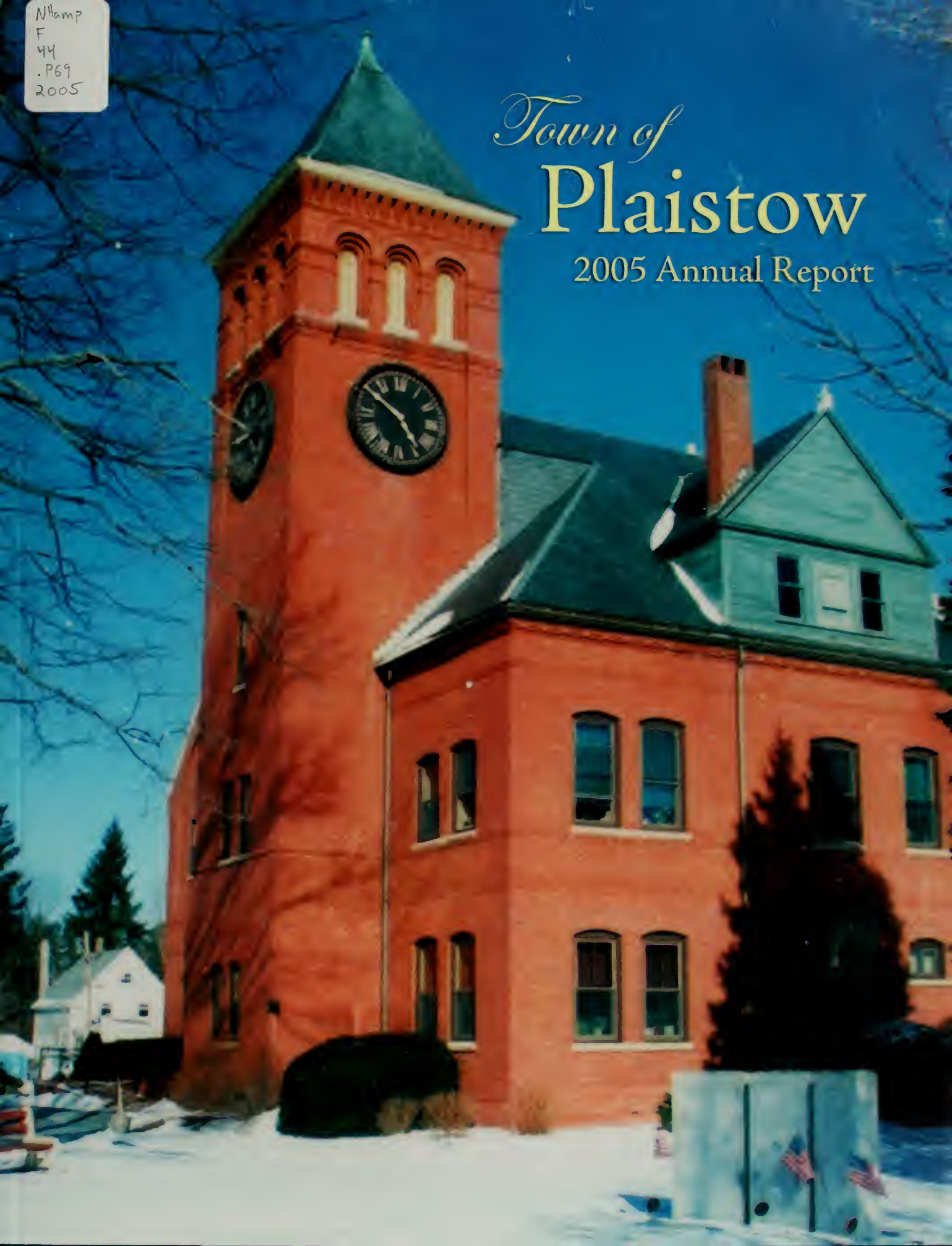


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Town of **Plaistow**

2005 Annual Report





PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

1979 <i>Clifton E. Cook</i>	1988 <i>Ruth E. Jenne</i>	1997 <i>Robert Chooljian</i>
1980 <i>John & Maude Duston</i>	1989 <i>Thomas H. Cullen</i>	1998 <i>Agnes Dube</i>
1981 <i>John A. Palmer</i>	1990 <i>Stanley T. Herrick</i>	1999 <i>Volunteerism</i>
1982 <i>LeRoy S. Dube</i>	1991 <i>Norman L. Major</i>	2000 <i>Ruth E. Palmer</i>
1983 <i>Irving S. Gilman</i>	1992 <i>David C. Hart</i>	2001 <i>Donald E. Petzold</i>
1984 <i>George B. Peabody</i>	1993 <i>Lyman W. Hill</i>	2002 <i>George & Eleanor Peabody</i>
1985 <i>Mildred L. Palmer</i>	1994 <i>John McSheehy</i>	2003 <i>J. Alden Palmer, Jr.</i>
1986 <i>Helen A. Hart</i>	1995 <i>Don & Judy Sargent</i>	2004 <i>Merilyn P. Senter</i>
1987 <i>Annie Mae Schwaner</i>	1996 <i>Jerry Assad</i>	



Town Hall in the Spring.



DEDICATION

THE PLAISTOW LIONS CLUB

Lions Club International's Mission is "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation." The members of the Lions Club are committed to building a brighter future for their community. Today, there are approximately 45,000 clubs in 197 countries; Plaistow is one of those fortunate communities to have a Lions Club. Founded in 1917, the volunteer organization's motto is "We Serve." Plaistow's Lions Club has certainly lived up to their motto

Every year the Lions Club hosts the White Cane tag day and use the proceeds to help the blind. This project began in 1925 when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Through their SightFirst programs, the Lions are committed to eliminating preventable blindness. The Lions provide sight conservation through quality free eye care, eye glasses, braille writers, large print text, white canes, guide dogs, glaucoma screenings and corneal transplants.

The Lions Club is also a champion of the disabled. Wearing their bright yellow vests, the Lions conduct their annual Tootsie Roll drive. The proceeds of which are distributed to statewide agencies and organizations which provide services to people who are handicapped. Our local Lions Club has built handicap ramps for Plaistow citizens for their homes at no cost to the individual homeowner.

In addition, our local Lions Club joined Lions statewide to build and support Lions Camp Pride on the shores of Merrymeeting Lake. Camp Pride is completely handicap accessible for both campers and staff. This provides children with disabilities the opportunity to have fun and gain camping experiences which many other children enjoy.

The Lions Club is an organization that strives to make a difference in their local and worldwide communities. Their goal is to enhance their community's day to day life. The Plaistow Lions Club continues to provide humanitarian support year to year. The Lions Club is responsible for delivering Thanksgiving Baskets personally to approximately 40 homes in Plaistow. This allows less fortunate residents to enjoy a turkey and all the trimmings with their families and friends. During the Christmas Season the members of the Lions gather names of less fortunate individuals and their wish lists. The members of the Lions Club then place the ages and wish of each individual on Christmas Trees in the local Wal-Mart and Post Office. The patrons of these establishments purchase gifts which are given to the Lions Club during an annual ambulance drive. An ambulance is loaded with the gifts and the Lions Club personally delivers the gifts to over fifty households in Plaistow.

The members of the Lions Club pride themselves on growing personally and professionally by participating in programs and community services projects. Many of



the members of the Lions Club participate financially as well as physically when the call for service is issued. The Plaistow Lions Club annually donates money to the Plaistow Recreation Program to ensure less fortunate children are able to attend. In 2005, members of the Lions Club took over the maintenance work at the Vic Geary Center. And keeping the roadsides of Route 125 clean is another job they cheerfully undertake.

