gone from an all call department as indicated in Chief Palmer's report to a combination full-time/call department today, the rate of hourly compensation going from \$0.50 to \$12.50.

The Fire Department is a multifaceted organization comprised primarily of your neighbors who volunteer their time and efforts to serve the community. As with most Fire Departments, we provide fire suppression and emergency medical services to the Town. In addition, we are actively engaged in Fire Prevention activities in conjunction with the schools and daycare facilities. These activities plant the seed for fire safety in youngsters which they hopefully carry with them throughout their lives. Our program has been expanded to deliver age appropriate material for grades K-5. At the request of the Timberlane Regional High School, our Emergency Medical Services staff assist with Health and Safety classes at the High School as part of the first aid component of their class work. This brings a different perspective into the classroom regarding the role of EMS in the community. Students are taught how the Fire Department operates with respect to medical emergencies, they learn about the various equipment that are used and how community-based CPR programs can make a difference in saving a life.

This year saw several significant improvements in our capability to serve the community and to protect the health and wellbeing of our employees. In March, we took delivery of our newest piece of fire apparatus. The town purchased a custom engine from Kovatch Mobile Equipment. The specification for this engine was developed by the members of the



department based on the needs of the community and advances in firefighting technology. It is equipped with the standard items one would find on a typical engine. In addition, it is outfitted with an integral Class A foam system that effectively increases the amount of water it carries. This system allows us to use less water to extinguish fires, thereby minimizing additional damage to property.

Along with the truck, we completed the installation of our apparatus bay exhaust ventilation system. This equipment removes all vehicle exhaust gases from the interior of the building without contaminating the air in the station. Since the addition of full-time staff to the department, this has been a priority to ensure they are not exposed to harmful gases of combustion. In the short time the system has been in operation, we have noticed a significant improvement in the overall air quality in the apparatus bay and the administration areas of the Fire Station.

Plaistow Fire Department was also the recipient of several state and federal grants this year. Each grant awarded to the town brings additional funds for equipment or services to enhance our overall preparedness. In the case of these grants, we can only purchase items or services that meet fairly strict guidelines. In this manner, the taxpayer is assured that funds are expended in their best interest.

Through the Homeland Security Grant program of the Federal Government, the town was eligible for specific equipment for increasing our capabilities as first responders. With the cooperation of Police Chief Savage, the Fire Department used the funds to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera, an intercom system for our primary tank truck and a maintenance system for our portable radio batteries. Each of these items will enhance our capability to better serve the needs of the Town.

We were also the recipients of a \$50,000 federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant award. We submitted a proposal to replace our 'Jaws of Life' that have been in service for nearly twenty years. The original equipment, purchased for the Department by the Plaistow Lions Club, has served the town extremely well. Age and advances in technology prompted us to look at the various options available for replacement of this vitally important piece of equipment. We are planning a complete replacement of all the hydraulic rescue tools and provide a secondary set of tools for multiple alarms. This upgrade will be funded by a combination of the federal funds and a 10% match from the community. At this time, it appears the 10% match will come in the form of generous donations from other non-profit organizations within the town.

The NH Department of Justice issued grants in support of anti-terrorism activities this year. We were awarded funding to purchase, at no cost to the town, a supply of hazardous materials decontamination equipment. We coordinated our purchase with the parent Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District so that all equipment is compatible across the district.

The last grant we received was from the NH Department of Forests and Lands. Every year, they issue a 50% match for equipment used in wildland/forest fires. This year we proposed to purchase lightweight fire retardant shirts for members of the department. This will eliminate their use of traditional bunker gear during wildland fire activities which could lead to heat



exhaustion under moderately warm conditions. The Firemens Association provided the necessary 50% matching funds.

Looking towards the coming year, we are looking at starting an outreach program to assist the residents with fire safety and prevention. The focus of our current program involves children in the elementary grades. On a national level, the second largest group that has statistically been victim to fire are the elderly. The basic components of the program would begin with a general fire safety review of their homes, check their smoke detectors, provide smoke detectors (if needed) and an over all well being check of the resident. This program has yet to be fully developed, but will be one of our goals for the coming year. We are proposing to work with the Town's Human Services Department to identify those residents who might benefit from this type of program.

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

2003 Summary of Fire Calls

- 11 Auto Fires
- 9 Boiler/Heater Malfunctions
- 7 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- 122 Fire Alarm Activations
- 11 Hazardous Materials Incidents
- 125 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 11 Mutual Aid (provided)
- 10 Odor Investigations
- 5 Public Assists
- 465 Rescue
- 11 Smoke Investigations
- 7 Structure Fires
- 2 Woods/Grass/Brush Fires
- 37 Other (non-specific)

Respectfully submitted,

John McArdle
Fire Chief



REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department responsibilities have continued to expand with an extremely busy and productive year. The mandatory, routine inspections performed by this department include food establishments, childcare facilities and septic systems. These are vital components in assuring the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Plaistow. Additional responsibilities include enforcing health and safety standards for rental housing, investigating nuisance complaints or dangers to public health and safety and serving as a local resource on a wide variety of public health issues and topics.

Many public health concerns were highlighted in the media this past year. These included Smallpox, Bioterrorism, SARS, Monkeypox, West Nile Virus and Influenza. All of these concerns have had an impact on health departments across the country, and also here in Plaistow. The Plaistow Health Resource library consists of information on:

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| ▪ Air Quality | ▪ Foodservice Operation | ▪ Influenza | ▪ SARS |
| ▪ Anthrax | ▪ Health Alert Network | ▪ Licensing | ▪ Sheltering |
| ▪ Arsenic | ▪ Health Ordinances | ▪ Lyme Disease | ▪ Smallpox |
| ▪ Bioterrorism | ▪ Homeland Security | ▪ Monkeypox | ▪ Ticks |
| ▪ Emergency Management | ▪ Housing Issues | ▪ Mosquito Control | ▪ Water Quality |
| ▪ Emergency Preparedness | ▪ Hurricane Preparedness | ▪ Rabies | ▪ Water Testing |
| ▪ Foodborne Illnesses | ▪ Indoor Air Quality | ▪ Radon | ▪ West Nile Virus |

Activities focusing on enhancing local preparedness to address these concerns have occurred and have provided a foundation for assessing, developing or improving existing procedures. Some of these public health concerns may develop or redevelop in the future and the importance of training, developing a plan and being prepared will be evident in protecting the health and safety of the Plaistow community.

Plaistow has recently been selected to participate in a community collaborative with Greater Derry Community Health Services, Inc., to promote local public health services and improve local response capacity for public health threats and emergencies. This collaborative will be part of the New Hampshire Public Health Network that has been developed to assure the health and safety of all NH residents. Currently, 12 collaboratives that include 87 towns and cities are participating in the Public Health Network, which represents about 60% of the NH population. Additional collaboratives will be added to the network in 2004. This is an exciting opportunity for Plaistow to work with our community and state partners to address complex public health issues and prioritize the needs of our region.

In closing, a special thanks to the staff of the Town Hall, Fire, Police, Emergency Management, Highway Department and Animal Control for their assistance and support in enabling the Health Department to function effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennise Horrocks

Health Officer



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Highway Department which consists of Supervisor Dan Garlington, Foreman Glen Peabody and Laborers Dana Rabito and Aaron Shea strive to make the roads of Plaistow as safe as possible throughout the year. Over the years this department has had to continually adapt to the ever changing advancements in road maintenance. In 1957 there were 54 streets in Plaistow maintained by the Highway Department. During this time period streets were "oiled." This meant a petroleum product referred to as "oil" was applied to the roads and then a coat of sand was placed on top of the "oil." Cars traveled on the roadways packing the sand down for a safe but rough roadway. Today the Highway Department services 127 roads. Roads are treated with a shim-overlay system. The shim is used to shape the roads and the overlay is used to smooth the surface for travel. The roadways of Plaistow are kept safe for travel by both in-house resources and hired outside contractors. The combination of these two sources is extremely important in maintaining safe traveling within Plaistow's roadway infrastructure.

Mother Nature was very busy from October of 2002 thru mid-May 2003. Thirty-two winter-time storm events occurred during this seven-month time span. Some storms were as simple as wet roads that froze, to major snowstorms with 14 to 15 inches of snow accumulation. However, the most costly storms in 2003, were the type that accumulated 1 to 3 inches. Of the 32 storm events, 24 were less than 4 inches of snow and ice. The reason this type of storm is expensive is that they usually require several applications of salt before it's time to plow. In 2003, one storm cost the Town \$24,869.00. In 1954, the winter maintenance budget was \$4,000.00. In comparison this one storm cost more than 6 times the entire 1954 snow maintenance budget. During the 2003 season we used approximately 2,000 tons of salt and 600 yards of sand. Mixed in with these "pidly" storms were 4 storms of 10 inches or greater. We received a storm the day after Christmas amounting to 13 inches and on Patriots Day we received 14 inches of snow. It was a long winter for everyone and we were grateful to the dedicated staff of the highway department and the many outside contractors for a job well done. Each storm took these hard working individuals from the comfort of their families and homes.

Following the long winter, it was time for spring clean up. We started by hiring F.B. Hale Company from Hudson, NH, to sweep all our roads. This took seventy-one hours to complete. Sweeping the roads removes any of the sand and salt left from the winter treatments.

After the roadways were swept, we hired L&D Safety Marking from Barre, VT, to repair the yellow center lines of all our main roads. TriState Striping of Greenland, NH, reestablished or in some cases established all the stop bars at all Town maintained intersections. Both of these procedures are important in maintaining safe travel.

The Town hired Continental Paving from Londonderry, NH, to apply approximately 7,800 tons of hot top. The paving of the roads listed below, helped the overall rating of the Road Surface Management Program.

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| ▪ Meadow View Drive | ▪ Cifre Lane |
| ▪ Balsam Way | ▪ Squirrel Run |
| ▪ Hickory Ridge Road | ▪ Kristie Lane |



Improvements to the Town's infrastructure was a priority in 2003. Busby Construction from Atkinson, NH, was hired to install 11 catch basins and 1,317 feet of culvert pipe on Hale Spring Road. This will really improve the drainage conditions on Hale Spring Road, Spring View Terrace, Smith Corner Road and Sweet Hill Road. We also hired R.J. Barrat from Westford, MA, to clean all 442 town maintained catch basins. This type of maintenance is done to remove a year's worth of debris that has collected in the catch basins and also allows us to perform a swift effective inspection prior to winter.

Along with the projects listed above, numerous staff hours were spent performing routine maintenance projects, such as brush cutting, catch basin repairs, cold patching, vehicle maintenance, and sign installation/maintenance and shoulder installation. These projects keep the workers of the Highway Department busy throughout the year.

It is now time to look forward to 2004, which means more plowing, more sweeping and more catch basin cleaning. However, we plan to do less paving so that we can put some of the Highway Block Grant money away, for the purpose of building a new Highway Garage.

I would like to complete this report by again saying "Thank You," to all my guys, their families, all my hired outside contractors, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and most of all the residents of Plaistow. Their patience throughout the long drawn out winter was most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Garlington

Highway Supervisor



Residents enjoying the Old Home Day Parade



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Highway Safety Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board and, over many years, has offered significant advice and opinion on a variety of safety and planning issues.

During early 2003, the committee became involved in school bus safety issues, a somewhat common occurrence in Plaistow, during the early winter months. Many projects were reviewed and discussed also, including Verizon Control Center, Main St.; Century 21/Bridge Realty, Garden Rd.; Home Depot, Rt. 125; Ethan Allen/Ashley's Hallmark, Rt. 125; D.O.T. Rt. 125 Access Management Plan; Brown Hill Estates, Sweethill Rd.; Intersection Plans for Rt. 125 and Cushing Ave.; Little River Village, Main St.; and State Line Lumber, Rt. 125, to name a few. We also discussed, at length, winter parking issues, traffic patterns at Timberlane Regional Schools and Ingalls Terrace Recreation Fields, Beede Oil Reuse Plan and traffic patterns on Walton Road/Shady Lane.

In the last quarter of 2003, much discussion was generated regarding the reorganization of the Committee's functions, which will take place in FY2004. The review of site plans by the Committee will meld with the Technical Review Committee, which will expand membership to include major department heads. Other Highway Safety concerns will remain with the Committee. The reorganization should more appropriately address specific functions and responsibilities by the two Town committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Savage
Chairman



Chief of Police Stephen C. Savage



REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Human Services office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 2:00. Its main purpose is to provide financial relief, or General Assistance, to residents who are in need. These situations may include assisting with electrical disconnects, fuel assistance, rental assistance, and assistance with mortgage payments. Another significant function of this office is to respond to questions or concerns that residents might have associated with human service needs, such as housing, visiting nurses, senior activities, health care for children or adults, transportation, to name just a few.

The Town of Plaistow annually provides financial support to several human service agencies that can be accessed by any resident. Those agencies include:

- Family Mediation and Juvenile Services (services for juveniles and families)
- Rockingham Visiting Nurses and Hospice (visiting nurses, homemaker, etc.)
- Rockingham Community Action Program (fuel assistance, WIC, Food Pantry, etc.)
- Sexual Assault Support Services (sexual assault/abuse services)
- Pregnancy Care Center (infant clothing, WIC, counseling, etc.)
- A Safe Place (domestic violence services)
- Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (transportation for seniors)
- Greater Salem Caregivers (transportation for elderly, visiting with elderly, etc.)
- Vic Geary Senior Center (Meals on Wheels, senior crafts, senior exercise classes, etc.)
- Lamprey Health Care (transportation, health services, etc.)
- SeaCare Health Services (health care for uninsured people)
- Greater Derry/Salem Transportation Services (wheelchair accessible transportation)
- Community Health Services (health care for uninsured working people)
- A Sad Café (juvenile activity center)

The Plaistow Clothing Basement, located in the Town Hall, is open to all residents. The "Basement" has a large assortment of clothing, from infant to adult sizes, as well as some household goods. The "Basement" is always accepting new things, so please consider donating your used clothing when cleaning out those closets.

This year also provided an exciting opportunity to work with the Recreation Department and the activities that are provided to the seniors at the Vic Geary Center. It has become a busy place for seniors to socialize, share a meal, and I look forward to working with the Recreation program as the activities continue to grow in the year ahead.