The Plaistow Lions have initiated many projects over the years, including the gazebo in Pollard Park erected in 1977 and each year they decorate this gazebo with a tree and lights during the holiday season. They then organize a group of children from Pollard Elementary School to bring mittens to hang on the branches of the trees. These mittens are then donated to the needy. In 2005, an illuminated bulletin board was replaced on Pollard Park. The original sign was donated by the Lions Club and, after an automobile destroyed this bulletin board, they assisted the Town in the installation of the replacement.

Annually, the Lions Club provides entertainment for the entire community by orchestrating an outstanding parade and runner's road race on Old Home Day. You will always find a large contingency of members grilling and selling sausage subs. The proceeds are a fundraiser from which the community benefits.

Because of the community spirit the Plaistow Lions have shown and the far-reaching effect they have had, the Board of Selectmen is proud to dedicate this 2005 Town Report in their honor. Thank you to each and every one of the Plaistow Lions.



Lions Club selling sausage subs during Old Home Day.



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Pollard Park Gazebo.



TOWN REPORT THEME

This year's theme for our Town Report is PREPAREDNESS.

Preparedness takes many forms - whether it's the Fire Chief giving you tips on preparations for avoiding a disaster in your home to the Planning Board approving a Capital Improvements Plan that levels the future cost (and tax burden) of capital purchases to the Emergency Management Director doing preparation for any large natural (or man-made) disaster that would upset the daily life of our citizens.

The Board of Selectmen is proud of the efforts that we have put into preparing Plaistow for the future. Planning and preparation have been important goals for us in the past few years. We think you will see the results of that preparation and planning as you read our Departmental Reports.

Some of the places where you can read more about our preparedness:

- The Health Officer planning now for possible future health issues, just as she did so effectively in the recent past for West Nile Virus and EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis).
- The Water Department Superintendent ensuring our waterline expansion coincides with the State of NH's planned work on Route 125.
- The Planning Board implementing and maintaining impact fees so that current development helps to fund the resultant impact to Town Services.
- The Town Hall Renovation Committee improving and upgrading our beautiful Town Hall to not only accommodate our disabled citizens, but that also provides additional usable office space.
- The Planning Coordinator keeping our Master Plan updated so that we can ensure the reasonable growth and land use protection that is important to us and future generations.
- The Safety Complex Committee studying plans and costs for the inevitable growth of our Police & Fire/Rescue departments.
- The Town Manager successfully negotiating a 5-year contract with our Police Union that controls the future costs of our police protection.
- The Recreation Director and Commission managing the development of our new Recreation Fields on Old County Road so that we won't have to turn kids away from any future recreation activities.
- The Cable Committee starting negotiations now for a new cable franchise agreement, well before the current contract runs out, with an eye toward improving costs and services to our residents through provider competition.
- And many others.

We are proud of our Town. We want Plaistow to always be "A great Place to be."

To do that, we must not only provide cost-effective services now, but we must also prepare for the future needs of our citizens.

We hope you enjoy our 2005 Plaistow Town Report.



IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2005. They have served the Town of Plaistow in an elected, appointed or volunteer capacity.

Pauline H. Keezer

1911 – 2005

Town Clerk

Deputy Town Treasurer

Municipal Budget Committee

Founder of Plaistow Coin Shop

Norman A. Marquis

1929 – 2005

Municipal Budget Committee

United States Army

Ruth E. Palmer

1931 – 2005

Zoning Board of Adjustment Administrative Assistant

Police Department Clerk & Dispatcher

Plaistow Historical Society

Haverhill Gazette Correspondent

Bryan M. Richards

1951 – 2005

Plaistow Police Department Officer

Annie Mae Schwaner

1912 – 2005

Member of NH House of Representatives 26 years

Plaistow Civic Organization

Women's Republican Club President

American Red Cross Executive Board

Charles F. Wheeler

1898 – 2005

Holder of Boston Post Cane since 1999

Portsmouth Navy Yard during two World Wars



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

John H. McArdle: After a series of interviews and practical application tests, John H. McArdle was appointed Fire Chief in 2001 to fill the opening left by Don Petzold's retirement. Don says that John makes an excellent fire chief and even more, he is a mentor, especially to new members. He encourages questions pertaining to fire and medical ideas. He is very fair and looks at all sides of any disagreement before making a decision. John has shown his ability in handling fires and emergencies and has been most active in teaching fire safety, especially to youngsters of all ages. Each year the Fire Department holds a very successful Open House with free pizza. Kids get to sit in the fire trucks, use the sirens and get a miniature fire hat as a reminder of the day. Chief McArdle presented a program at the Vic Geary Drop In Center on winter safety. He explained what precautions the seniors could take to protect themselves from falls and fires. They all appreciated what he had to say. When Don Sargent moved to Arizona, John assumed responsibility of our Water Department. John was most cooperative in making room available at the fire department for Town Hall staff during the six months it took for repairs to the Town Hall. The Fire Chief also had to make sure all aspects of fire safety were considered and adhered to during the Town Hall Renovations. It is for this dedication to duty that John was chosen for an employee spotlight this year.

Laurie Houlihan: Since 1984 Laurie has been a most respected Librarian of the Plaistow Public Library and became the Director in 1985. The Library was located in the Town Hall for many years and moved to Elm Street in 1978. When they started getting squeezed for room, the Trustees, Director, Librarians and Friends of the Library set out on a course to acquire land and build a new Library. The land was purchased in 1998 and by June 2000 they had persevered to have a dedication of a beautiful new building. Laurie was instrumental in making computers available for anyone to use and they have been a delight for adults and students alike. Many programs were expanded for all ages, including Pre-school story hour, Summer Reading Programs, knitting, quilting and a variety of special programs including Adult lectures. Laurie welcomed the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Assessors to the Library while the renovations of Town Hall were taking place. She is most active with the Merry-Hill-Rock, a group of directors over the state that generates new ideas for libraries. Laurie is committed to continuing the present programs and enlarging the patronage by providing more interesting programs for all. It is for her continued commitment to the Library that she was chosen for an employee spotlight this year.



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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Hampstead

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Kingston

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John W. Flanders

Kingston

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Roger G. Wells

Hampstead

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Ed M. Putnam III

Hampstead

Tel: (603) 329-6098

Kenneth L. Weyler

Kingston

Tel: (603) 642-3518



REPORT OF THE STATE SENATOR

2005 was a productive year for legislation. As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I was very pleased with the budget we were able to produce for the State. After working many long hours with both the House and Senate Finance Committees, the Governor signed the \$9 billion budget for the State that was largely the same as when it left the Senate Finance Committee. We were able to meet the needs of the many growing departments, while also being fiscally responsible.

I met personally with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services on many early mornings and together we worked to make sure that the largest area of state government was addressing all the upcoming issues brought about by the federal government and that that department was operating in an efficient manner.

Also included in the budget was a provision that required a pilot program where the Land Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) entered into a partnership. As Chairman of the advisory committee, I am very proud of the blossoming relationship between the two entities.

As part of the Capital Budget Committee, we looked at funds, unused by the agencies, that roll back into their budgets. By doing so, the Committee was able to ensure that money was being spent on projects that the Legislature originally intended. During the process, it was also a concern for the Committee that projects in the Capital Budget belonged there.

The 2006 legislative session has come to a quick start. In response to record-setting fuel prices, the Legislature provided additional funding for emergency home heating assistance. This will help the elderly and those financially struggling to pay high heating costs. The State is also working with the Federal Government in addressing problems surrounding the prescription drug plan. The Legislature acted quickly in making sure seniors were able to continue to receive their prescription drugs.

Of particular interest to the residents of this area, Representative James MacKay has sponsored legislation, which I am proud to co-sponsor, establishing a mosquito control fund in the Department of Health and Human Services to assist cities and towns in offsetting mosquito control activities. As we all know, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) hit residents of Southern New Hampshire particularly hard.