I would like to offer my never-ending gratitude to the many organizations that offer their time and assistance throughout the year. They include: Plaistow Lions, Knights of Columbus, People Helping People, Plaistow Fish and Game (Men's and Ladies), Holy Angels Food Pantry, American Legion, to name a few. Your continued efforts to help those in need are greatly appreciated, and your compassion continues to help make Plaistow a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Chooljian

Human Services Coordinator



HUMAN SERVICE SPONSORED AGENCIES

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services: Provides quality resources to youth and families in order to reduce delinquency and out-of-home placements, and to empower them as individuals, family members, and citizens of the community. Provides mediation and court referral services for adult and juvenile disputes; includes a divorce mediation program.

Rockingham VNA and Hospice: Home and community based health care services for all ages. Health promotion services include immunization, senior blood pressure clinics, specialized screening clinics and health education. Services for acute and chronically ill include nursing, homemaking, physical, speech & occupation therapy, respite care and support services are also provided.

Rockingham County Community Action Program: Provides services for low-income people; includes home fuel and weatherization assistance, food pantry, and crisis intervention; also includes Life Line Program for home-bound individuals and the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) nutritional program. Family Day Care information and referral services are also provided.

Sexual Assault Support Services: Provides 24-hour hotline for crisis intervention and support services to the victims/survivors of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse. Educational programs to help prevent sexual abuse and sexual assault are offered to hospital, schools, police departments and others in the community.

Pregnancy Care Center: Provides support and assistance to families facing crisis pregnancies, and material assistance (i.e. counseling, support groups, infant formula, clothing, furniture) to parents of infants and toddlers.

A Safe Place: Provides crisis intervention and support services for victims of domestic violence. A 24-hour emergency shelter for battered women and their children is also available, as well as outreach and educational programs.

Center for Life Management: Provides comprehensive mental health services, psychiatric treatment, emergency intervention and family support services. Specialized programs address the mental health needs of children, teens, and families, adults and seniors.

The Sad Café: Provides, promotes and supports positive life choices for adolescents through innovative programming, while offering a safe, clean, substance-free, family environment. Also provides creative after-school programs for students (i.e. musical bands, singing, and theater).

Retired Senior Volunteer Program: Enables citizens 55 years and over to volunteer their services to non-profit agencies throughout Rockingham County such as schools, nursing homes, hospice, hospitals, town halls, adult tutorial programs and mediation.

Greater Salem Caregivers: Interfaith volunteer network which provides support and assistance to the elderly and disabled, by offering services such as: transportation, running errands, friendly home visits, respite, and information and referral.



Vic Geary Center: Provides Meals on Wheels through Rockingham Nutrition. Also offers trips, clinics, and other senior citizens' activities. Services are offered to residents of Plaistow, Hampstead, Atkinson, Danville, Kingston and Newton.

SeaCare Health Services: Provides access to affordable healthcare through a volunteer network of over 380 providers in 21 towns in Rockingham County. Services include: care coordination, medical, mental health and dental care, health education and pharmaceutical assistance through Medication Bridge.

Lamprey Health Care: Offers medical services, health promotion programs, and information and referral assistance, with a sliding fee scale. Free senior transportation available two days per week in Derry and Plaistow areas.

Greater Derry/Greater Salem Regional Transportation Council (STS): Provides special needs transportation, with a focus on servicing the elderly and disabled. Transportation is provided for hospital and medical appointments, and is wheelchair accessible.

Community Health Services: Offers medical, mental health and prescription services for low income, uninsured residents (birth to age 64). Serves Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown and Windham.

Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County: Provides a safe environment for the evaluation of child abuse and exploitation and by helping to coordinate services to child abuse victims and their families.



Residents enjoying a trip to Meredith, NH,
sponsored by the Recreation Department



REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL ORGANIZATION
DRAGON MOSQUITO CONTROL, INC.

In 2003, New Hampshire joined 44 other states with human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV). Nationwide, approximately 900 humans tested positive for WNV with 218 deaths. There have been no reported cases of this disease in Plaistow involving humans to date. Preventing a sustained local outbreak is achieved through public education, surveillance and an active control program.

Plaistow's integrated mosquito management program starts in April. Site inspection reveals the location of any mosquito breeding, different species present, mosquito abundance, when mosquitoes are becoming active and other site characteristics such as the presence of natural predators. Information gained provides us with the ability to take appropriate action. Waterways are cleared of debris keeping them flowing and washing away any mosquito larvae. If source reduction is not feasible, then Dragon relies on a biological larvicide as a primary means of control. *Bacillus* bacteria is applied to stagnant pools before mosquito larvae fully develop. Plaistow's catch basin treatment program is an effective way to prevent the spread of WNV to mosquitoes, birds and humans. More than 800 catch basins were treated twice last year.

Homeowners can take an active part in decreasing the number of disease carrying mosquitoes. Containers such as tires, fountains, gutters, tarps and kiddie pools are home to several species of mosquitoes that carry WNV. Residents can eliminate thousands of mosquitoes by emptying containers on a weekly basis and after every rainfall. Mosquito breeding was found in tires, boats, buckets, and other containers at many residences and businesses.

If you do not want your property sprayed for mosquitoes, please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, PO Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Otherwise, your property may be treated for mosquitoes. Our phone number is 964-8400. You can call our office from April through September for assistance regarding mosquitoes, insecticides used, spray schedules and WNV information.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara MacGregor

President

Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.



REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Half a century ago the world was a much different place. The Town of Plaistow was determining how much money to spend on items such as moth extermination, blister rust and Dutch Elm disease. Today, they do not appear on our radar. However, the Town did have expenditures for the basic standards of municipal operation, such as Police, Fire, Highway and Legal, but nowhere near the current extent. In 1953, the TOTAL Police expenditures were \$1,083.51. Today, that amount would provide you seven (7) hours of police service annually. Likewise, you would only receive 3 days of fire service annually based on fifty-year-old dollars. As a result of the ever-changing needs of Plaistow, and the value of a dollar, the Town created the Plaistow Municipal Budget Committee to help oversee the financial progress of Plaistow.

The Plaistow municipal budget season begins in September of each year and remains active through the 1st session of the annual town meeting (usually occurring in late January/early February). During that time period, the Committee typically meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The Committee is made up of twelve members and a selectmen's representative. The names of all current Committee members are listed in the front of this Town Report as "Elected Officials." As this is the first year the Committee has submitted an annual report, this report would not be complete without thanking two former members, George Peabody and Michael Emmons, for their time and dedication in years past.

The Committee is governed by NHRSA 32. It is the role of the Committee to review past and current expenditures, along with individual department, Town Manager and Selectmen requests for future expenditures and determine what amount of funds are necessary on an annual basis in order to properly manage the Town's affairs. The figures that the Committee determines to be in the best interest of the town, and its taxpayers, are then presented to you, the voters, on a State mandated form. This year's proposed budget can be found in the back of this Town Report immediately following the Warrant Articles.

The total 2004 proposed operating budget (excluding proposed warrant articles) has increased \$434,737 or 7.72% over last year's operating budget (excluding warrant articles). There are two factors that contribute to eighty percent of this increase. First is the proposed extension to the waterline, in order to complete the first loop. This results in an increase to the water budget in the amount of \$182,630. The second is personnel-based costs, which have increased \$157,446. If these two items were excluded from the budget totals, the total increase over last year's budget would be \$94,661 or 1.7%. The Committee would have been thrilled to present a budget of such minimal increase to the voters. However, had we done so, it would not have been in anyone's best interest.

Last year's budget was cut back in recognition of a sluggish economy. At the time, we felt it was best in order to lessen the tax impact. Yet, we were aware that slashing department requests would lead to additional financial requests this year. As expected, we saw them, but not as many as we anticipated. Thus, all the Town's Department Heads should be commended for their efforts to maintain reasonable budgets.



As a Committee, we felt the waterline must be included in the 2004 budget as it makes the most fiscal sense for the Town. Don Sargent made a strong presentation to the Committee and I would refer you to the Report of the Water Department for further detail. Essentially, Elm Street will be under construction this year for the much-needed sidewalks. To lay the waterline under these circumstances will cost less than having to disrupt the sidewalks and road in the future. This is also a reason the Committee supports Warrant Article P-14 regarding laying the fiber optic conduit.

Lastly, the Committee supports keeping in the additional personnel costs, as they are in essence beyond the Town's control as the Town does not set the insurance, unemployment, retirement and tax rates for its employees (nor the number of weeks in a year, as this year has 53 payroll weeks and the extra week's costs are included in this budget). Further, these costs are well worth their impact if they continue to maintain a positive workforce for the Town of Plaistow.

The Committee understands the general concern of taxes rising in Plaistow, but reminds its residents that your tax dollars are split between three entities: the Town (municipal services) itself, the Timberlane School System and Rockingham County. As in 1953, when the municipal expenditures were \$48,871.29 and the Plaistow payment toward school expenditures was \$93,918.71, the municipal portion of taxes is diminutive compared to the school portion. Therefore, you must review all three budgets individually, and together as a whole, to truly understand the tax impact and cast informed votes.

Please take the time to review the proposed 2004 municipal budget and its accompanying warrant articles. The Committee aimed to put forth a proposed budget that works for all of Plaistow, and we think you will agree with our conclusions.

F.Y. I.: Each year, a minimum of four positions on the Committee become vacant and are open for election. If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please contact the Town Hall for more information on how to register to be on next year's ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Lewis Savage
Chairman



REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE, TOWN LAND & BUILDING COMMITTEE

The rural character of Plaistow is changing. What had been fields and forests is now filled with houses, roads, condominiums and commercial development.

- 20 years ago a good house lot could be purchased for \$30K, now, in some cases, the cost is approaching \$200K.
- 50 years ago we had 1124 acres of agricultural land, now it's less than 100.
- 20 years ago we had a population of 5,609; in 2000 it was 7,747; and in 2020 it's projected to be 11,720.

Recognizing the need to preserve open space, as well as to plan for future land and building needs in general, the Plaistow Board of Selectmen formed the Committee on Open Space and Land and Buildings in October, 2003

The primary thrust of the original charter from the Board of Selectmen was to:

- (1) inventory all existing town-owned land;
- (2) gather a list of future town land and building needs, including open space preservation; and
- (3) develop a time-phased action plan for meeting those needs, including estimated costs.

The full charter is available on the town web page www.plaistow.com. It is a very ambitious charter.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The committee is in the process of gathering in-depth information about the town-owned land. The list of town-owned land that appears elsewhere in this report is a starting point, but we are also gathering information about current condition, possible use restrictions and potential future uses. We have also compiled the near-term future needs for land and buildings from multiple sources, such as from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Master Plan.

WARRANT ARTICLE

Since the committee was first formed, the Board of Selectmen has further recognized the importance of preserving open space and are proposing a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$1.2M for the acquisition of open space property and/or easements. Our committee supports this article and we would like to explain why.

The primary justifications for identifying, acquiring and managing open space are: (1) aesthetic value and (2) financial incentives. For aesthetic value, we feel that most residents of Plaistow want to retain a certain level of rural character, and that while some industrial, commercial and residential development is fine, we feel that we do not want every acre of Plaistow covered with man-made structures. For financial reasons, detailed studies have shown, and simple math confirms, that residential development has a negative financial impact on the town. The tax revenue received from a home with two children typically is less than the school



tax expense for those two children. Preserving open space has both aesthetic and financial benefits.

Of course, buying open space is expensive in this market. A less costly option is to purchase development easements, guaranteeing that the current property owner will not develop the land in exchange for financial considerations from the town. There are agencies that offer logistical and financial support for preserving open space. The Town is actively working with some agencies and we will document a full list of agencies that can offer additional financial support. But this support is typically in the form of "matching funds"- in order to qualify Plaistow will have to make a financial commitment first.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

It is obvious to this committee that the open space needs analysis and recommended action plan will take much longer to develop than originally estimated. There is too much available research to review, too much information to compile and too many action items to be documented.

The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) has developed a March 2000 Open Space Plan that is a great source of information about Open Space planning. Many of the surrounding towns in Rockingham County have realized the necessity of preserving open space, and are good sources of input. Our own Town of Plaistow Master Plan consistently refers to the need to preserve open space and lists action items for that purpose. The Master Plan shouts the need for a Town of Plaistow Open Space Plan, but it doesn't include one.

Projected Activities for 2004

- Finalize the inventory & analysis of town-owned land
- Finalize the list of land and building needs
- Present action plan recommendation to Board of Selectmen
- Finish the "build out" analysis to determine maximum growth
- Finalize the list of agencies available to help with open space preservation
- Consider the development of a Town of Plaistow Open Space Plan

Yes, there is land to preserve. There are two parcels in Plaistow under active consideration. Yes, this Warrant Article is but one step on the road to open space preservation.

But, we are running out of land and we are running out of time. Preserving open space won't "just happen." Yes, if we had started twenty or thirty or forty years ago, then we would have more open space to enjoy.

Let's hope future generations won't wonder where all the open space went but will, instead, thank us for our forethought.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Sherman

Board of Selectmen Representative



REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee (PATAC) was again this year "on-hold." The New England Passenger Rail Association (NEPRA) manages the services provided by Amtrak's DownEaster train, the Portland to Boston train. This organization is looking into the feasibility of adding more stops to the Portland-Boston service. Plaistow is a very good candidate for such an expansion because of the earlier work done in attempting to get MBTA commuter service extended to Plaistow. The platform would be built at the Park and Ride lot on Westville Road.

This would require getting a platform built so that passengers could safely get on and off the train. The Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant that was awarded to PATAC several years ago included money to construct such a platform. It requires a 20% local match. At the December Area Selectmen's Meeting, the Selectmen from all the surrounding towns agreed to place a non-binding referendum on their respective ballots to see if the residents would support sharing the platform costs with Plaistow. The costs would include the construction and on-going maintenance and insurance costs. If the results of the non-binding referendum are positive, then PATAC will continue to meet with various Boards of Selectmen and the Rockingham Planning Commission to work towards getting an Amtrak stop in Plaistow.

Imagine getting train service restored to Plaistow, something that was available for more than 100 years prior to 1968!