You can expect the Legislature to address eminent domain concerns by making sure the rights of property owners are more clearly and explicitly protected. In New Hampshire, we pride ourselves on property rights, and it is my hope that what took place in New London, Connecticut, in *Kelo v. New London* could not happen here in this state. Also of high priority are efforts to strengthen sexual predator laws. It is our responsibility as a state to ensure that those most vulnerable are adequately protected. Violating a young child is completely unacceptable behavior. Tough laws need to be in place to respond in a manner that ensures justice is served.



I also look forward to supporting legislation that establishes a Research and Development Tax Credit for businesses. As a result of the higher than expected returns on the business enterprise tax, I have sponsored legislation establishing a temporary energy tax credit against the business enterprise tax. It is only right to give the taxpayers back their money when returns are much higher than anticipated. In addition, the State is very fortunate to be in a position of having a budget surplus. Representative Norman Major has sponsored legislation (HB 1370) to put aside the surplus into the Rainy Day Fund. By doing so, we have a real opportunity to help improve our bond rating, while also providing a safety net for the State.

I look forward to the many debates to be had this legislative session. As your Senator, feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns and I will make my best effort to address them: charles.morse@leg.state.nh.us or 271- 2642.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Morse

State Senator



Representative Norm Major, Sandy Scruton, Town Manager John Scruton and Senator Chuck Morse.



REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I have been honored to serve the Town of Plaistow for the past 9 years as an elected State Representative. My legislative priorities include constituent services, education funding, environmental issues, maintaining a balanced budget for the state, improving public access to computer technology and improving the climate for New Hampshire's small business community. I have been a staunch advocate of "truth in budgeting" as well as encouraging the Legislature to more fully consider the impact of proposed legislation on future generations.

I have sponsored or co-sponsored the following successful bills in the last legislative session (2005):

- A bill naming a certain portion of New Hampshire Route 125, the Officer Mel Keddy Memorial highway. *Signed into Law with Governor's Signature;*
- A bill establishing a commission to effect the process for the Town of Killington, Vermont, to become part of the state of New Hampshire. *Signed into Law with Governor's Signature;*
- A bill relative to the unbundling of communications services for purposes of the application of the communications services tax. *Signed into Law with Governor's Signature;*
- A House Resolution affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. Passed by the House of Representatives;
- A bill relative to kindergarten construction aid. *Signed into Law with Governor's Signature;*
- A Senate Joint Resolution urging Congress to reject the Streamlined Sales Tax Project. *Signed into Law with Governor's Signature;*

Constituent service and responding to the needs of the towns in my district has been my most important priority.

An important issue, that has directly affected the Town of Plaistow, was a year long struggle to restore most of the \$723,195 proposed reduction in the state education funding grant for Plaistow. We will receive \$312,977 less this school year. I will continue to try to restore the education funding grant to the 2004/2005 level.

This is my third session as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee where we were able to process 51 tax and fees bills in 2005. We also worked with the Finance Committee to produce a balanced budget with only an increase in the tobacco tax.

I am also a legislative member of the following:



- Vice-Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation;
- National Council of State Legislatures Budget and Revenue Committee – Vice-Chairman;
- American Legislative Exchange Council – Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force;
- Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Project; and
- National Council of State Legislatures Streamlined Sales & Use Tax Committee.

New Hampshire has a unique advantage over other states in that our state government is relatively frugal, our business climate is advantageous and our natural beauty and resources are second to no other state. Some people in Concord are looking at the challenges facing us in Concord with dread. I view them as unique opportunities to maintain New Hampshire's position as one of the best places to live in the country.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman L. Major
State Representative



Management Assistant Nikki Carr, Representative Norm Major, Finance Director Lori Sadewicz & Governor John Lynch.



TOWN OFFICIALS

2005 ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Term
John A. Sherman, Chair.....	2007
Martha L. Sumner, Vice Chair....	2006
Charles L. Blinn, Jr.....	2007
Michelle L. Curran.....	2008
Lawrence W. Gil.....	2006

Moderator

Barry A. Sargent.....	2006
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Tax Collector

Rosemarie L. Bayek.....	2006
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Town Clerk

Maryellen Pelletier.....	2007
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Treasurer

Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2007
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Conflict of Interest Committee

Joyce Ingerson, Chair.....	2006
Ruth Santosuosso, Vice Chair...	2007
Harry Birmingham.....	2008
Therese Chouinard.....	2006
Dennis Lupi (resigned).....	2008

Fire Engineers

Richard Colcord, 1 st Engineer....	2006
John W. Judson III, 2 nd Engineer.	2006
Ernest A. Morin, 3 rd Engineer....	2006
David Sargent, 4 th Engineer.....	2006

Municipal Budget Committee

Kristin Lewis Savage, Chair.....	2006
Jan Penta, Vice Chair.....	2007
Marilyn Davis.....	2006
Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2006
Robert J. Gray	2007
Ron Hayes.....	2007
Donna Luciano.....	2008
Daniel Hooper.....	2008
George Melvin (resigned).....	2007
Diane Rothwell (resigned).....	2008
Ernest Sheltry.....	2008
Henry Szmyt.....	2006
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.	

Planning Board

Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2008
Steven Ranlett, Vice Chair.....	2007
Ernest Sheltry.....	2006
Robert Zukas.....	2008
Dennis Marcotte, Alternate	
Barry Weymoth, Alternate	
Michelle Curran, Selectman Rep.	

Supervisors of the Checklist

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

Trustees of the Public Library

Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair.....	2007
Mary Ann George.....	2006
Scott Lane.....	2006
Claire Manes (resigned).....	2008
Karen Poznick.....	2007
Catherine Willis.....	2006

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Susan Drew.....	2008
Helen A. Hart.....	2007
B. Jill Senter.....	2006

2005 APPOINTED OFFICIAL WITH TERMS

Cable Committee

Henry Szmyt, Chair.....	2007
Charles Manes (resigned).....	2007
Madeline Marcotte.....	2008
Davena Szmyt.....	2008
William Verge.....	2006
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.	
Robert Carolan, Cable Coordinator	

Conservation Commission

Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2008
Steven Curran.....	2007
Lawrence W. Gil.....	2007
Frank Lehmann.....	2008
B. Jill Senter.....	2006
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.	



Town Officials Continued:

Recreation Commission

John Maniella, Chair..... 2006
Sue Sherman, Vice Chair..... 2008
Joseph D'Arezzo..... 2006
Mark Denoncourt..... 2007
Greg Mason..... 2007
David Nye..... 2008
Martha L. Sumner..... 2008
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Lawrence Ordway, Chair..... 2007
Peter Bealo..... 2007
Clifford Clark..... 2006
Robert Loeffler..... 2008
James Matthews..... 2006
Guy Sawyer (resigned)..... 2008
Barbara Burri, Alternate

2005 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Assistant Moderator

Norman L. Major

Beede Reuse Committee

Robert J. Gray, Chair
Michelle Curran
Marilyn Davis
Bertha Hill
Leigh Komornick
John McArdle
Timothy E. Moore
John F. Scruton
Merilyn P. Senter
Lawrence W. Gil, Alternate

Capitol Improvement Committee

Timothy E. Moore, Chair
Ronald Hayes
Leigh Komornick
Janis Penta
Barry Weymouth
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.
Martha L. Sumner, Selectman Rep.
Henry Szmyt, Alternate

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Francis J. Berube
Bernadine A. FitzGerald

Cemetery Advisory Committee Continued

Daniel Garlington
Samantha Larson
Eleanor Peabody
Herbert Reed
John F. Scruton

Civil War Monument Restoration Comm.