2004 will definitely be a busy year for PATAC and regular meetings will resume at some point in the early 1st quarter. If you are interested in helping PATAC get train service restored to Plaistow, please contact the Town Manager or Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore
PATAC Chairman



Conservation Commission member B. Jill Senter informing residents of the need to protect our drinking water



REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Planning Board was established in 1956 as a five-member board to carry out the duties of the State planning laws. The Board consisted of one Selectman and four other citizens appointed by the Selectmen. Still a five-member Board, the citizen members are now elected to their positions. And, as you can imagine, the planning process has come a long way since the 1950s. The level and extent of the growth has been significant and, because of its proximity to Boston combined with the commercial development opportunities, the growth pattern in Plaistow has been primarily residential, with substantial amounts of commercial development located on major highways.

In 1900, the population of Plaistow was only 1,408 persons. It wasn't until 1950 that the town started to experience noticeable growth. By that time, the population had grown to 2,082 persons – a 47.87 percent increase. Like many communities in Rockingham County and southern New Hampshire, Plaistow's population has increased significantly since 1970 when the town's population was only 4,712 persons. By 2000, the town's population had increased to 7,747 persons – a 64 percent increase from 1970. Persons aged 25 to 44 years comprise the highest percentage of residents in Plaistow – 32 percent, followed by persons under eighteen years of age (25.8 percent), and persons aged 45 to 64 years of age – 25 percent. Compared to the surrounding towns, the county and the state, Plaistow's age distribution is quite similar.

Plaistow's Master Plan has been extensively revised since the last update in 1985, and the Planning Board will adopt it in 2004. This is a key document that gives direction for future land development and serves as the basis for the Town's zoning ordinance and regulations. Also, it is a foundation for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a budgetary document that schedules all of the anticipated major Town expenditures for a period of six years.

Another important duty of the Board is the review and approval of subdivision and site plans and, during 2003, the board reviewed and approved the following site plan applications:

- Site plan amendment to the business "Plaistow Powersports," 107 Plaistow Road;
- Site plan for land located at 38 Newton Road for a proposed commercial development;
- Site plan by Garden Road, L.L.C., for a proposed real estate office at 15 Garden Road;
- Site plan by Auto Exchange Inc. to incorporate additional parking at 87 Plaistow Road;
- Site plan by Verizon New England Inc. for a lot consolidation and proposed building expansion at 93 Main Street;
- Site plan by Eastern Development Corporation for a Home Depot at the "Pentucket Shopping Center," 58 Plaistow Road;
- Site plan by ProBark for a Stump Grinding Facility and associated activities at 51 Kingston Road;
- Site plan for the reuse of the old "Maplewood Florist" on Garden Road;
- A 15-Lot residential subdivision, 64 Sweet Hill Road, by Ronald Brown Investments, LLC;
- A three-lot subdivision on Old County Road; and
- Numerous residential and commercial condominium conversion projects.



The Planning Board also approved numerous minor site plans including:

- Minor site plan for a Cheer Leading School at 205 Main Street;
- Minor site plan for the relocation of Shed Design on Route 125;
- Minor site plan for an additional access road at the Holy Angels Cemetery, 22 East Road; and
- Minor site plan for the addition of a salt shed on Newton Road by Ronald LaPlume.

For the 2003-2004 time period, the Board has proposed various zoning and regulation amendments, including two new impact fee accounts, Highway Capital Expenditures and Waterline Fire Suppression System Capital Expenditures, along with the consolidation of the various impact fee ordinances into one. By collecting these fees and other types of impact fees from developers, it results in the Town being able to offset the cost of capital projects such as the need for highway equipment to maintain the new roads, and the completion of the fire suppression line.

Members of the Board continued to serve on the Route 125 Advisory Task Force, a committee made up of local and state officials whose purpose is to review information being developed as part of a study of Route 125 from the Westville Bridge to the Kingston Bypass. The purpose of the project is to improve capacity and safety, relieve traffic congestion, and enhance the safe and efficient access to abutting properties along the corridor.

In addition, the Town is awaiting the results of a joint study with the City of Haverhill, MA, to determine the feasibility of signalizing Cushing Avenue and/or the State Line Plaza to help alleviate hazardous traffic conditions in this portion of Route 125.

Lastly, the Planning staff also utilized the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) for various mapping projects.

The Planning Board meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested in becoming an alternate, please feel free to contact Leigh in the Planning Office at 382-7371, Ext. 14 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, visit her upstairs in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Komornick

Planning Coordinator



REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In reviewing the Town Report for 1933, we were struck by many familiar Plaistow names; Colcord, Palmer, Tozier, Hills, Gilman, to name a few. The Police Department budget was \$300.00 with \$270.65 spent in 1932. It even listed an uncollected poll tax for one wayward fellow because he was in Portsmouth Jail! There was no Department report for that year because a Police Department did not exist, but it listed Forest Davis, Henry Challis and William Seibel as doing "police duty." These reminders of our past stand in stark contrast to a 2003 Police Department Operating Budget of \$1.3 million and thirty full and part-time employees.

In the past year, the Department has achieved some significant goals: a completed renovation of our Communications Center with new digital base radio stations with enhanced computer technology to improve efficiency and service to our customers; hard-wiring all voice and data functions in the Complex; hiring a part-time computer consultant to assist with long-range technology planning for the Safety Complex; contractually agreeing with the Rockingham County Attorney's Office to provide a prosecuting Assistant County Attorney, Jill Cook, which has allowed our police officers to remain on the street and available to citizens; centralized computer printing through a new copier; and a new digital telephone and voice mail system. These accomplishments fit with our published Mission Statement of protecting our residents and all who pass through our Town by emphasizing our Department's Core Values of professionalism, teamwork and vision.

Recently, when researching old records and re-arranging office space, we found a series of ledgers dating back to March 7, 1965. The ledgers chronicled "police duty" of those who served the Town under Chief Lyman Hill. Prior records were burned in a house fire belonging to Chief Hill in 1965 on Kingston Road. To our surprise, many of the ledger entries outlined duties and responsibilities of the officers of yesteryear, not dissimilar from those of today, with a keen awareness of community policing of the 1950s. Some of the officers mentioned were John "Poppa" Colby and Pete Fournier, who still reside in Town. Times have certainly changed, but not the fundamental requirement of feelings for community service so vital to the success of today's police officers.

During 2003, we amassed 2160.5 training hours, the courses taken included Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Alcohol/Drugs, Legal/Juvenile, Terrorism/Homeland Security, Traffic Accident/Criminal Investigation, and other specialized courses. Education is a key to maintaining the quality employees. There are many talented and bright officers assigned to various responsibilities in the Department from Master Patrol Officer Alec Porter (K-9) to School Resource Officer Joan Marsilia to Master Patrol Officer Glenn Miller (Detective) to Sergeant Thomas Hawthorne (Detective). The Board of Selectmen has encouraged all departments in 2004 and beyond, to renew their commitment to training which is clearly a cost item in future years. We thank them for their recognition of commitment to training and education.

Our Communication Center, supervised by Lucia Theberge, underwent a significant technical metamorphosis this year. They reported a total of 15,725 calls for service: 962 for our Fire Department and 14,763 for the Police Department. A total of 518 calls for service for the Town



of Atkinson Fire Department and 2,405 for the Police Department was also reported. The calls for service also represent an increase of 12% for the Atkinson Fire Department and a decrease of 19% for their Police Department.

2003 CALLS FOR SERVICE

DESCRIPTION	2003	DIFFERENCE FROM 2002
Atkinson Fire Dept.	518	57
Atkinson Police Dept.	2405	-565
Plaistow Fire Dept.	962	-24
Plaistow Police Dept.	14,763	-1450

ATKINSON TOTALS: Down 17% from 2002

PLAISTOW TOTALS: Down 9% from 2002

Our support staff of Executive Secretary Linda Cote and Secretary Nancy Hetherington carried an enormous administrative burden during the year causing us to frequently wonder, "how do they do it, day in, day out!" In November the Department faced the retirement of Nancy Hetherington, forcing a search for an often-irreplaceable secretary and underscoring the value of the position.

Our Victim Witness Advocate, Vanessa Underwood, continues her effectiveness in dealing with victims. Her work has melded well with our new Assistant County Attorney, Jill Cook, who prosecutes for all Towns in the Plaistow District Court area. Attorney Cook has done a remarkable job and continues to be a huge asset to the Department and our neighboring Departments, as well.

Executive Officer, Lieutenant Kathleen Jones, exemplifies the very best in loyalty, work ethic and professionalism. Her organizational and project skills are superlative and are measured by our success in new radio and telephone system installation in spite of stalls and occasional set backs.

Our Special Investigation Unit, consisting of Master Patrol Officer Glenn Miller and Sergeant Thomas Hawthorne, reported a drastic rise in juvenile shoplifting in 2003. Fifty-three juveniles were arrested on 73 total charges with approximately 65 court days devoted to their prosecution. The detectives handled 430 calls for service resulting in 43 adult arrests on 73 charges. Numerous arrest warrants were issued with no arrests yet as of the end of the year. Some of the highlights of the Unit for the year were continued cooperative cases with the FBI and DEA, participation in local drug cases/search warrants, alcohol compliance checks and receipt of drug forfeiture money.

The Operations (Patrol) Division, supervised by Sergeants Pat Caggiano and Scott Anderson, continues to perform very well for the community. A new addition to this team in 2003 was Officer Scott Naismith.



2003 CRIME STATISTIC ANALYSIS

INCIDENT	2003	DIFFERENCE FROM 2002	PERCENT CHANGE
Murder/Manslaughter	0	-1	-100%
Burglary	43	1	2%
Theft/Robbery	273	33	14%
MV Theft	47	6	15%
Criminal Michief	190	-23	-11%
DWI	27	-22	-45%
MV Accidents	524	8	2%
Alarms (Police)	1,061	-37	-3%
Assaults	97	14	17%
Sexual Assaults	16	-1	-6%
Traffic Citations	673	-401	-37%
MV Stops	3,333	-2,223	-40%
Domestic Calls	107	-7	-6%
Arrests - Adults	342	-72	-17%
Arrests - Juvenile	54	-11	-17%
Arrests - MV	57	-34	-37%

In the ensuing years, we are budgeting for continuation of our shared Prosecutor and support person (contract) and continuation of our computer consultant. By warrant article, we are asking for an additional full-time, entry-level officer as well as funding for an architect to plan for the eventual expansion of the Safety Complex (funded entirely by Impact Fees) in a future year. The Town continues to grow commercially and residentially, which has a direct service impact on the Police Department necessitating the need for expansion.

With each passing fiscal year, I am truly thankful for our loyal, hardworking employees who quietly go about their daily duties. We compensate them not for what they accomplish with each fulfilled shift, but for what they are prepared to do when they report for duty. I ask each and every reader to ponder that statement.

In closing, our successes at the Police Department are your successes. As we move down the road together, please be assured of our commitment to our Town and to each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Savage
Chief of Police



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Girl Scouts are gathering in the Mary Nelson meeting room, a group of children are learning how to knit in the Young Adult area of the library, eleven computer stations are in use, someone is checking out a book for the library book discussion group, a volunteer is picking up books to deliver to house bound patrons, parents are signing their children up for story hours and several people are enjoying the displays set up throughout the library. This is a typical day at the Plaistow Library!

As evidenced by all the activities mentioned, the library serves many purposes and meets the needs of a wide variety of people. We have small rooms for those who are looking for a quiet place to study, we have several daily newspapers, and comfortable chairs for those who wish to sit a while and catch up on the news. We subscribe to 60 periodicals of which back issues may be checked out and there are seventeen computers for public use; fourteen of them have Internet access plus word processing.

Another great service that may be used in the library as well as off site in your home is the availability of on-line databases. Patrons are able to connect through our web site to an outstanding collection of general interest and academic periodicals, newspapers, business resources, health and genealogy resources. The Plaistow Library also offers the Learn-A-Test online database, which also may be used at the library as well as off site. Learn-A-Test provides practice tests and tutorials for academic and licensing tests such as the SAT, ACT, GED and ASVAB, as well as civil service tests and real estate exams. Check our web site at www.plaistowlibrary.com for more information.

In addition to all the new services that the library offers, we still provide the basics - books! We added 2,417 new materials to the collection this year and always are exploring ways to expand our collection to meet the increasing needs of our patrons. One of the ways to "expand" our collection is through the interlibrary loan system provided by the New Hampshire State Library. The number of books we borrowed through the system doubled in 2003.

Our summer reading program, in collaboration with the children's state library organization, was a great success. The Plaistow children joined the other children in the state in reading 150,996 books. What a great way to encourage reading during the summer. Preschool story hours continue to be a success and we added a baby lap sit program for children six to twenty four months.

Programming for adults was varied and very well received. Through a series of creative and informative programs, Plaistow residents were able to travel from the Far East to the Near East; including the countries of Japan, Tibet, India, and the eastern countries of the Silk Route.

None of the above would be possible without the tremendous staff at the Plaistow Library. I would like to thank them for their continued dedication, enthusiasm and advocacy for the library. I would also like to thank the volunteers, the Friends of the Library, all of our wonderful patrons and the Board of Trustees for all their support throughout the year.



This year, Catherine Emmons, Chair of the Library Trustees and a member of the Board since 1989, resigned when she and her husband, Mike, moved to a neighboring town. With her dedication and determination, Cathy has left her legacy to present and future townspeople in the presence of this new, state-of-the-art library. The library community has lost a dear friend and is grateful for all she has accomplished.