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

Historical Society

Gordon, Sykes, Jr., President
J. Alden Palmer, Vice President
Anna Tozier, Secretary
Eleanor Peabody, Treasurer

Old Home Day Committee

Barry Sargent, Chair (resigned)
Nicole S. Carr
Michelle Curran
Bernadine A. FitzGerald (resigned)
T. Richard Latham (resigned)
Brenda Major (resigned)
Jim Robinson
Ernest Sheltry
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep

Open Space, Land & Building Committee

Michelle Curran
Marilyn Davis
Dan Garlington
Stephen C. Savage
John F. Scruton
B. Jill Senter
Lawrence W. Gil, Selectman Rep.
Brenda Major, Alternate
Martha Sumner, Alternate

Pollard Park Tree Committee

James Collins (resigned)
Bernadine A. FitzGerald
Lawrence W. Gil
Richard Goudreault
George Peabody (resigned)



Town Officials Continued:

Public Safety Complex Building Committee

Francis J. Berube
P. Michael Dorman
Ron Hayes
John McArdle
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
Bernadine A. FitzGerald (resigned)
T. Richard Latham (resigned)

Town Hall Renovations Committee Cont.

John McArdle
J. Alden Palmer (resigned)
Barry Sargent
Merilyn P. Senter
John F. Scruton
Ernest Sheltry
Michelle L. Curran, Selectman Rep.

Town Report Committee

Nicole S. Carr
Brenda Major
John F. Scruton
Merilyn P. Senter
John A. Sherman
Martha L. Sumner



Conservation Commission member Jill Senter at Old Home Day.



TOWN EMPLOYEES

2005 Employees

Executive Department

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

Town Hall Departments

Animal Control Officer.....David Sargent
Assessing Clerk.....Selwa McLaughlin
Building Inspector.....P. Michael Dorman
Building Secretary.....Dee Voss
Cable Coordinator.....Robert Carolan
Cemetery Sexton.....Herbert Reed
Deputy Tax Collector.....Nancy Bolduc
Deputy Town Clerk.....Joyce Thurston
Electrical Inspector.....Ken Ray
Health Officer.....Dennise Horrocks
Human Services.....Nicole S. Carr
Planning Coordinator....Leigh Komornick
Plumbing Inspector.....Jim Flathers
Recreation Director.....Carlene E. Sarty
Water Superintendent.....John McArdle
ZBA Admin. Assistant.....Dee Voss

Emergency Management

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

Highway Department

SupervisorDaniel 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
Assistant Director.....Deb Hoadley
Staff.....LuAnn Blair
Staff Substitute.....,,,Anita Micale

Public Library Continued

Staff.....Evan Russell
Staff.....Marjorie Knowles
Staff.....Erin McArdle
Staff.....Judy Meunier
StaffFlo Rullo
Staff Substitute.....Anne Wiggin

Police Department

Chief.....Stephen C. Savage
Deputy Chief.....Kathleen A. Jones
Sergeant.....Scott Anderson
Sergeant.....Patrick Caggiano
Sergeant.....Thomas Hawthorne
Master Patrol Officer.....Alec Porter
Master Patrol Officer.....Glenn Miller
Master Patrol Officer...Michael Beauchesne
School Resource Officer.....Joan Marsilia
Officer.....Valquerio Eiro, Jr.
Officer.....Brett Morgan
Officer.....George Wickson
Officer.....Dorothy McGurren
Officer.....Nicolas Fiset
Officer.....Patrick Schiavone
Officer.....Scott Naismith
Part-Time Officer.....William Baldwin
Executive Secretary.....Vacant
Secretary.....Jennifer Page
Victim Witness Advocate.....April Aucoin
Matron.....Margo Collins
Crossing Guard.....Gilbert Brasil
K-9.....Stryker

Communications Staff

Supervisor.....Lucia Theberge
Specialist.....Cherie Chevalier
Dispatcher.....Joel Albair
Dispatcher.....Jason Mazza
Dispatcher.....Vacant
Part-time Dispatcher.....Scott LaFrance



Town Employees Continued:

Fire Department

Chief, EMT.....John McArdle
Deputy Chief, EMT.....Richard Colcord
Deputy Chief, Paramedic....Jon D. Lovett
Captain, EMT.....Jay Judson, III
Captain.....David Sargent
Lieutenant, EMT.....Michael Kennedy
Lieutenant, EMT.....Ernest Morin
Firefighter, EMT.....Robert Agneta
Firefighter, EMT.....Anthony Alvino
Firefighter, EMT.....Gary Carbonneau
Firefighter.....Robert Chooljian
Firefighter.....Shawn Feeley
Captain-EMT Paramedic...David J. Florin
Firefighter.....Bruce Gusler, Sr.
Firefighter.....Bruce Gusler, Jr.
Firefighter, EMT-I.....Jay Guzowski
Firefighter, EMT.....Donald Hutchinson

Fire Department Continued

Firefighter.....Richard Johnston
Firefighter, EMT-I.....Tamara LaFrancis
Firefighter.....Eric LaFrancis
Firefighter, EMT.....Robert Lang, Jr.
Firefighter.....Michael Maynard
Firefighter, EMT.....Paul McKendry
Firefighter, EMT.....Gardiner Owen
Firefighter.....George Peabody
Firefighter, EMT.....Donald Petzold
Firefighter.....Christopher Poliquin
Firefighter, EMT.....Daniel Poliquin
Firefighter.....Michael Price
Firefighter, EMT.....William T. Scully
Firefighter, EMT.....John Sproul
Firefighter, EMT.....Martin Tavitian
Firefighter.....John R. Wood
Chaplain.....Rev. Lou Drew



Members of the Fire Department & Lions Club loading holiday gifts into an ambulance.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Year 2005 was another busy and eventful year for the Town of Plaistow and your Board of Selectmen. In this report, we would like to share our challenges and successes, a few long-range issues and some of our goals for the coming year.

We started our year with Michelle Curran succeeding Marilyn Senter, who had decided not to seek re-election. We thanked Marilyn for her years of service to the Town and its residents. We had completely surprised Marilyn by dedicating last year's Town Report to her. Keeping a secret from Marilyn was difficult, but we did it.

We review and revise our Goals every 4 months - immediately after Town Meeting, in the summer before the start of developing our budget and near the end of the year as we prepare for the submission of Warrant Articles. These goals are published in this Town Report. You can see that we must balance our efforts between the day-to-day activities necessary for good governing and with the tactical and strategic efforts required to be ready to provide the services that our residents expect.

SOME OF OUR SUCCESSES

At Town Meeting, we were able to present, and the voters approved, the cost element results of a 5-year contract negotiated by the Town Manager and the representatives of our Police Union. A contract of this length ensures stability in the Police Department, reduces on-going negotiation costs and allows for predictable costs for town planning. We predict significant savings in future health insurance costs due to the cost cap agreed to by both parties. We congratulate our Town Manager and the Union Representatives for such an outstanding result for the Town.

As part of our on-going efforts to support the elderly in town, we were able to raise the property tax exemption limits for both the elderly and disabled. This change is necessary so that the effects of inflation and ever-rising property costs do not encroach on the tax benefits available to our seniors. If we had not made these adjustments, some of the tax burden would have shifted to the elderly. We have one of the better exemptions limits in the state and we needed to adjust them to protect our seniors.

The most significant development in Plaistow was the completion of Phase 1 of the three phase plan to renovate our beautiful Town Hall. We have installed a four-floor elevator which allows handicapped access to the Great Hall. We have done preliminary work on the third floor which currently includes the cable broadcast booth and allows for the creation of future office space. We installed a fire suppression sprinkler system that protects our historic building. We brought the long-neglected electrical system up to code. We were able to use Cable Franchise Funds to purchase new equipment for the Town Hall that will greatly enhance the audio and video quality of what we broadcast on our local cable channel. This year we are seeking your approval to fund Phase 2 which will include a new heating and cooling system, roof and gutter work, brickwork and preparation for Phase 3.



We are pleased that we had gotten "in-front" of any potential Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) outbreak in Plaistow. We budgeted money last year in anticipation of the mosquito control program that would be necessary to protect our residents. This is a serious health issue, potentially claiming the lives of its victims; and actually claimed the life of one of our Newton neighbors. Please take time to read the Health Department report submitted by Health Officer Dennise Horrocks. This is preparedness in its best form.