2003 Library Statistics

- Material Purchased: 808 Adult Books, 1013 Juvenile Books, 8 Videos/DVD, 36 Audio Books, 3 Music/CD and 16 CD-ROM
- Collection Gifts Added: 384 Books, 50 Video/DVD and Audio Books
- 973 Total Video/DVDs
- 803 Total Audio Books
- 92 Total Musical CDs
- 47 Total CD ROM Materials
- 67 Newspaper/Magazine Subscriptions
- 3 Gift Subscriptions
- 25 Books Lost/Paid For
- 39,824 Total Materials in Collection
- 56,270 Total Circulations
- 3,930 Registered Patrons
- 40,634 Visits by Patrons
- 301 Days Open in 2003

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Houlihan

Director



Plastow Public Library



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

INCOME:

Town of Plaistow	308,918.00
Donations	930.00
Grant	300.00
Public Activities	117.00
Fines, Lost Books, Book Sales	3,796.00
Copier Fees/Non-Residents	4,457.00
Interest on Deposits	774.00
Mary Nelson Trust Fund	70,000.00

TOTAL: 389,292.00

EXPENSES:

Bond Payment	70,000.00
Building Insurance	2,500.00
Continuing Education	926.00
Salaries & Benefits	183,360.00
Janitor Service	27,200.00
Material Acquisitions	35,039.00
Miscellaneous	177.00
Postage	282.00
Professional Dues	275.00
Programming	2,135.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Landscaping	12,154.00
Supplies	7,727.00
Technology	6,297.00
Utilities	37,957.00

TOTAL: 386,029.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

Atty. & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	627.04
Fines/Lost Book Account	17,688.26
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	12,815.28
Mary P. Nelson Trust Fund	482,578.79
Memorial Funds	9,312.80
Memorial 2 Fund	2997.97
Special Projects Fund	24,676.55
Technology Fund	25,100.15
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	1,023.40

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Willis

Treasurer



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE

Back in the 1970s the "Car Barns" located at the corner of Elm Street and Sweet Hill Avenue, which formerly housed the trolley car company, was occupied by Lagasse Amusement Company. The "Car Barns" became available and a purchase and sale agreement was signed in 1978. The Town purchased this property in 1985, the building was demolished and the present Public Safety Complex was built. The Building was completed and dedicated in the spring of 1988. It was designed to satisfy the projected emergency service needs of the Town for at least twenty years.

In 1985 the population of Plaistow was 6,141 people. Today the resident population is 7,860. However, daily transient population is estimated at 25,000. The transients primarily consist of out-of-town people visiting the various stores to shop for the wide variety of goods and services offered by the businesses. The Timberlane Regional Middle and High Schools and Administrative Staff offices located on Greenough Road have a population of approximately 3,500 students and staff.

The Town has been committed for many years to attract both commercial enterprises and residential development. The Town has experienced a rapid growth in development of both residences and retail commercial establishments. With this growth, it is very evident that there is a much higher demand on the public safety services which must be provided by the Town. The present safety complex is no longer adequate to meet the needs of today's demands.

Although both the number and severity of the calls responded to for structural fires has diminished, the demands for medical aid calls have increased tremendously. Although the crime rate is low, the demands of the police department for services have increased many fold. The realization of the ever-increasing demands for service has led the Board of Selectmen to appoint this committee to make recommendations for long term resolution of the public safety space needs.

The committee has received input from the fire & rescue, police and emergency management departments. The committee has evaluated their projected needs and believe the following list adequately depicts the additional needs of Plaistow:

- The Police Department will require 4,000-6,000 square feet.
- Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management will require 6,000-8,000 square feet.
- An additional 12,000 square feet to cover the needs for the next 20 years.

The committee report presented to the Board of Selectmen include recommendations for:

1. Contracting with an architect to determine if the site will support an additional 12,000 square feet addition and, if so, to develop a preliminary site plan to meet the needs of the departments.



2. Submitting a warrant article for consideration at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting to include money to hire an architect to develop a site plan and an estimate of costs of construction.
3. Requesting the Board of Selectmen to direct the Town Manager to contact the owners of land abutting the safety complex parcel for possible acquisition for use in conjunction with the expansion.

We believe that the committee will be able to develop a suitable plan for presentation to the Board of Selectmen that will meet the needs of the safety service department for the Town of Plaistow for the next twenty years or more.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Richard Latham

Committee Member



Fire Chief John McArdle & T. Richard Latham



REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

While Plaistow Recreation constantly looks to the future, we are proud of our past. In the mid-70s a forward-thinking group of citizens arranged for the procurement of land on Ingalls Terrace and sought the funding to develop a Town-owned Recreation field. That field was named in memory of Earl Smith, an enthusiastic member of the Recreation Commission and a driving force behind the development of that facility.

In a letter dated April 15, 1975, from the Selectman's Office to the N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development: *"At our Town Meeting held on March 5, 1975, the Citizens of the Town of Plaistow voted by Special Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to complete the development of the Town-owned Recreation Field with said development to be partially funded by a grant from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in the sum of \$15,000."*

This 2.1 acre park is STILL the ONLY athletic facility owned and maintained by the Town of Plaistow. Currently at Smith Field, we offer a full day, six-week summer program for children ages 6-12 with weekly field trips, special events, sports, games, cookouts and arts & crafts. This summer program is staffed by a summer director, assistant director, arts and crafts director, counselors and counselors-in-training. A lot of activity is packed into this small space; however, we are limited in the number of children we can accommodate and the types of programs that we can offer.

Our summer recreation program is only one of the many activities that we sponsor. Popular programs we offer annually are Baseball & Softball leagues for ages 6 to 12, Summer "Concerts on the Green," Family trips to "Disney on Ice" & The Boston Red Sox.

With the expansion to a full-time Recreation Director we are now offering:

- Additional community trips to Red Sox games
- Family trips to Barnum and Bailey Circus
- Trips to enjoy the Boston Ballet & the North Shore Music Theater
- Trips to Yankee Candle & Foxwoods
- Toddler "Safe Trick or Treat"
- Holiday wreath making, Jewelry making workshop & Basket weaving classes
- Softball and baseball off-season clinics
- AARP Safe Driving Class
- Mother/Daughter Tea

Our goal is that "Recreation is for everyone" and, by expanding to a full-time Recreation Director, we are proud to be able to expand our offerings for Senior Citizens. We participated in the holidays by gathering items and making grab bags for the Vic Geary Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties. We also offer the following activities for our Senior Citizens:

- Senior Crafts at Vic Geary Center twice a month
- Fall foliage trip to Lake Winnepesaukee
- North Conway Outlet Shopping Trip & a "Senior" Trip to Foxwoods
- Leddy Center & Pond View afternoon outing



The need for additional recreation space is pressing and immediate. To quote from the Town of Plaistow's draft of the 2003 Master Plan, *"According to current state standards, the town must add recreational facilities of all kinds."* Sad to say, a very similar message appeared in the 1986 Master Plan.

Fields are at a critical shortage in Plaistow. We do not have any regulation Little League diamonds in our town. We used to use fields behind Pollard School but we have lost that field space due to school district construction. We must share the use of the fields at the Timberlane High and Middle Schools with the school teams. But school activities take priority and due to the tight school game schedule we are not able to start playing some nights until 6:30 PM. Smith Field located on Ingalls Terrace is the ONLY diamond for which Plaistow has total use.

For the past fifteen years the Recreation Commission and Department have been actively searching for and walking land that would be suitable for a Recreation Facility. We are currently working on a proposal for a new facility on Old County Road. We urge you to Vote at the Plaistow Town election on March 9th to approve Warrant Article P-12 that will allow us to develop this much-needed recreation facility.

The plans for this facility include:

- two multi purpose fields (soccer and football);
- two regulation baseball diamonds;
- one official softball diamond;
- parking, playground, open space for picnicking and passive recreation; and
- building to house storage, a concession stand and bathroom facilities.

A big thank you goes out to Kathleen Sherman for stepping in as Interim Recreation Director last June. With her caring and dedication to the program we were able to offer a lengthy list of activities. Kate is an example of a Plaistow resident who began as a camper in our summer recreation program and has "graduated" all the way to the Summer Recreation Director. Thank you, Kate.

Successful programming only can occur with the valuable participation of a great many volunteers. Everyone on the Recreation Commission and I would like to thank all the Plaistow volunteers, coaches and businesses that support recreation in Plaistow.

I am thrilled to return to the position of full-time Recreation Director and I am excited about being able to offer so many new programs and to lead the Plaistow Recreation Department into the future. Please check Plaistow's web site at www.plaistow.com for upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted

Carlene E. Sarty,
Recreation Director



REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST NEW HAMPSHIRE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MUTUAL AID DISTRICT (HAZMAT)

As the Chairman of the District, I take great pride and pleasure in presenting the end of the year summary report to the fifteen communities that comprise the District. Let me first extend a heartfelt thank you to former Chairman and Chief of the Londonderry Fire Department Al Sypek for his tireless commitment to the member communities as well as the dedicated men and women who comprise the Hazardous Materials Response Team.

An incredible amount of work has been done since a new Board was formed in August of 2003. With the exception of our lasting Vice-Chair E. David Fisher, Chief of the Pelham Fire Department, the entire Operations Board has seen new members. Additionally, Deputy Chief Paul Parisi of the Salem Fire Department and Chief Mike Carrier of the Londonderry Fire Department have become the new Haz-Mat Liaison and Haz-Mat Coordinator respectively. Salem Fire Chief Arthur Barnes brings years of budgetary experience to the position of Treasurer.

Administratively, several procedures have been developed to better track inventory, equipment purchases, various expenditures, and the tracking of grants received throughout the year. The Regional Emergency Planning Committee has been moving forward with its training and development of the Hazard Risk Analysis for all communities as well as the Tier II reporting requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency through its E.P.C.R.A. program. The personnel dedicated to this task are entirely funded through the Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grants administered by the State of New Hampshire.

New this year is a change in policy of the District providing gas meters to the member communities, as this budget item is consistently overspent. Individual departments will be responsible for upgrading and/or maintaining their existing inventory and supplies for the meters. Several grants are available to departments for the purchase of these items. The District will soon have a new member community, the Town of Candia, New Hampshire, Fire Department is in the approval process as of this writing. The District's website has been developed and is used by the members as well as the public for information, updates, training schedules, etc. See www.senhazmat.org for your District's site. Finally, a physical office has been established with the assistance of James Turse, Town Administrator for the Town of Derry, NH, at the new Municipal center adjacent to the Emergency Operations Center. This will allow the District's administrative functions to be centralized and better coordinated. The phone number is 421-9254. This office is being provided free of charge by the Town of Derry.

The Hazardous Materials Team members have had a full year of training under the guidance of Lt. Jim Roger and Firefighter Don Worthington. Members are required to attend a minimum of 24 hours of refresher training per 29C.F.R.1910.120. These requirements are consistently exceeded annually with the dedicated hard work of these two individuals.



In the communication and networking areas, the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has funded an Electronic Studio for all eight regional Hazardous Materials Teams within the State. As the administrator of the studio, the Chairman of the District is responsible for the constant updating of material, resources and terrorist alerts as part of his duties as the Hazardous Materials Liaison for the Department of Health and Human Services. Funding for this encrypted and secure Virtual Private Network is paid entirely through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control. Additionally, the Chairman of the District sits as the Vice-Chair of the New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Collaboration Council, which is comprised of the leadership of all eight Haz-mat teams in the State. This gives the Southeast District member communities the benefit of the latest information from the State and Washington, access to the status and availability of grant funding mechanisms, as well as providing a network of professional representatives from the EPA, OSHA, the military, and the State Police. Communication for emergency response personnel, including the Technical Team Leaders, has been dramatically improved through the purchase of Nextel wireless devices with a capability of wireless faxing, sending and receiving email communications, and the sending of digital photographs at the scene of Haz-Mat events.

Responses: The Hazardous Materials Response component of the District responded to approximately 25 events in 2003 ranging from liquefied propane gas leaks to a school bus collision resulting in petroleum products leaking into a water supply.

In closing, I would like to thank the leadership of the Board of Directors, Operations Committee members, and the men and women that comprise one of the finest Hazardous Materials Response Teams and the District in the State of New Hampshire. This District could not exist without these dedicated, hardworking, and selfless individuals from all fifteen communities. I am truly humbled and amazed at the amount of volunteer effort put forth by this diverse group of dedicated individuals. As 2004 approaches we look forward to continue serving the citizens that make up the Southeast New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

James Richardson
Chairman



REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

In 1953 the total tax commitment, including the poll tax, was \$119,214. In 2003 our tax commitment is \$14,383,930. Quite a difference! The tax commitment can be simply defined as all the taxes that are owed to the Town.

One of the many changes that have been implemented over the years is that we now collect taxes twice a year rather than once a year. This change was made hoping to lessen the burden on the taxpayer and to lessen the costs to the Town. By collecting the taxes twice a year, the Town does not need to borrow funds to meet financial obligations.

At one time, taxes were paid at the Tax Collector's home. By having the Tax Collector's office in Town Hall, the elected official is available to answer questions and receive payments. With the introduction of computers in the Town, the Tax Collector no longer records the details of the office by hand. This improvement created a more unified and easily tracked record of properties in Town.

This year, the Town went to a new bill format. This new format is easier to open, contains more information and is easier to read. This change was well received by the community and will be continued in the coming years.

The Tax Collector's Office is open Monday thru Wednesday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM. The office closes for lunch from noon to 1:00PM. During tax season the office works an extended schedule. You can reach the Tax Collector by calling 382-5200 X17.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie L. Bayok
Tax Collector



2003 recreation sign created by participating members of the summer program



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The town clerk's office has seen many changes since 1993. In 1994 we went from a manual system to a computerized system for motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses and daily reports. In May of 1994 we received a computerized program for Vital Records. Renewals of vehicle registration by mail started in 1995 which has been very receptive. In 2002 we started a new program called "Clerk Works." We are now working with Windows-based software. Preserving older Town records is a priority, a book a year is done and encased in Mylar for protection. With the addition of the Internet we are able to access the Internet, which reduces the need for storage space.

Auto Registrations: If you recently purchased your vehicle you will need to present a certificate of origin, a title or title application prepared by a NH dealer for 1990 and newer vehicles. For 1989 and older vehicles, a bill of sale is required along with a previously issued current or expired NH registration, a valid NH or out-of-state title (or copy), or a TDMV19A form (available at Town Clerk's office). With all transactions you will need to show proof of residency and/or proof of identification. When registering your cars you will need to pay a town tax plus a NH state fee. There will be an \$8.00 fee for first time plates. For purchasing special plates there is an additional fee which is listed below:

- 7 digit vanity plates - \$25.00
- Veteran plates - \$30.00
- Moose plates - \$55.00
- Title Application fee - \$25.00

Dog Licenses: All dogs three months or older must be licensed annually on or before April 30th. A valid rabies certificate is needed for all dogs. Rabies Clinic will be held April 3rd at the Fire Station from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Fees are listed below:

- Male or Female Dog - \$9.00
- Puppy (3 to 8 months) - \$6.50
- Neutered or Spayed Dogs - \$6.50
- Groups of dogs (5 or more) - \$20.00
- Senior Citizen over 65 (1st dog only) - \$2.00

Elections and Voter Registration: In order to participate in local and State elections and town meetings, you need to register to vote. You may register at the Town Clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. You must be 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen, and a resident of the town. You must present proof of age, I.D., residency and citizenship. You may only vote absentee if you are away from Town on Election Day, for religious observance or a physical disability prevents you from reaching the polls. Elections are held at Sawyer's Function Hall on Route 125. Polling hours are from 8:00am-8:00pm.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara E. Tavitian

Town Clerk



REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

The Town Hall Renovation Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen to examine and resolve several issues surrounding the Town Hall. It may surprise many residents of Plaistow to hear that their town government has departments located on the second floor to which there is no handicap access. While not illegal, this does force the town to make accommodations. It may also surprise many residents to learn that their Town Hall does not have fire sprinklers.