We are especially proud of the increased programming and level of activity at the Vic Geary Center. Carli Sarty, our Recreation Director, has done a terrific job in expanding the social and educational opportunities for our seniors. This has been a priority for the Board for a few years and we are excited about the improvements in the activities available and level of participation.

AN "UN-PLANNED" SUCCESS

Of course, the biggest and most controversial issue of this past year was the possible sale of the Chart (Processing Engineering) property to a company that had plans for installing a transfer center capability at that site. The implementation of that solid waste recycling effort was prevented by a special town meeting where the residents voted to change the zoning to not allow this type of activity. We think that the outcome shows local government operating at its best.

Once the intended use of the property was understood, the information was presented in public to both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. The residents of town expressed their concern to their elected representatives. Town staff researched the possible solutions and brought the results to the Board of Selectmen. The Board met with Town Counsel on the legalities involved and received and acted upon that expert advice. The Board of Selectmen asked that the Planning Board consider a zoning amendment to prevent this type of use. The Planning Board approved and presented a proposed zoning change.

The Board of Selectmen convened a Special Town Meeting and the citizens overwhelmingly voted on how they wanted their town to function. The request has gone away and there has been no legal backlash. We are sure some residents were frustrated at the apparent slow speed of reaction and the fact that the right parties had to be contacted in a certain sequence. But everyone involved should be very proud. In this case, the system absolutely worked.

ON-GOING CHALLENGES

It may appear that there is no activity regarding the Beede site cleanup and Reuse, but that isn't the case. Members of the EPA, lead by Project Manager James Chow, have updated the Board of Selectmen on the Beede site cleanup and we are in on-going contact with them. The EPA is still executing a passive extraction program on the site. They have removed much more oil in this phase than originally anticipated. Over 90,000 gallons of oil have been recovered - so far. Their activity is now focused on working with the PRPs (Potential Responsible Parties) to execute a clean up that



supports the Town's submitted Reuse Plan. This cleanup plan negotiation will take some time. We all need to remember that we are in this one for the long haul. The property didn't get contaminated overnight and the cleanup won't happen overnight. As of our most recent update, \$17 Million has been collected to date. The total expected cost is over \$60 Million.

We continue to keep our property assessments up to date. This isn't a popular topic, but it needs to be done. The volatile housing market is slowing down, so we hope the valuation changes will be fewer and less significant in future years. As long as property taxes are the major source of revenue in this State, it is critical that assessments be as fair and accurate as possible. During this coming year, our assessments and update processes will be audited by the state of NH as part of the cyclical review instituted by the state 4 years ago. This is our first audit as we are one of the last towns in the audit cycle. We are confident that we will do very well as we have worked hard to keep our assessments fair and accurate and to have a clean and well-documented update process.

The Board of Selectmen again got involved in what seems like an annual state education funding battle. The Town of Plaistow will be receiving \$300K less revenue in State Education funds than the year before. In addition to the loss of funds, we have taken the position that the most recently passed legislation is not legal. We have joined the NH Café coalition to fight that legality in court. It's obvious that there will be no resolution of this issue in the current fiscal year and that the burden of this loss of State Funding will be passed onto the backs of our taxpayers. We do thank State Representative Norm Major and State Senator Chuck Morse for their assistance and we still hope to prevail.

One of the lessons learned, or at least reinforced, this past year was that we need to monitor what is happening at the state legislative level. New Hampshire is NOT a home-rule state. Local rules and ordinances only apply if that authority has been delegated by the State to the local entity. It is critical that we monitor state legislative activity. We regularly review pending legislation and contact our legislators with our input when appropriate. This may seem like a distraction to our townspeople, but it is an important activity. Working with Representative Major and Senator Smith, we have had some successes that have proven beneficial to the Town.

We continue to be aggressive in seeking grants and donations to support activities within our town government. We need to maximize revenue sources other than property taxes. Elsewhere in this report, you will see the list of grants and donations for 2005. It must be noted that the State of New Hampshire is increasingly trying to satisfy its budgetary issues by transferring some of its costs to the local level.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to expand our waterline with the goals of increasing town revenue from local industry, building loops (redundancy) into the system and providing enhanced fire protection to our residents. In 2005, we expanded the waterline along Main Street toward Jesse George Road and Route 125. In 2006, our first option is to expand the



waterline along Old Road toward the anticipated development near the old drive-in theater. In future years, it is critical that we have funding available so that we can coordinate waterline work with the State's expansion of Route 125. It is cost effective and in the best interest of the Town to have this expansion work done while Route 125 is under construction. This extension will allow us to tap into the industrial development on Route 125 and to build additional loops into the system. These loops will allow us to deliver fire suppression water via two routes to any location. This allows the system to function even if a break in the line occurs. Also, in order to increase revenue to the town, we raised the water line usage rates for the first time in recent memory.

We have just started the process of re-negotiating the Cable Franchise Agreement. It is our position that fair and open competition between multiple suppliers will improve cable services to our residents. The contract doesn't end for a couple of years, but it is important that we start now.

Growth continues to be an issue for Plaistow. That's why we have supported the Planning Board's effort to develop a "Build-Out" Analysis for the town. This will document for us how much growth, both residential and commercial, is possible in Plaistow. This information will be invaluable to us as we consider developing infrastructure and staffing plans into the future. For example, as we prepare for the inevitable expansion of our Safety Complex, we will be able to factor in what the maximum population and commercial growth requirements will be.

Along those lines, we hope to re-energize the Open Space, Land and Buildings Committee in 2006. We think this effort essential for the long-range planning in Town.

Our biggest immediate challenge will be replacing John Scruton, who has resigned as Town Manager. We thank John for 5 years of wonderful service. We have hired Mike Farrell as interim Town Manager as we begin this search for a permanent replacement. As this Town Report is being printed, we are developing a replacement schedule. Ads are being placed and we hope to hire the best Town Manager that we can get by mid year.

ENJOY OUR TOWN REPORT

We are thrilled that our 2004 Town Report won 1st place in the State competition. Our committee of Nikki Carr, Brenda Major, Marilyn Senter, John Scruton, Martha Sumner and John Sherman have worked hard the past few years to improve the quality of our Town Report. Our goal was to win 1st place in the State and we did. Now our goal is to do it again. We hope you enjoy the expanded Town Report and find it useful in looking at Plaistow's Past, Present and Future.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Sherman

Chairman Board of Selectmen



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 1955 Annual Town Report

Cover: A sketch of Plaistow Fire Department (now the Historical Society).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five members with the duties set forth in Sections 1-15, Chapter 36, N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, to make a study of the promotion and maintenance of the town's best development...

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote (a) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be deposited to the War Memorial Fund; (b) to rescind that portion or those portions of Article 15 of the 1954 Warrant which pertain(s) to the location and purchase of a site and (c) to authorize the Committee appointed by the Moderator to call upon the Selectmen to disburse from said War Memorial Fund for the acquisition and/or development of a suitable War Memorial.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Civil Defense.

Actual Expenditure 1955: Street Lighting \$5,360.12

Actual Expenditure 1955: Town Hall Roof Repairs \$71.45

From the list of Actual Revenues: Municipal Court \$275.81

Inventory of the Town of Plaistow: Horses, Asses & Mules, 23, Value \$1,150.00 (a \$400 increase from 1954)

Special Appropriation: Auditorium Furnace \$233.40

From the Report of the Board of Selectmen: Henceforth, burials in Cemeteries owned and/or controlled by the Town of Plaistow will not be permitted unless the casket or coffin is completely enclosed within a concrete liner or vault.

From the Proposed Zoning Ordinance: Property owners conducting enterprises shall be allowed two advertising signs for produce sold on the premises, each sign not to total over fifteen square feet in area; also one or more signs pertaining to the lease, sale or use of a lot or building on which placed, which shall not exceed a total of five square feet.

From the Proposed Zoning Ordinance: Industrial uses of land and buildings may be permitted, if approved after public hearing, by the Board of Adjustment in accordance with such conditions, restrictions and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by the



Board for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and general welfare of the community from the emission of dust, smoke, odor, noise or vibration.

From the Report of the Librarian: Much of the reputation of the Library in its community depends upon the success with which it handles its questions. Today every question is an individual problem. The requests are divided into three parts. The younger children learning to read ask for books with words and pictures which they understand. The older students ask for biographies and encyclopedia study. This is a very important group, because these students will soon become our leaders in the community. To them, space ships, atomic energy, and speed is uppermost in their minds. Then there is the group of mature readers who ask for historic novels, big business reports and world affair items. Our current magazines and new books answer these questions.

From the Report of Librarian: An interesting fact this year was the gain in circulation of books following some television programs. This shows the strong link between television and good reading.

From the Report on Playground Activities: We had a very bad season for playground activities, the heat and Polio combined...

From the School Warrant: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), payable from funds to be raised by taxation, for the purpose of financing the cost of constructing and equipping an addition to the Pollard School,

And from the Superintendent of Schools: Your School Board has continued to maintain and improve the physical condition of the Pollard School. Important improvements made since the last annual report have included exterior and some interior painting of the school building, and the removal of the old, unused chimney and outmoded ventilation system to the roof level. This project eliminated safety hazards and will prevent a tremendous loss of heat through the attic area.

PLAISTOW 40 YEARS AGO

Excerpts from the 1965 Annual Town Report

On the Cover: Plaistow, NH - Home, business and industrial sites; good school and churches; community services; on main rail line; friendly and progressive.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$625 to install new front doors and lock for the Town Hall. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for necessary brick pointing at the Town Hall building. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)



Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 to rebuild the cannons situated on the Town Hall park. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Actual Expenditure 1965: Street Lighting \$8,825.00

Actual Expenditure 1965: Town Hall Repairs \$331.61

From the list of Actual Revenues: District Court \$3,793.54; Sale of Dump Site-Timberlane Regional School District \$1,350.00

Inventory of the Town of Plaistow: Sheep & Goats \$20.00

Special Article from 1964: Town Hall Gutters \$1,265.00

From the Report of Board of Selectmen: The Town Road Aid money is being used to construct a new and wider bridge on the Crane Crossing Road. In connection with building this wider bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox donated land to eliminate a severe curve in the road for which we wish to express our sincere appreciation. ... The cannons on the Town Hall Park were removed due to their dangerous condition. This was done to prevent any possibility of injury to children. We hope that a program to refurbish and renew the cannons will be undertaken this year. ... This year was marked with several problems; one of which was the establishment of a new disposal area brought about by the sale of the old dump site to the Timberlane Regional School District. The Selectmen had an extremely difficult task in finding what is now termed by State health and fire officials as "an almost perfect site." The Town acquired 20 plus acres and to consummate this business, an emergency appropriation of \$5,500 was requested and granted to develop the new disposal area, and a good site has been realized. Numerous other sites were investigated and the present site was deemed the best.

From the Summary of Disbursements:

Special Article- Painting of Town Hall, K Conley & Co. \$997.00

Special Article- Town Hall Gutters, LeToile Roofing Co. \$1,265.00

From the Report of the Planning Board: After reviewing plans and holding public hearings, the following developments were approved: Best Homes Gauron & Colby- Hemlock, Ashe, Birch and LaPerle Ext.; Quinlan Realty- Timberlane Road; Byron Downing, Jr.- Buttonwood Farm; Pentucket Building Corp.- Wildwood Park Ext.; Cousebelis - Louis Road

From the Report of the Recreation Commission: War Memorial Field ---- a recreation area established to honor veterans of the Town of Plaistow ----- has continued to provide an area where the youth of Plaistow can enjoy its recreational facilities.

From the Report of the Industrial Commission: In October, the Tamposi Realty Company of Nashua, NH, purchased the former Court Products land and announced that Pennsylvania Box and Lumber Company of Warminster, Pennsylvania, would lease



part of this land. Further expansion of this property is imminent. ... After study, the Industrial Commission recommends that the citizens of Plaistow take into consideration immediately the following needs: 1. A Water Tower for industrial use... 2. A Master Plan... 3. A printed brochure listing Plaistow's assets...

From the Report of the Librarian: Library Hours- Monday 2-5 and 6-8, Wednesday 2-5 and 6-8 and Friday 2-6 for a total of 14 hours per week.

PLAISTOW 30 YEARS AGO
Excerpts from the 1975 Annual Town Report

On the Cover: A sketch of "The Plaistow War Memorial and Cannon" by Connie Cullen

Article 10: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 to be applied to the purchase of land and buildings on Elm Street presently occupied by A-Z Tool Corp., for the purpose of establishing a new location for the Plaistow Public Library and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$35,000.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provision of State and Local Assistance Act of 1972. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of renovating the A-Z Tool Corp. building for use as a Library and to raise said sums by the issuance of Town notes or bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act... (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to provide Twenty-four hour ambulance service to the residents of the Town. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a Highway Department and raise said sum by the issuance of Town notes or bonds (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Actual Expenditure 1975: Street Lighting \$15,520.19

Actual Expenditure 1975: Town Hall Repairs \$724.48

Inventory of the Town of Plaistow: Boats and Launches \$14,300.00

From the list of Actual Revenues: District Court \$12,426.32

From the Board of Selectmen's Report: In 1975 it became apparent that there were many Zoning Ordinance violations in existence. Most of the violations are in the area of unauthorized home occupations, unauthorized advertising signs and junk or unregistered vehicles. In 1976 we plan to enforce all ordinances by inspections and issuance of Cease and Desist Orders where required. ...As of December 31st the outstanding debt on the Town Water Tower is \$10,500. The original debt of the



construction in 1967 being \$70,000. The Tower will be paid for in 1977. The outstanding debt for the water Line is \$24,000. The original for this was \$60,000 when constructed in 1970. We will finish payment for the Water Line in 1979. ...In December we learned that, under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, we could secure the services of an Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen... Six applicants were interviewed and Mr. Robert Phoenix was selected based on his educational, administrative and supervisory background. ...Mr. Phoenix will provide a much needed link for coordination and liaison among the Selectmen and various departments, committees and boards on a full time basis.

Report of the Civil Defense: Because of the existence of radioactive material in town, and the possibility of accidents and fires in vehicles transporting radioactive material through town, the Civil defense office arranged for a course in radiological monitoring. This course was successfully completed by 28 firemen.

From the Report of the Dog Officer: Homing pigeon retrieved 1

From the Report of the Librarian: Hours at the Library have been extended this year from 27 to 36 hours a week meeting the required State Standards for a library in a town of this size and enabling patrons to make better use of the library. It also provides students with a longer period of continuous study.

From the Report of the Recreation Commission: ...development of the recreation field on Ingalls Terrace is progressing smoothly. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR) funds were approved in October and as soon as weather permits, construction of the tennis courts, basketball court, baseball field and parking area will commence. Our aim is to have the majority of these facilities available by May 1, 1976. Special thanks are extended to Earl Smith who has spent many hours working on the development of these new recreation facilities.

From the Report of the Planning Board: To insure that all plots or plans of land are recorded at the Rockingham County Registrar of Deeds; the Town, by vote of the Planning Board, will assume this responsibility.

From the Report of the Conservation Commission: In line with regular commission functions, several gravel pit applications and dredge and fill applications were acted on. A photograph album was started in order to have picture documentation of projects the commission has been involved with. The album contains before, during and after pictures of commission projects and also has pictures of some other areas which might be of future concern.