Over the years, the people have told their town government that they want to continue the tradition of the Town Hall being the center of town government through surveys and most recently at last years election, where a warrant article passed to place money in a capital reserve account for Town Hall renovations. The committee strongly realizes the importance of Town Hall and is not recommending changes to the outside of the building and has also established a sub-committee to examine historical artifacts to preserve in any renovation.

The building was built as a Town Hall and has been used as such for more than 100 years. The Town Hall has seen many changes over the years, the first floor has several offices of non-load bearing walls, the second floor "opera house" has had the stage blocked off and a high suspended ceiling installed and the balcony is only used for storage now.

Currently there are ten major issues being considered:

- Larger meeting room while retaining a small meeting room.
- Handicap access to all levels of town hall.
- Small lift for ADA to stage from "opera house."
- Clothing Basement issues: poor access, safety and fire load.
- Need for a public officials room.
- Document storage for several departments.
- Bathroom on the second floor.
- Sprinkler system.
- Heat and cooling to second floor/balcony/stage.
- Need for additional parking for town hall uses.

In 2004, the committee will again ask the town through a warrant article to set aside money for renovations of Town Hall. We will also be holding an open house so you can visit and see first hand what kind of changes are being proposed. Please contact the committee at Town Hall if you have any suggestions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Gray
Chairman



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The amounts of money that pass through the Trust Fund Accounts today is over 22 times the amount just a little over 50 years ago. In the Fifties the Trustees were entrusted with one account: the perpetual account of the Cemetery. The Trustees today find themselves caring for 11 different accounts this year. In 1950 the Cemetery perpetual account was held in a simple bank account with one passbook. A few years back the Trustees moved all the funds out of the banks and invested it. The money is in secure investments managed by New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NH PDIP). This has eliminated the task of managing several different passbooks. With the transfer of Funds the trustees are now able to mail deposits or withdrawals, therefore reducing the number of trips to and from the banks. The NH PDIP provides us with a printed notification after each transaction, as well as detailed monthly statements on each account. These statements outline each transaction, and show the interest daily. This enables the Trustees to watch the fluctuations of the market and how they are affecting our investments.

As Reported January 1, 1950

Amount on Hand	\$17,000.00
Income for Year	\$722.37
Expenditure for Year	\$722.37

As Reported January 1, 2004

Amount on Hand	\$379,809.34
Income for Year	\$174,605.30
Expenditures for Year	\$374,457.16

The Trustees during the past year have taken advantage of the online services offered by NH PDIP, bringing the accounts to our fingertips at the touch of a key. This year the Trustees are actively seeking our other secure accounts options, with different banks throughout the state. The reason for this is the decrease in the return of our investments, and the competitive rates that are available to the Town.

The Trustees now hold monthly meetings to review the accounts and any expenditures that have been requested. We take these requests very seriously, and each request must have the signature of the Board of Selectmen as well as any managing agent that was appointed for that account. Along with the request must also come a complete explanation for the expenditure. The Trustees then determine whether the request is within the original intent of the Warrant article that created the account.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the confidence that you have entrusted us with. It is our pledge to the Citizens of Plaistow to continue to manage the Trust Funds to the best of our abilities in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Jill Senter
Chairperson



REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

The year was 1966, and the largest business just moved into Town. The owner, Mr. Paul, knew the need for fire protection. He built a water tower, 208 feet high that held 84,000 gallons of water and the height controlled the pressure for a sprinkler system that serviced Process Engineering. At the same time the waterline ran to the corner of Main Street and the railroad tracks. Mr. Paul placed a hydrant there for Town use. That was the start of the now existing Town's fire suppression system.

In the early 1970s, Process Engineering Inc., Westville Homes and Penn Box Co., pooled together and expanded the waterline to Westville Homes across Route 125, added a new pump house with a diesel motor and constructed a large pond. With support from the Board of Selectmen and Fire Department, the Town voted to construct a one-million-gallon reservoir off of what is now Arbor Way. Around 1975, a new reservoir was completed and a diesel and electric pump enabled 3000 gallons of water to be pumped through the line per minute for fire protection. In the 1980s, the water line was constructed along Route 125, to Shaw's Plaza.

In 2003, the Town continued to make progress on the water line and extended it along Kingston Road, from Arbor Way, under the railroad tracks to the MacNeilly Residence. This improvement is the first step in completing a loop in the system, from the water pump to Main Street. A loop is important in case a break in the line occurs. The Water Department could then re-direct the flow of water away from the break, along a different path, enabling the Fire Department to continue using the water line for rescue procedures. In 2004, the Town has requested funds in the budget to complete this loop, to be completed at the same time as the new sidewalk construction on Elm Street. This joint venture will save money to the taxpayers of Plaistow.

The Water Department has a long-range plan to provide fire protection to more areas of Town and to complete more loops. We anticipate new businesses along Route 125 and Main Street will help fund this plan, as well as increase the economic vitality of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sargent

Waterline Superintendent

TOWN OF PLAISTOW NEW HAMPSHIRE



2004 Plaistow Ballot Questions & Candidates
Warrant as amended by Deliberative Session January 31, 2004.

2004 Plaistow Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Timberlane Regional High School and Performing Arts Center in said Plaistow on Saturday, January 31, 2004, at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to explain, discuss and debate each Article and to determine the form for the questions on the ballot, except those warrant articles where wording is prescribed by law. The snow date will be Tuesday February 3, 2004, at 7:00 PM at the same location. 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, 2004, 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 articles begin with "P" to differentiate these town articles from the school district article numbers.

Article P-1

SELECTMEN-THREE YEAR TERM

CHARLES L (BUZZY) BLINN JR

ROBERT J. GRAY

JOHN SHERMAN

VOTE FOR TWO

MODERATOR-TWO YEAR TERM

BARRY SARGENT

VOTE FOR ONE

TOWN CLERK- THREE YEAR TERM

MARYELLEN PELLETIER

BARBARA E. TAVITIAN

VOTE FOR ONE

TREASURER-THREE YEAR TERM

BERNADINE A. FITZGERALD

VOTE FOR ONE

FIRE ENGINEERS-ONE YEAR TERM

RICHARD a. Colcord 1ST ENG

MICHAEL BORGES 2ND ENG

DAVID R. SARGENT 3RD ENG

JOHN W JUDSON III 4TH ENG

VOTE FOR FOUR

BUDGET COMMITTEE-THREE YEAR
ROBERT J. GRAY
RONALD J. HAYES
JANI S PENTA

VOTE FOR FOUR

BUDGET COMMITTEE-ONE YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST-ONE YEAR TERM
RUTH SANTOSUOSSO

VOTE FOR ONE

AUDITORS-ONE YEAR TERM
B. JILL SENTER

VOTE FOR TWO

PLANNING BOARD-THREE YEAR TERM
STEVEN RANLETT

VOTE FOR ONE

PLANNING BOARD-ONE YEAR TERM
DANIEL (DAN) J POLIQUIN

VOTE FOR ONE

LIBRARY TRUSTEE-THREE YEAR TERM
JENNIFER KIARSIS
KAREN POZNICK

VOTE FOR TWO

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND-THREE YEAR TERM
HELEN A. HART

VOTE FOR ONE

CEMETERY TRUSTEE-THREE TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

CEMETERY TRUSTEE -TWO YEAR TERM
B. JILL SENTER

VOTE FOR TWO

CEMTETERY TRUSTEE -ONE YEAR TERM
ELEANOR PEABODY

VOTE FOR TWO

Article P-2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for the purchase of property(s) and/or easement(s) by the method outlined in RSA 41:14-a to prevent residential development on those properties and to protect the Town's rural character and natural resources, including, but not limited to preserving field land, forest land and wetland in their natural state, and for other public nonresidential purposes; One Million, Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) 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 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. (Sixty percent (60%) majority is required for passage.)(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee)

[Intent: Residential development frequently costs much more in services for schools and municipal purposes than is generated by property taxes upon the homes. This would allow the Town to prevent residential development on some properties by purchasing either an easement to prevent development or the property itself. The Selectmen will not borrow from the bond until such time as an agreement has been reached with a landowner and then only borrow the amount that is needed. The Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to use the procedure in RSA 41:14-a at Town Meeting in 2002. The law requires the following steps before the Town can acquire land using the method in RSA 41:14-a

1. The Board of Selectmen seeks review and recommendation of both Conservation Commission and Planning Board
2. The Board of Selectmen holds a public hearing
3. Between 10-14 days after first hearing the Board holds a second public hearing
4. If 50 voters oppose the transaction and present a petition to the Selectmen prior to the vote, the matter must go to a Town Meeting
5. Between 10-14 days after second hearing and if there is no petition the Board votes on whether to acquire the land.]

Article P-3 Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling six million sixty-six thousand nine hundred sixty one dollars (\$6,066,961)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be five million eight hundred four thousand six hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$5,804,677), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

[Intent: This is the proposed operating budget for the entire town including police, fire, highway, library, etc.]

Article P-4 Shall the town vote to accept the NH Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$127,463 for equipment and road maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V roads in accordance with Chapter 235 of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated and to raise and appropriate said sum for equipment and local highway maintenance?

Appropriation	\$ 127,463
Revenue from Grant	\$- 127,463
Amount to be raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board, and Budget Committee)

[Intent: This is a grant we receive every year and the voters have accepted it each year in the past. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. This money pays for projects the Highway Department does such as drainage, paving, road repair, etc.]

Article P-5 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$131,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund established by vote of Town Meeting in 2003 under RSA 31:19-a for Improvements to the Town Hall including but not limited to installation of an elevator to bring the building into compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), renovation

of the interior, improvements to the heating, cooling and electrical systems, installation of a sprinkler system (fire suppression), etc.? Said funds to come from the December 31, 2003, fund balance. This is the second year of a multi year endeavor.

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 131,000
Revenue from Fund Balance	<u>\$-131,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board, and Budget Committee.)

[Intent: The Town Hall does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for access. More funds will be requested in future years toward this project. The town plans to apply for a \$90,000 grant to help with this project. The fund balance represents the Town's savings and is currently over \$2,000,000. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. This would be put in an interest bearing account until the project is completed. Donations to this project will be gratefully accepted.]

Article P-6 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,622 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Internet use, said sums to come from the December 31, 2003, unreserved fund balance and represents revenue received from the AT&T Broadband/Comcast franchise agreement for Internet use?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 7,622
Revenue from Cable Company in Fund Balance	<u>\$-7,622</u>
Amount to be Raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

[Intent: The Town has already collected this money from the cable provider for Internet use. It takes a vote of the Town to move the revenue from the fund balance to an account for use as designated by the franchise agreement. Passage of this article will place the funds for Internet into a fund from which the money can be spent for the town Web site, Internet usage and related costs. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. This would be put in an interest bearing account.]

Article P-7 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,950 to hire a Cable TV coordinator to oversee the programming and operation of the Cable Studio effective May 1, 2004? The coordinator shall be under the direct supervision of the Town Manager and work in coordination with the Cable Committee, which serves as an advisory body for cable activities. Said funds will be offset by revenue received from Comcast as outlined in the franchise agreement with the Town.

Appropriation for Coordinator	\$ 12,950
Revenue from Cable Company	<u>\$-12,950</u>
Amount to be Raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

[Intent: This money from the Cable Company must be used for cable purposes under the terms of the Franchise Agreement. The coordinator would help with producing and showing of Cable TV programs, broadcasting of meetings, recruiting and training of volunteers, and enabling greater utilization of the studio. The budget is based upon 25 hours a week at \$15 per hour. The expectation is that future years will likewise be funded by the Cable TV franchise money.]

Article P-8 Shall the Town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under RSA 31:19-a for payment of accrued leave upon an employee leaving town service and further to raise and appropriate \$ 25,000, said sums to come from the December 31, 2003, unreserved fund balance and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend this fund?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 25,000
Revenue from Fund Balance	<u>\$-25,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

[Intent: The money in this fund can only be used for payment to an employee upon their leaving town employment and/or retiring for the amount of accrued benefits (such as vacation, sick leave, or Earned Time Off), to which the employee is entitled by contract or personnel policy. It is the intent to keep the balance of this fund at \$25,000. If money from this fund is used to satisfy the Town's obligation as aforementioned, it would be the intent to request funds at future Town Meetings to replenish the amount spent to maintain the \$25,000 balance. This would be set up as an interest bearing account.]

Article P-9 Shall the Town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under RSA 31:19-a for payment of police and fire outside detail that exceeds the budgeted amount in any given year and further to raise and appropriate \$30,000, said sums to come from the December 31, 2003, unreserved fund balance and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend this fund?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 30,000
Revenue from Fund Balance	<u>\$-30,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

[Intent: Contractors, utility companies, the school, paving companies, and others pay the cost of outside details. It is difficult to predict just how much will be spent in a year on outside detail because it varies based upon factors beyond the control of the Board of Selectmen. In a busy year the budget could be overspent, but this is offset by revenue from these vendors that normally equals or exceeds the amount paid out. The intent is that this would be kept at \$30,000 in future years by requesting future Town Meetings to replace the amount that has been spent. This money would remain in an interest bearing account and would not be spent unless outside detail expenditures exceed the budgeted amount.]

Article P-10 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 to hire professional services to assist in developing site plans and a preliminary footprint for the future expansion of the fire and police stations located in the Safety Complex?

Hiring professional services	\$ 10,000
Revenue from Developer Impact Fees	<u>\$-10,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.)

[Intent: The Police and Fire Stations both need more space. As part of the long-range planning, a committee was formed to study the problem and is requesting the help of an architect to review the current land area around the existing building to determine if there is sufficient space for expansion and to make recommendations that can be used in this long-range planning. The town has collected impact fees of \$21,384.81 as of November 15, 2003. If those impact fees are not used within six years of their collection, they must be returned to the developer who paid them. These impact fees can only be used for expansion of the Safety Complex.]

Article P-11 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board and Budget Committee)

[Intent: This is part of the long range plan for replacement of Fire Department vehicles. It is in keeping with the annual amount the Town has been using to replace Fire Equipment the past three years. This money can only be spent by a future vote of Town Meeting. This would be put in an interest bearing account.]

Article P-12 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for construction of a new recreational facility to include but not limited to fields, irrigation, parking, well and septic system, fencing, and a building to house a bathroom, storage and concession stand. Said appropriation shall not lapse through December 31, 2006, said sums to come from the December 31, 2003, unreserved fund balance.

Appropriation for Recreational Facility	\$ 250,000
Revenue from Fund Balance	<u>\$-250,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2004 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board and Budget Committee)

[Intent: This would enable the town to develop a new recreational facility on twenty-plus acres (20+ acres) including construction of five new sports fields, irrigation, parking areas, fences, backstops, restroom, storage, concession stand, etc. associated with the new facility. Currently the Town only owns a two acre facility for town recreational programs. The phrase "shall not lapse" means the Town will have authority to spend that money through 2006 if it takes longer than one year to build the facility. The total cost of the work on the new facility is estimated at \$350,000, but the town has already collected \$97,000 as impact fees from developers. If the impact fee money is not spent within six years of collection, it must be returned to the developer.]

Article P-13 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,363 to fund a new entry level full time police officer effective 4/1/04 which covers the cost of salary fringe benefits, equipment, training, academy overtime, etc.? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

[Intent: To move toward the goal of being fully staffed as recommended in a Department Personnel Acquisition Study presented to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in FY 2001. The study determined that the Department was short four (4) officers, two (2) of which have since been funded in FY2002. The Town is awaiting word on a grant that would pay 75% of the cost the first year and a smaller amount towards the cost in 2005 and 2006.]

Article P-14 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for installation of a conduit for fiber optic cable to connect the Town Hall and Safety Complex as part of the sidewalk project scheduled for 2004? Said appropriation shall not lapse until December 31, 2005. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board and Budget Committee.)

[Intent: This is to coordinate with the 2004 sidewalk project on Elm Street and proposed waterline project to avoid digging up the sidewalk in the future at a greater expense to connect the buildings with fiber optic cable. Fiber optic cable provides opportunities for connection of computer systems and phone systems. The phrase "shall not lapse" means the Town will have authority to spend that money through 2005 if it takes longer than one year to lay the fiber optic cable. Its use would result in reduced phone bills among town services. This appropriation is not for internal wiring of the buildings, but only for connecting the Safety Complex and Town Hall.]

Article P-15 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,954 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$ 2,744 from \$ 30,833 to \$ 33,577? The additional \$ 210 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

[Intent: If no increase is granted, the Deputy Town Clerk will be paid higher than the Town Clerk in 2004. The Town did a survey of salaries and found the current Town Clerk salary substantially below that of other communities and below other Town Employees with equivalent responsibilities. The proposed raise is the same as the average increase for nonunion Town employees for 2003 and 2004. The last salary increase was 2001. The Town Clerk received Health Insurance benefits starting in 2002.]

Article P-16 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 581 to increase the salary of the Treasurer by \$540 from \$ 6,000 to \$6,540? The additional \$ 41 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

[Intent: The proposed raise is the same as the average increase for nonunion Town employees for 2003 and 2004. The last salary increase was in 2001.]

Article P-17 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,069 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$ 1,920 from \$ 21,344 to \$ 23,264? The additional \$ 149 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

[Intent: The Town did a survey of salaries and found the current Tax Collector salary substantially below that of other communities and below other Town Employees with equivalent responsibilities. The proposed raise is the same as the average increase for nonunion Town employees for 2003 and 2004. The last salary increase was 2001. The Tax Collector received Health Insurance benefits starting in 2002.]

Article P-18 Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for an optional veteran's tax credit of \$2,000 on the taxes due on residential property for a service-connected total disability and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety? This modification would make the optional veteran's disability tax credit \$2,000, rather than \$1,400. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

[The intent is to increase the tax credit for people who were totally disabled as a result of military service. There are currently 8 people in Plaistow who use this credit to reduce their taxes. The state recently allowed the maximum amount to be increased to \$2,000.]

Article P-19 Shall the Town vote to authorize the establishment of a Recreation Revolving Fund as authorized by RSA 35-B:2 II for deposit of revenue from recreation programs and to authorize the Recreation Commission with approval from the Board of Selectmen to expend from this fund for recreation purposes without further action of the Town Meeting. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

[Intent: Revenue from fees and charges would be deposited into a recreation revolving fund. This would give greater flexibility to change and increase programming that paid for itself such as Red Sox games, community trips, etc. This would not include the six week summer recreation program for children. These funds will be held by the treasurer and only be paid out by vote of both the Recreation Commission and Board of Selectmen. This fund would allow all revenue received for Recreation to be used for recreation and only recreation without further action of the Town Meeting. If this is passed, it should reduce the budget in future years.]

Article P-20 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to transfer all Conservation Funds and Forest Funds to the Treasurer to be held for purposes defined in RSA 36-A:2,4, and 5 and RSA 31:111-113 respectively. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

[Intent: This is a housekeeping matter in order to place all conservation funds with the Treasurer in accordance with state law. The Treasurer currently holds all the funds paid by those who remove property from current use in a separate conservation fund. Town Meeting in 1982 voted to establish a Town Forest Fund under RSA 31:111-113 and appropriated money to a Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Reserve Fund under RSA 36-A:4,5. In 2000 the vote from 1982 was changed. The Town Forest articles were amended to place the Forest Fund in the Conservation Fund. The Conservation Fund was amended to allow it to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission instead of the Town Meeting. Funds

have been kept with the Trustees of the Trust Funds, but RSA 36-A:5 indicates the Conservation Funds should be held by the Treasurer and the Department of Revenue Administration also recommends the Forest Funds be held by the Treasurer. As of August 31, 2003, there was \$29,969 in the Conservation Fund and \$34,310 in the Town Forest Fund.]

Article P-21 Shall the Town vote to rescind bonding authority for \$82,000 for a fire truck approved in 2001? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

[Intent: This is a housekeeping matter. The Town was able to buy the fire truck without bonding. The vote would clear the books of this unused bond.]

Article P-22 Shall the Town vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the Board of Selectmen? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

[Intent: To clarify what has been practice in Plaistow for years. The Board of Selectmen have been acting as the Cemetery Trustees, but we could not find the Town vote to authorize this. (RSA 289:6)]

Article P-23 Shall the Town vote in favor of a nonbinding resolution to support the development and operation of a rail station in Plaistow for train service to Boston and Portland. This would include future warrant articles requesting annual financial subsidy of Amtrak passenger rail service (DownEaster). It is estimated the annual cost would be roughly \$5,000 the first year, \$1,400 the second year, \$1,500 the third year and \$8,000 per year after the third year with changes in the amount changing based on participation and costs. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

[Intent: This would be located at the Park and Ride on Westville Road near Route 125. There is an 80% grant for the first three years of construction and operation. Other communities are placing a similar article on their warrants to determine support for the station. Financial support is also being sought from the County.]

Article P-24 Shall the Town vote to support the Board of Selectmen sending letters and lobbying against reductions in education funding revenue passed State Legislature in 2003 which will result in a dramatic increase in local property taxes in Plaistow while producing significant reductions in local property taxes in 51 other communities such as Hampton, Portsmouth, Moultonboro and other so-called donor communities? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article P-25 Shall the Town vote to support the Board of Selectmen sending letters and lobbying against the proposal by the governor for a Constitutional amendment to remove court protections regarding education funding? The concern of the Board of Selectmen is that the passage of such a change to the Constitution would leave the Town of Plaistow no recourse to the courts to prevent further shifting of educational costs onto the local property tax payers of Plaistow in an unfair manner. The Board of Selectmen is also concerned that this amendment would remove the current constitutional protections against unfunded mandates from the state regarding educational funding. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Zoning Articles

Article P-26 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, § 220-16. Motor Vehicle and Trailer Sales by adding a new § E. to read as follows:

- E. The sale of vehicles from a residential property is restricted to one vehicle, displayed on the paved driveway to the residence with a current State of New Hampshire inspection sticker.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-27 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.2 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XVIIA., § 220-117.2. (Imposition of Public Safety Impact Fees), § C. by adding the following: "and fire apparatus. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees will be for the safety complex expansion, twenty percent (20%) will be for the fire apparatus." And by amending Table PS-1 and increasing the fees so that it reads as follows:

The purpose of this amendment is to allow 20% of the impact fees be dedicated for fire apparatus and to increase the total amount needed to account for the additional funds for fire apparatus.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

TABLE PS-1: PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT FEES

Cost of Safety Complex and Apparatus	Pop.	Com. Sq. ft.	Cost/Unit	Units
\$3,490,000	7,747	3,087,257		
Residential	60%	2,094,000	\$265.26	Per person
Commercial	40%	1,396,000	\$0.45	Per sq. foot

Article P-28 Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a New Article entitled "Highway Department Capital Expenditures Impact Fee Assessment Ordinance"

The purpose of this ordinance is to assess fees for new roads developed as a result of residential, commercial or industrial development and to compensate the Town of Plaistow for its share of the capital costs associated with the additional demands on the Public Works equipment. These fees are authorized by RSA 674:21, V as an innovative land use control.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-29 Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a New Article entitled "Waterline Fire Suppression System Capital Expenditures Impact Fee Assessment Ordinance."

The purpose of this ordinance is to assess fees for the completion of the fire suppression line loop and to compensate the Town of Plaistow for its share of the capital costs associated with the extension of this line. These fees are authorized by RSA 674:21, V as an innovative land use control.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-30 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.5 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Replace Article XIV with a new Article XIV that includes all of the impact fees included in current Articles XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII and moves all impact fee schedules to the Plaistow Impact Fee Schedule. (Currently includes only the impact fees in the existing Article XIV).

The purpose of this Amendment is to consolidate all of the impact fee ordinances into one and to add a provision for updating the impact fee amounts following a public hearing.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-31 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.6 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, § 220-17.3 (General Provisions), to read as follows:

§ 220-17.3. Storage Containers

- A. Storage containers, without an axle, may be placed on any lot, in any district, provided that the container has been issued a permit, is placed to meet the set backs of the individual districts and the following conditions are met:
 - (1) Residential – 1 container per residential lot, maximum length 30 feet.
 - (2) Commercial/Industrial – no commercial or industrial site, with or without an approved site plan shall be issued a permit for a storage container without prior approval of the Planning Board.
- B. Any storage container permit is issued only for the exact container. Any new container, or substitute container shall require a new permit. The new permit shall meet all the requirements of § A above.
- C. The cost of a permit for a storage container shall be \$50.00 for a twelve-month period.
- D. Trailers and containers with an axle are prohibited on any residential use lot. Trailers and containers with an axle are allowable for commercial/industrial use properties with site plan approval by the Planning Board.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Planning Board to permit and monitor storage trailers on all properties.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-32 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.7 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Table 220-32A (I) and Table 220-32B (CI) by adding a new § C (5) to each which section will read as follows:

(5) Minimum building set back: 100 feet from the front property line.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the setback from 50 to 100 feet to allow for collector or frontage roads to be located in the front of commercial and industrial sites.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-33 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.8 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIIA, § 220-55.2A (General Requirements, Setbacks) to read as follows and make the associated change to Table 220-32I:

The minimum building setback shall be no less than 150 feet from the centerline of the road on which the lot fronts. Undeveloped front yards are required to be no less than 12 feet in width.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the setback so that it is consistent with Article P-33.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-34 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.9 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Remove Article I, § 230-17, Affordable Elderly Housing Community (AEHC) from the site plan review regulations and move it to the Zoning Ordinance as Article VII, § 220-54, (AEHC).

The purpose of this amendment is to consolidate all AEHC design requirements.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-35 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.10 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Table 220-32E (Medium Density Residential) ref: Table 220-32F (Low Density Residential) ref: pg.; and Table 220-32H (Integrated Commercial Residential) to read as follows:

****Corrals** for all farm animals must be at least 50 feet from any lot line. Structures (including but not limited to, barns, coops, sheds and stables) used to house any farm animals must be at least 100 feet from any lot line.

The purpose of this amendment is to include all farm animals, not just horses.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-36 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.11 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, § 220-34B.4(a) (Dimensional requirements) to read as follows:

(a) When the average setback of at least two existing residential buildings on the same side of the road and within 300 feet distance along the street from the boundary lines of the subject premises is less than the depth specified in § 220-32, an average of the existing setbacks shall be the required yard depth.

The purpose of amendment is to allow for averaging to be utilized only by residential uses, not industrial or commercial.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-37 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.12 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, § 220-42 (Location of Driveways) to read as follows:

All driveways are to be located at least 75 feet from a street intersection within the required frontage of the proposed lot for all uses and all paved driveways must comply with the setback required in that district. This measurement shall be taken along a street line.