PLAISTOW 20 YEARS AGO
Excerpts from the 1985 Annual Town Report

On the Cover: A sketch of "The Plaistow Town Hall"



Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for the installation of facilities for the physically handicapped in the public restrooms at town hall. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200.00, to fund the position of Assistant Building Inspector for nine months. This position would be for a maximum of 1,040 hours annually at a rate of \$7.00 per hour. Said sum includes wages, workers compensation and statutory taxes. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to add to the amount set aside for the drainage project in the Town Hall cellar. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Earl Smith Recreation Field, located off Ingalls Terrace, to the Earl Smith Memorial Field.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance in accordance with RSA 261:157-a... the Town of Plaistow waives the fee for a motor vehicle permit (one vehicle only) owned by any person who was captured and incarcerated for 30 days or more while serving in a qualifying war or armed conflict ...

Actual Expenditure 1985: Street Lighting \$34,542.04

Actual Expenditure 1985: Town Hall Repairs \$2,181.47

From the Board of Selectmen's Report: The sanitary landfill, also known as the "town dump," was closed a year ago as hydrogeological studies revealed the waste material was leaching into the groundwater. After exploring many options for waste disposal, the selectmen chose the most cost effective method. The landfill itself will have to be "capped" in order to preserve the quality of our groundwater resources. ... It is a fact that Plaistow is growing. Our geographic location is conducive to growth and it was only a matter of time before Plaistow was "discovered." We were not totally unprepared for this, but past administrations made insufficient plans for anticipated growth, and the burden has been on Boards of Selectmen for the past three years to deal with growth associated problems...

From the Report of the Emergency Management Director: Several emergency situations occurred in Plaistow this past year which required either monitoring or specific action. There were water problems again from heavy rains in the spring, a high pressure natural gas leak on Route 125, hurricane Gloria, and the gasoline leak at the Lido station which still remains a problem. I would like to thank all those who volunteered their services during the hurricane. Twenty-one residents were cared for at the junior high school shelter during the peak of the storm. This was the first actual test of our town plan. The deficiencies discussed during the critique primarily were ones that would be corrected with the opening of the new complex. The emergency teams



performed their work under adverse conditions, and in spite of the lack of power and some basic supplies, things went relatively well.

From the Report of the Librarian: The Library has seen tremendous new growth and change during 1985. After the passage of Warrant Article #40 at the March 1985 Town Meeting, the Library was to increase the number of open hours to 51 per week, thus allowing an additional day to be added to the schedule and ensuring State Certification by the New Hampshire State Library.

From the Report of the Building Inspector: 1985 was another year of record breaking growth in Plaistow. The trend is expected to continue through 1986... Permits issued- Multi family dwellings 12 (212 units)

From the Report of the Highway Department: ...a total of 625 feet of 12 inch solid aluminum pipe, along with 2 catch basins was installed to alleviate flooding conditions on Jesse George Road and Danville Road (Route 121-A). The Highway Department performed this work, thanks to an easement granted by Truck Sales of Plaistow. We also installed a new headwall, 20' x 6 ½' x 10", on Lower Road. We also cleaned out the brooks on Lower Road with the rental of a track excavator from Al Hoyt and Sons of Plaistow. Plaistow's 252 catch basins were also cleaned out again this year.

From the Report of the Planning Board: This year eleven subdivisions were approved, creating 56 lots. Twenty-nine site developments were approved, broken down as follows: Five were for condominiums creating a total of 146 units; Two were for apartment rentals, 36 units; Nine were for Commercial additions; Ten were for Commercial and Residential conversions; Three were for updating for change of occupancy.

PLAISTOW 10 YEARS AGO

Excerpts from the 1995 Annual Town Report

On the Cover: A picture of The Plaistow Town Hall

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: ... Permitted signs in the residential district are subject to the following limitations. (a) no sign may be larger than three (3) square feet.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,350 to complete energy conservation measure (ECM) improvements to the following town buildings: town hall, public safety complex and historical society building. 50% of the cost, or \$17,675, is reimbursable under the Governor's Office of Energy and Community services ECM Grant Program. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000.00 to bring the Town Hall into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act contingent upon 50% of the actual project cost, not to exceed \$75,000, being reimbursed through a Public Facility Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Office of State



Planning. The project will include installation of a full service elevator and replacement and upgrade of the existing handicap access ramp as well as other necessary building modifications. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Actual Expenditure 1995: Street Lighting \$51,330.00

Actual Expenditure 1995: Town Hall Repairs \$5,921.73

From the list of Actual Revenues: Court Lease \$22,297.22

From the Report of Board of Selectmen: As with last year, our court case with Cash Energy continues but we now have a court date in March which could bring this matter to conclusion. We bared our teeth at U.S. Senator Smith and demanded that he come and explain the state's position. Federal Superfund list is now imminent. ... A major issue to be dealt with is the American with Disabilities Act. An elevator is being proposed for installation in the Town Hall. Nonetheless, following the regulations of the ADA will cost money. Whether the public readily continues to support these regulations will be a prophecy of what's to come.

From the Report of the Town Manager: We were successful in securing a \$6,000 Community Development Block grant (CDBG) to conduct a feasibility study for accessibility of the second floor to the town hall. TMS Architects was hired and completed the project at no cost to the town. We have now submitted a CDBG Grant application for public facility improvement to install a full service elevator to the second floor to fully meet the Department of Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1992 requirements. If awarded the town will receive up to a \$75,000 grant of the total \$140,000 maximum project cost estimate. The town is required to supply matching funds.

From the Report of Revaluation Advisory Committee: Our goal was defined as proposing a plan utilizing a computerized mapping system that would be new, defensible, accurately identify all parcels of land, provide accountability, security, have a method of maintaining and updating the tax maps, perform a total revaluation to establish and retain the town's valuation at 100%. Fair and equitable tax assessments for all residents and commercial establishments will reduce the cost of abatements.

From the Report of the Planning Board: The 1995 March election marked the beginning of an elected Planning Board. Ronald W. Charette, Robert Gray and James Silva were elected as members.

From the Report of the Highway Department: Continental Paving of Londonderry did the paving of Forrest Street at a price of \$25.25 per ton put down and complete, ready to drive on...

From the Report of the Code Enforcement Officer: In 1995 this office documented 62 citizen's complaints. We also dealt with site plan violations and zoning violations observed by this office. They included commercial and/or industrial sites which have gone beyond the plan that had been approved by your Planning Board. The process to



bring these violations into compliance, whatever the zone, is somewhat lengthy. The first step is for the Code Enforcement Officer to call or stop by the site which is usually enough. Next, is a notice of violation and finally a summons to court.

From the Report of the Fire Department: In June we had a major hazardous material incident. A truck carrying an acid material (among other things) leaked the acid on about one half mile of Route 125 then went into Pentucket Plaza where it continued to leak with the acid going into the storm drain. The alarm came in at 7:33 A.M. and the department was not fully back in service until 1:38 A.M. the next morning. Being a member of the Hazardous Material Mutual Aid District paid dividends this time.



Antique water pump.