The purpose of this amendment is to specify that paved driveways must comply with the setbacks of that district.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-38 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.13 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article X, § 220-67H. (Home occupation-Conditions) to add a new § H (I) to read as follows:

Any applicant who resides in a condominium unit, in addition to obtaining permission from the owner, if the applicant is not the owner, must submit, at the time of application, written permission from the governing Condominium Association or Board of Directors.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the applicant has permission and that the covenants of the condominium association are being complied with.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

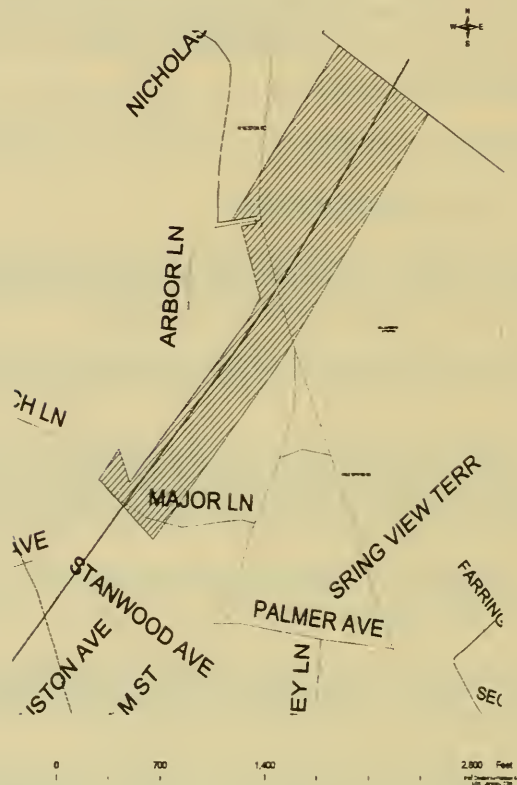
Article P-39 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.14 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the "Town of Plaistow, NH Zoning Map 1995" to rezone a section of the Industrial Zone to Medium Density Residential as depicted in the diagram.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow for the area to be compatible with the existing land uses.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

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PROPOSED REZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL TO MDR



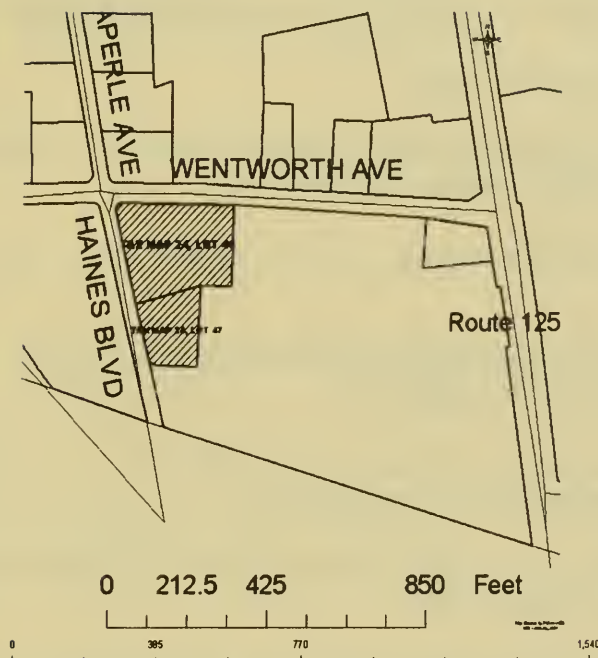
Article P-40 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.15 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the "Town of Plaistow, NH Zoning Map 1995" to rezone two parcels located in the Medium Density Residential (MDR) District to Commercial I, as depicted in diagram inserted.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow for the remaining parcels adjacent to the Stateline Plaza to be compatible with the existing commercial use.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW
PROPOSED REZONING FROM MDR TO CI
TAX MAP 24, LOT 46
TAX MAP 24, LOT 47



Article P-41 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 16 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Replace the current "Town of Plaistow, NH Zoning Map 1995" with a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Zoning Map.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Town to produce accurate computer-based zoning maps.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-42 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.17 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IX, (Signs) § 220-60C, by deleting § 2., which currently prohibits temporary signs in the Commercial II (Main Street) District.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow businesses to have signs in the Main Street commercial district.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-43 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 18 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VI, § 220-49A (Roadways), as follows:

All roadways shall be public and shall be constructed to Town subdivision regulation requirements.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that new subdivision roads are public and are built to the required engineering specifications.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-44 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 19 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VI, § 220-49 (Roadways), by removing § B. which will prohibit private roads in new subdivisions.

The purpose of this amendment is to no longer allow private roads.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-45 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 20 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIIA, § 220-55.2A. (General Requirements, Setbacks) to read as follows and make the associated change to Table 220-32I:

The minimum building setback shall be no less than 150 feet from the centerline of the road on which the lot fronts. Undeveloped front yards are required to be no less than 12 feet in width"

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

As amended at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, January 31, 2004.

Signed :

Barbara Javitian

Town Clerk

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executiva	3	238,096	225,064	254,731		254,731	
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	3	100,979	93,005	94,852		94,852	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3	190,436	157,888	199,726		199,726	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense	3	33,000	15,331	33,000		33,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	3	605,000	627,883	762,446		762,446	-
4181-4193	Planning & Zoning	3	64,750	54,826	66,550		66,550	
4194	General government Buildings	3	175,818	165,869	180,198		180,198	
4195	Cemetaries	3	13,160	9,714	13,099		13,099	
4196	Insurance	3	55,000	52,787	55,000		55,000	
4197	Advertising & Ragional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government		33,195	26,824	21,614		21,614	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police	3	1,300,721	1,274,748	1,397,208		1,397,208	
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	33,310	35,277	8,650		8,650	
4220-4229	Fire	3	476,045	373,310	379,505		379,505	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	3	85,480	87,042	87,918		87,918	
4280-4298	Emergency Management	3	3,545	2,043	14,104		14,104	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER							
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
4311	Administration	3	219,006	225,331	294,406		294,406	
4312	Highways & Streets	3	244,300	228,801	170,610		170,610	
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting	3	57,050	57,050	58,191		58,191	
4319	Other							
	SANITATION							
4321	Administration Solid Waste							
4323	Solid Waste Collection	3	618,813	582,114	630,000		630,000	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	16,850	19,066	32,349		32,349	
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup							

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services	3	129,200	135,512	311,830		311,830	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Administration & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH/WELFARE							
4411	Administration	3	40,294	42,209	47,735		47,735	
4414	Pest Control	3	11,403	12,278	11,938		11,938	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	3	56,294	51,520	59,355		59,355	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	3	50,542	35,033	51,205		51,205	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	3	140,266	121,253	162,993		162,993	0
4550-4559	Library	3	351,168	309,148	380,950		380,950	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		600	616	600		600	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	3	33,876	33,038	35,213		35,213	
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources	3	4,522	4,058	9,980		9,980	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	190,000	190,000	190,000		190,000	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	59,504	59,504	51,004		51,004	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4723	Interest on TANs	3	1	-	1		1	
4970-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land & Improvements							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improv. Other than Buildings							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds							
	(except Health Maint. Trust Fund)							
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1	3	5,632,224	5,308,144	6,066,961	-	6,066,961	-

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes;

3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Open Space Bond	2			1,200,000		1,200,000	
	Highway Block Grant	4	127,716	127,443	127,463		127,463	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Accrued Leave Severance	8			25,000		25,000	
	Outside Detail Trust	9			30,000		30,000	
	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	11			80,000		80,000	
	Trust Internet	6	7,135	7,125	7,622		7,622	
	Communications Console		163,000	162,736				
	Town Hall	5	81,000	81,000	131,000		131,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	1,601,085	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1,601,085	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.

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.

Cable Coordinator	7			12,950		12,950	
Safety Complex Architect	10			10,000		10,000	
Recreation Fields	12			250,000		250,000	
Police Officer	13			45,363		45,363	
Cable Conduit	14			30,000		30,000	
Town Clerk Salary	15			2,954		2,954	
Treasurer Salary	16			581		581	
Tax Collector Salary	17			2,069		2,069	
Fire Ventilation		50,448	47,722				
Child Advocacy Center		1,000	1,000				
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	353,917		353,917	

Section 2 warrant articles total
 Section 3 warrant articles total
 Section 1
 Total

378,851
 51,448
 5,632,224
 6,062,523

1,601,085
 353,917
 6,066,961
 8,021,963

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year 2003	Actual Revenue Prior Year 2003	Estimated Revenue for Ensuing Year 2004
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		1	0	200
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		22,000	26,605	22,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cu yd)				
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		4,200	3,117	4,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,303,100	1,361,613	1,304,001
3230	Building Permits		79,066	92,219	95,307
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		71,122	75,437	79,195
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		25,000	62,017	49,800
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues		56,931	75,483	56,931
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		232,287	232,287	232,287
3353	Highway Block Grant		127,716	127,716	127,463
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax, court lease)		50,433	67,085	64,915
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		121,252	49,992	84,538
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		97,558	88,822	95,276
3409	Other Charges (cable TV, outside detl, Water)		181,734	211,811	195,980
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property (tower leases)		97,800	84,695	87,100
3502	Interest on Investments		40,000	38,778	40,000

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3503-3509	Other (Gifts, Misc., Store paid Police)		59,311	148,984	53,251
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	Special Revenue Funds				
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport-(Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Fund				
3916	Trust & Agency Funds (Library Trust Funds)		70,000	70,000	70,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				1,200,000
	Amounts Voted from F/B "Surplus"		198,135	198,135	193,622
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes		584,000	584,000	584,000
	TOTAL REVENUES		3,421,646	3,598,796	4,640,366

	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
BUDGET SUMMARY		
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	6,066,961	6,066,961
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	353,917	353,917
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	1,601,085	1,601,085
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	8,021,963	8,021,963
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	4,640,366	4,640,366
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	3,381,597	3,381,597

Estimated Fund Balance January 1, 2004

2,636,633

Maximum allowable increase to Budget Committee's
Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18

658,096

VOTER'S NOTES

		Yes	No
P-1	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-2	Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-3	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-4	Highway Block Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-5	Town Hall Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-6	Internet Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-7	Cable TV Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-8	Employee Accrued Leave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-9	Outside Detail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10	Safety Complex Development Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11	Fire Department Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-12	Recreation Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-13	Full Time Police Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-14	Conduit Connecting Town Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-15	Town Clerk Salary Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-16	Treasurer Salary Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-17	Tax Collector Salary Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-18	Veteran's Tax Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-19	Recreation Revolving Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-20	Conservation & Forest Fund Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-21	Rescind Bonding For Fire Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-22	Cemetery Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-23	Rail Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-24	Education Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-25	Constitutional Amendment – Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

		Yes	No
P-26	Motor Vehicle & Trailer Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-27	Fire Apparatus Impact Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-28	Highway Equipment Impact Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-29	Fire Suppression/Waterline Impact Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-30	Impact Fee Schedule Consolidations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-31	Storage Containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-32	Building Set Back	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-33	General Requirement Set Backs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-34	Move AEHC to Zoning Ordinances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-35	MDR & ICR - Lot Lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-36	Dimensional Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-37	Driveway Locations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-38	Home Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-39	Rezone Zoning Map - I to MDR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-40	Rezone Zoning Map - MDR to CI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-41	Replace Zoning Map with GIS Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-42	Main Street Sign Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-43	Roadways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-44	Private Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-45	General Requirement Set Backs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



You Dump it, You Drink it

Many things you dump into the ground end up in your drinking water. The Town of Plaistow is engaging in a five-year plan to improve the quality of both surface and underground drinking water in the community. This is being done for public safety, long-term protection of our drinking water and to comply with United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. Christie Todd Whitman, the Administrator for the EPA, wrote the following:

"I believe water is the biggest environmental issue we face in the 21st century in terms of both quantity and quality. In the 30 years since its passage, the Clean Water Act has dramatically increased the number of waterways that are once again safe for fishing and swimming. Despite this great progress in reducing water pollution, many of the Nation's waters still do not meet water quality goals. I challenge you to join President Bush and me to finish the business of restoring and protecting our nation's waters for present and future generations."

The residents of Plaistow depend solely upon underground water sources for their drinking water. Many activities result in pollution getting into brooks, streams and the underground water aquifer. The Conservation Commission, working with the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, has started a public education and outreach program. The first step has been working with teachers at the Pollard School to encourage students to recognize the importance of protecting our water supply.

During the coming months and years, the Town will seek to involve many of you in the development, implementation and review of the storm water management program. The Town will seek volunteer stream monitors and people to work in other ways to prevent underground water pollution.

A third step will be developing, implementing and enforcing a program to detect and eliminate any storm water discharge that contains pollution. Plaistow officials will develop better maps to identify priority areas for enforcement of existing rules to protect water. If you know of any pollution flowing into brooks, streams or catch basins, we urge you to call the Town Manager immediately. Pollution of storm water will eventually lead to pollution of our drinking water supply.

Additional steps will include reduction of construction site storm water runoff, addressing storm water runoff from new developments and redevelopment projects, and establishing a menu of good housekeeping practices for runoff control. With your help, we will protect and preserve our surface water and our underground drinking water.

If you know of any activities that are polluting water we urge you to email tmsecretary@plaistow.com or call 382-5200 or write Town Hall, 145 Main Street.



TOWN INFORMATION

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

- **Selectmen:** Every Monday at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.
For more details email: execsecretary@plaistow.com
- **Budget Committee:** Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM during the months of September thru January.
- **Conservation Commission:** First and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- **Planning Board:** First and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.
For more details email: planning@plaistow.com
- **Recreation Commission:** Third Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM.
For more details email: recreation@plaistow.com
- **Zoning Board of Adjustment:** Last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.
For more details email: inspsecretary@plaistow.com

CURBSIDE TRASH: is picked up on a weekly basis. All curbside trash must be bagged and placed on the curb by 7:00AM.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: is easy, economical and environmentally necessary. Your efforts save natural resources and by recycling, you save tax dollars by avoiding disposal costs at the landfill. Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash collection week day.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS: clear, brown and green glass, aluminum, steel and tin metal; #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic, newspaper, phonebooks, junk mail and paperboard.

WHITE GOODS: stoves, refrigerators and other appliances are picked up, by appointment, on the first Saturday of each month. To schedule removal call 1-800-847-5303.

WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAYS: collection will be delayed one day on the holidays listed below. The holidays are subject to change by Waste Management.

2004 Waste Management Holiday Schedule

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| ▪ New Year's Day | ▪ Memorial Day | ▪ Independence Day |
| ▪ Labor Day | ▪ Thanksgiving Day | ▪ Christmas Day |

LANDFILL: The Plaistow Landfill is located off Old County Road in Plaistow. Hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, on the first and third Saturday in April thru December. Items accepted are brush which is five inches or less in diameter and untreated wood. All dates and times are subject to change, without notice, pending the weather and facility conditions.



**VITAL STATISTICS
RECORD OF RESIDENT BIRTHS**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Aziz, Jenna Katherine	Aziz, Edward	Aziz, Kristen	01/09/03
Barbieri, Kayley Linn	Barbieri, Brian	Barbieri, Kimberly	11/06/03
Barbone, Mason William	Barbone, Arthur	French-Barbone, Michelle	04/07/03
Belanger, Ryan Stephen	Belanger, Troy	Belanger, Kristen	04/16/03
Bragdon, Nathaniel Matthew	Bragdon, Nathaniel	Bragdon, Erika	03/04/03
Brasil, Juliana Silveira	Brasil, George	Brasil, Erica	08/01/03
Dion, Zachary Matthew	Dion, Matthew	Dion, Sheryl	08/04/03
Fitzpatrick, Alexa Lee	Fitzpatrick, Brian	Fitzpatrick, Kerri	02/19/03
Freeman, Ryan James	Freeman, Daniel	Freeman, Jaclyn	09/06/03
Gauthier, Samuel Robert	Gauthier, Steven	Gauthier, Roberta	05/08/03
Gromko, Regan Olivia	Gromko, Derek	Gromko, Jill	01/03/03
Gromko, Taylor Mackenzie	Gromko, Derek	Gromko, Jill	01/03/03
Hartford, Nathaniel David	Hartford, Carl	Hartford, Lori	05/19/03
Jones, Summer Jade	Jones, Jeffrey	Jones, Amanda	10/17/03
Lafontaine, Kaden Xavier	Lafontaine, Shawn	Lafontaine, Heather	10/08/03
McClure, Ryan Christopher	McClure, Thomas	McClure, Karen	04/12/03
Noonan, Joshua Patrick	Noonan, Kevin	Noonan, Tammy	01/14/03
Ordway, Roger David	Ordway, Roger	Ordway, Katrina	11/30/03
Paquette, Abrial Josephine	Paquette, Stephen	Paquette, Toni	11/29/03
Raymond, Michael Sean	Raymond, Michael	Raymond, Jeanne	08/03/03
Russell, Mya Leigh	Russell, Peter	Russell, Wendy	11/05/03
Santos, Janessa Mikaeyla	Santos, Joel	Santos, Jessica	08/07/03
Savage, William Robert Lewis	Savage, Stephen	Savage, Kristin	02/18/03
Schultz, Abigail Rose	Schultz, Todd	Schultz, Susannah	04/01/03
Stevens, Lillian Louise	Stevens, John	Stevens, Leona	01/28/03
Szczapa, Samuel Paul	Szczapa, Paul	Szczapa, Kimberly	10/17/03
Taveras, Alex Dellia	Taveras, Alejandro	Taveras, Rebecca	11/18/03
Wickson, Brooke Marie	Wickson, George	Wickson, Hollie	05/25/03



**VITAL STATISTICS
RECORD OF RESIDENT DEATHS**

<u>Decedent</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Arnold, Robert W.	Arnold, William	Mocha, Josie	10/28/03
Blinn, Mary E.	Crocket, Arthur	Ball, Elsie	05/17/03
Cignoni, Pearl M.	Bellerive, Cleophase	Descheneau, Ernestine	04/25/03
Cooper, Robert E.	Cooper, Charles	Ruthven, Florence	05/15/03
Curley, Jay C.	Curley, Craig	Danforth, Susan	04/09/03
Doucette, Elizabeth V.	Mellon, John	Donnelly, Elizabeth	08/24/03
Doucette, Michael S.	Doucette, Charles	Keene, Shirley	11/25/03
Duffy, Mildred M.	Smith, John	Lowe, Jennie	09/20/03
Fuller, Helen E.	McNamara, John	Lyons, Catherine	08/15/03
Gordon, Thelma R.	Brown, Edwin	Cavanaugh, Mary	06/12/03
Gulezia, Angelina	Forte, Joseph	Unknown, Maria	03/20/03
Hickey, Alice M.	Penno, Joseph	Carter, Margaret	04/06/03
Hope, Mary	Lane, William	Dacey, Agnes	12/26/03
Judson, Janie P.	Matthews, Herbert	Tozer, Bessie	08/05/03
Kippenberger, Margaret A.	Kippenberger, Joseph	McBrine, Catherine	09/13/03
Lacerte, Louise F.	Desfosses, Hormidos	Gauvin, Emma	04/24/03
Marcinkowski, John	Marcinkowski, John	April, Alice	06/23/03
Martel, Christina M.	Allen, Herbert	Jonsen, Mellie	07/09/03
Miller, Mary R.	Dedmon, Charles	Nell, Leona	11/18/03
Morris, Patrick H.	Morris, Patrick	Grenon, Lena	10/15/03
Randall, Mildred	Nolan, Walter	Sweeney, Elizabeth	03/13/03
Robidoux, Arthur J.	Robidoux, Arthur	Weiler, Anna	06/20/03
Robinson, Donald F.	Robinson, Lincoln	Fader, Hazel	05/05/03
Romanuk, Daniel F.	Romanuk, Kennerh	Walsh, Patricia	05/10/03
Schena, Elpinikie	Rage, Costas	Lippis, Maria	04/22/03
Walker, Daniel W.	Walker, James	Wixsom, Bessie	04/26/03



**VITAL STATISTICS
RECORD OF RESIDENT MARRIAGES**

<u><i>Groom's Name</i></u>	<u><i>Bride's Name</i></u>	<u><i>Town of Issuance</i></u>	<u><i>Date of Marriage</i></u>
Barnes, Wayne W.	Clarke, Susan A.	Plaistow	07/04/03
Bartholomew, Mark M.	Harris, Janet E.	Plaistow	08/09/03
Cabinta, Erickson O.	Towne, Nadia J.	Derry	09/13/03
Cartier, Lawrence P.	Lucia, Linda	Plaistow	02/01/03
Castro, Mark	Hansen, April C.	Plaistow	06/21/03
Chouinard, Kenneth B.	Labranche, Lori M.	Plaistow	07/04/03
Crawford, Kyle R.	Brown, Angela R.	Plaistow	02/21/03
Cutrona, Michael A.	Jones, Erica	Newton	06/18/03
Garbati, Matthew P.	Palahi, Sonia	Plaistow	10/18/03
Gearly, Timothy D.	Cockerline, Bonnie-Jeanne	Kingston	05/31/03
Hubbard, Jason	Lazzaro, Paula L.	Plaistow	10/02/03
Hull, Matthew D.	Moulton, Jaquelyn M.	Plaistow	05/10/03
Hussey, Brian W.	Kuzmicki, Luann J.	Plaistow	12/13/03
Iannazzo, Adam S.	Desrochers, Rachel C.	Windham	06/25/03
Kaeppel, Shane D.	Soucy, Jennifer J.	Plaistow	09/27/03
Kaufman, David	Misiaszek, Dulcinea	Plaistow	09/21/03
Kibby, Richard C.	Denton, Rebecca J.	Plaistow	06/14/03
Laspesa, Bruce W.	Fleming, Rhonda A.	Plaistow	07/05/03
Lemieux, Jason A.	Adams, Robyn M.	Plaistow	07/25/03
Lizotte, Lyle T.	Normandia, Vanessa	Plaistow	09/26/03
Lockhart, Everson G.	Ellis, Lindsey L.	Plaistow	10/14/03
Mattar, Amine C.	Apitz, Jessica	Manchester	01/05/03
Miller, Ernest H.	Farina, Linda S.	Newton	10/04/03
Ordway, Roger C.	Piteri, Katrina D.	Plaistow	06/28/03
Perreault, Lee R.	Evans, Brenna L.	Plaistow	04/01/03
Peterson, Edward D.	Bavis, Sherrie A.	Plaistow	04/12/03



VITAL STATISTICS - RECORD OF RESIDENT MARRIAGES CONTINUED:

<u><i>Groom's Name</i></u>	<u><i>Bride's Name</i></u>	<u><i>Town of Issuance</i></u>	<u><i>Date of Marriage</i></u>
Price, Seth R.	Fountzialas-Fontaine, Pamela J.	Plaistow	03/09/03
Roberts, Michael H.	Manning, Kathleen S.	Plaistow	08/17/03
Santabarbara, John N.	George, Cynthia A.	Plaistow	11/15/03
Senior, Neil J.	Carney, Alison J.	Plaistow	08/08/03
Sifferlen, Eric J.	Holmes, Heidi K.	Atkinson	07/26/03
Thompson, Douglas E.	Jones, Ncole R.	Plaistow	06/08/03
Vance, Ronald D.	Remillet, Julie S.	Plaistow	08/09/03
Woodbury, Michael T.	Driscoll, Marcy N.	Plaistow	09/27/03



Residents enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt and visit by the Easter Bunny
Sponsored by the Recreation Department



WHERE PLAISTOW RESIDENTS CAN CALL FOR HELP...

<u>PROMBLEM/QUESTION</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
AIDS Hotline	Aids Response Seacoast	433-5377
Animal Problems	Plaistow Animal Control Officer	382-8144 or 382-6816
After School Program	Sad Café	382-8893
Assessments	Plaistow Assessing Department	382-8469 X11
Auto & Boat Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Battered Women Shelter	A Safe Place	1-800-852-3388
Bills & Accounts	Plaistow Finance Department	382-8469 X12
Birth Certificates	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Building Permits	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Burning Permits	Plaistow Fire Department	382-5012
Cemetery	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Chamber of Commerce	Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange	382-3634
Child Abuse	Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	1-800-894-5533
Child Care	Rockingham County Childcare Info.	1-800-310-8333
Child & Family Services	Child & Family Services	1-800-640-6486
Clothing	Plaistow Clothing Basement	382-5200 X15
Conservation Commission	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Consumer Complaint	NH Better Business Bureau	228-3789
Death Certificate	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Disaster Relief	American Red Cross	624-4307
District Court	Plaistow District Court	382-4651
Dog License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Driver's License	NH Dept. Motor Vehicles	271-2251
Elections	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Electrical Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
EMERGENCY: Fire, Police & Ambulance		911
Environment	NH State Dept. Environmental Services	289-2111
Family Services (Juvenile)	Family Mediation	362-4721
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-5012
Fish & Game	Fish & Game Club Office	382-3675
Fishing License	Walmart or Animal Control Officer	382-2839 or 382-8144
Food Pantry	Holy Angels Parish	382-8324
Food Stamps	NH Dept. of Health & Human Services	1-800-852-7492
Genealogical Information	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
General Assistance	Plaistow Human Services Department	382-8469 X15
Health Care	SeaCare Health Center	772-8119
	Community Health Services	425-2545
Health Officer	Plaistow Health Department	382-2494 X21
Heating Assistance	Fuel Assistance 10/01 thru 4/30	898-8435
	Rockingham Community Action Program	893-9172
Home Budgeting	Credit Counseling	1-800-327-6778
Homeless	NH Coalition for Homeless	1-800-852-3388
Housing	NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247



Human Service Department	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X15
Humane Society	Help Line	1-800-852-3388
Hunting License	NH SPCA	772-2921
Landfill	Walmart or Animal Control Officer	382-2839 or 382-8144
Legal Assistance	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
Library	Legal Advice & Referral Center	1-800-639-5290
Marriage License	Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
Meals on Wheels	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Mental Health	Vic Geary Senior Center	382-5995
Notary	CLM Behavioral Health	893-3548
Off Road Vehicle Registration	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10 and X16
Parenting Problems	Gilly's or DaSilva	382-4334 or 382-1515
Passport	Parents Anonymous	1-800-750-4494
Planning Board	Federal Building	666-7568
Plumbing Permit	Plaistow Planning Office	382-7371 X14
Police Station (non-emergency)	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Post Office	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-6816
Property Taxes	U.S. Post Office	382-8529
Recreation & Parks	Plaistow Tax Collector	382-8611 X17
Recycling & Curbside Removal	Plaistow Recreation Department	382-5200 X18
Red Cross	Waste Management	1-800-443-5515
Roads & Streets	Merrimack Valley Chapter	978-683-2465
School Administration Unit	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
School -Elementary	Timberlane Regional School District	382-6119
School - Middle	Pollard Elementary School	382-7146
School - High	Timberlane Regional Middle School	382-7131
Secretary of State	Timberlane Regional High School	382-6541
Senior Citizen Center	Office of Secretary of State	271-3242
Senior Services	Vic Geary Senior Center	382-5995
Sexual Assault	Elderly & Adult Services	1-800-852-7492
Sheriff	Sexual Assault Support Service 24 hr.	436-4107
Social Security	Rockingham County	772-4716
Superior Court	Social Security Administration	978-374-1960
Teen Pregnancy	Rockingham Clerk of Courts	642-5256
Town Ordinances	Pregnancy Care Center	978-373-5700
Transportation:	Plaistow Code Enforcement Officer	382-1191 X20
	Greater Salem Caregivers	898-2850
	Greater Derry/Salem Transportation	1-888-941-3674
	Special Transit Service	668-8603
	Retired Sr. Volunteer Program	436-4310
	Lamprey Healthcare Transp.	659-2424
	NH Dept. of Employment Security	893-9185
	Veterans Administration	1-800-562-5260
	Rockingham VNA	772-2981
	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
	NH Dept. of Human Services	1-800-821-0326
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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TOWN HALL - 145 Main Street

Animal Control Officer	382-8144
Assessor's Office	382-8469 X 11
Building & Code Enforcement Department	382-1191 X 20
Finance Department	382-5200 X 12
Health Department	382-2494 X 21
Highway Department	382-6771
Human Services Coordinator	382-8469 X 15
Planning Department	382-7371 X 14
Recreation Director	382-5200 X 18
Selectmen's Office	382-5200 X 10
Tax Collector	382-5941 X 17
Town Clerk	382-8129 X 16
Town Manager	382-7106 X 13
Zoning Board of Adjustment	382-8420 X 20

DISTRICT COURT - 17 Elm Street

Clerk of Courts, 17 Elm Street.....	382-4651
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FIRE DEPARTMENT - 27 Elm Street

Emergency	911
All other call	382-5012

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 27 Elm Street

Emergency	911
All other calls	382-6816

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street	382-6011
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SCHOOLS

School Administration (SAU), 30 Greenough Road	382-6119
Pollard School, 120 Main Street	382-7146
Timberlane Regional Middle School, 44 Greenough Road	382-7131
Timberlane Regional High School, 36 Greenough Road	382-6541

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Assessing: *Mon & Wed 8:00am to Noon, Tues and Thurs 8:00am to 4:00pm*

Human Services: *Tues thru Thurs 9:00 am to 2:00pm*

Planning Department: *Mon thru Fri 8:30am to 2:30pm*

Tax Collector: *Mon thru Wed 8:30am to 4:30pm*

Town Clerk: *Mon 8:30am to 7:00pm, Tues thru Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm*

Remaining Town Hall Departments: *Mon thru Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm*

For more information on Plaistow please visit www.plaistow.com.

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