PLAISTOW SELECTMEN FROM 1924 to PRESENT

Ackerman, Delores G.	1981-1991, 1993-1995	Keezer, Wallace	1924-1926
Atwood, John E.	1953-1955	Kelleher, Daniel J.	1943-1946
Blinn Jr., Charles L.	1992-present	Kelleher, H. Thomas	1936-1942
Bramley, William C.	1957-1959	Laing, Douglas B.	1979-1981
Britton Jr., Darrel W.	1986-1992	Leathe, Frank L.	1952-1956, 1959-1961
Brown Jr., Alexander	1986-1987	Leathe, Leslie	1951
Burns, William J.	1929-1935	Levasseur, Brian A.	1982-1985
Cannon, Donald E.	1981-1983	Major, Norman L.	1969-1978, 1980, 1990-1991
Colcord, Arthur T.	1932-1937	Marston, Everett	1948-1950
Colcord, J. Russell	1950-1952	McPherson, Michael	1979-1980
Collins, Mary M.	1991-1996	Melvin, George E.	1994-1999
Conti, Samuel	1978-1980	Palmer, John A.	1946-1951
Cullen, Thomas H.	1962-1976	Palmer, Paul D.	1936
Curran, Michelle L.	2005-present	Richardson, John T.	1924-1928
Daniels, Sandra J.	1988-1990	Rizzo, Vincent R.	1984-1986
Denault, Arthur J.	1947	Roberts, Norman N.	1952-1956
Dube, LeRoy S.	1956-1969, 1976-1978	Sargent, Barry	1973-1975, 1979
Emmons, Michael L.	1998-2000	Sarty, Carlene E.	2000-2001
Ewing, Malcom M.	1959-1962	Senter, Marilyn P.	1996-2005
Flanders, Harry W.	1937-1948	Shaw, Elwood D.	1963-1965
Gil, Lawrence W.	1992-1997, 2003-present	Sherman, John A.	2001-present
Goodwin, Charles T.	1957-1959	Silloway, C. Hugh	1966-1968
Gosselin, G. Harrold	1925-1929	Sleeper, John W.	1927-1931
Graham, Charles R.	1980-1985, 1987	Smith, Fred B.	1950
Grant, Willard M.	1930-1938	Sumner, Martha L.	2002-present
Gray, Robert J.	2000-2002	Szmyt, Davena	1985-1991
Harnett, David	1991-1993	Todd, Milton H.	1977-1979
Hobbs, Barbara	1997-1999	Ventura, John C.	1985-1990
Ibbotson, J.W.C.	1924	Witherell, J. Wesley	1938-1945
Keezer, D. Joan	1980-1984	Wrigley, George	1970-1972



*Standing: Larry W. Gil & Charles L. Blinn, Jr.
Seated: Martha L. Sumner, John A. Sherman & Michelle L. Curran*



REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

"Plaistow is a great place to be." I chose those words for the masthead of the www.plaistow.com website several years ago and they remain accurate today. I have enjoyed working in Plaistow for the past five years. The Board of Selectmen, employees, other officials and the public have been supportive of me to help us make sure those words remain accurate. It was therefore with a measure of regret and sadness that I submitted my resignation as Town Manager at the end of 2005, to be effective in February 2006. I have accepted a position as City Manager in Rochester, New Hampshire, but will always have a warm place in my heart for the many friends I have made in Plaistow.

The biggest goal accomplished in 2005 was the completion of the first phase of renovation work on the Town Hall. All the Town Hall employees were relocated during a six month period during which:

- A four-floor elevator was installed;
- The entire electrical system was replaced and brought up to code;
- A fire suppression system was installed throughout the building;
- The fire alarms were upgraded;
- Several offices were reconfigured; and
- A large area was created on the third floor for future offices.

I want to thank the Library, which generously made space available for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Assessing department during this relocation. I am grateful to John McArdle and Bill Scully for their generous offer of space at the Safety Complex for myself and some of the staff. I am thankful to the Historical Society for their generous offer to allow us to use their facility for Planning, Building Inspection and Code Enforcement personnel.

Town Meeting adopted the five-year collective bargaining agreement with the police union. This should ensure continued good labor relations, manageable costs and save on negotiation expenses. For the fifth year in a row, there were no grievances that went to arbitration.

As Chairman of the Public Safety Complex Committee, I want to thank the members of that committee and HKT Architects for their help in our continued investigation into renovation and expansion of that 20 year old facility.

The Town came into compliance with new auditing standards in 2005. This year the audit report will include a management letter that more accurately reflects assets and depreciation. The total assets of the Town were \$11,264,990 at the beginning of 2005, an increase of 8.2% over the same time a year earlier. This standard was a requirement known as General Accounting Standards Board GASB 34.

During 2005 I maintained my status as a Credentialed Manager by the International City and County Managers Association through continued development of professional



competencies. The Local Government Center (New Hampshire Municipal Association) elected me to serve on the Municipal Advocacy Committee. The New Hampshire Municipal Manager's Association elected me to the position of Second Vice-President.

This past year the New Hampshire Municipal Records Board, on which I serve, worked on changes to review and clarify the law related to disposal and retention of municipal documents. I also served as chairman of a subcommittee planning the national annual conference of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers.

I believe Plaistow has a bright future, and I hope my contributions over the past five years have helped lay the foundation for Plaistow to continue to be a great place to be.

Respectfully submitted,

John Scruton

Town Manager



John Scruton at the Primex Convention.



TOWN MANAGER'S GOALS

Every Year:

♦ Keep things running smoothly in Town Government including: working well with the Board of Selectmen; fairly administrating personnel matters; managing a reasonable level of fund balance to eliminate tax rate swings; keeping assessing values current; successfully completing annual budget process, warrant, town report and town meeting; adequately overseeing financial accounting and annual audit; maintaining spending within the bottom line of budget; enhancing morale and quality of work force; and courteously meeting the public, etc.

♦ Plan for the future including staffing need recommendations, capital expenditures, infrastructure, waterline, solid waste disposal, etc.

♦ Assist elected officials, boards and committees in delivery of quality services, including helping Planning Board on Master Plan.

♦ Improve the Budgeting process by improving the flow of information from department to department and minimizing the re-entry of budget-related data. Do a better job of communication with the public on revenues as part of budget process.

♦ Update the pay matrix and salary structure for Town.

♦ Update 5-year staffing plan.

♦ Review Personnel plan and benefit structure for changes as needed and job description annually at least every time a vacancy occurs. Revise as deemed appropriate.

♦ As the opportunity arises, review paper road situation and make necessary correction.

♦ Perform job evaluation on all full-time, part-time and salaried employees twice a year.

♦ Develop a plan for enhancing Town Services to the Elderly.

♦ EPA Phase II Drainage BMP done and report timely submitted.

♦ Monitor Beede situation, ROD and EPA plans and make recommendations to Board of Selectmen.

♦ Research properties for which the owners are unknown and check quality of title on other town owned property.

For review in May 2006:

♦ Work with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc., engineers on reconstruction plan for Garden Road Bridge.



- ♦ Monitor studies for engineering on Haseltine, Cushing, 125 intersections and the Stateline Plaza impact.
- ♦ Oversee work on Town Hall including heating/cooling, pointing, roof and gutters; and, with the Town Hall Building Committee, start work on design of Phase III.
- ♦ Help move forward the process to acquire and build new Recreation Fields on Old County Road.
- ♦ Complete acceptance procedure for Hillcrest and Woodridge (easement needed).
- ♦ Oversee repairs to road, lawns and driveways from construction of waterline extension along Main Street.
- ♦ Work with John McArdle in planning design/construction of waterline at intersection of Old County Road and 125.
- ♦ Review all revenue sources for community and develop new ones.
- ♦ Finalize the update of the Personnel Plan.
- ♦ Work with legal counsel and the Cable Committee to move forward franchise renewal with Comcast and the new franchise with Verizon.
- ♦ Work on Best Management Practices for Storm Water including delineation of outfalls and observation of them, stenciling of catchbasins, holding public hearing.

Other projects under consideration:

- ♦ Explore opportunities for reducing the costs related to Waste Collection and Disposal, including options for improving the levels of recycling within the town.
- ♦ Review and revise as necessary Town standards for sidewalks, shoulders, etc.
- ♦ In conjunction with the Cable Committee, work to develop plans for a long-term permanent location for the cable studio.
- ♦ Propose a plan to develop an understanding of potential water sources for the Town, including plans for analyzing and studying water quality issues.
- ♦ Conduct an in-depth study of the heating and utility costs of all town buildings and street lights and present cost-effective recommendations for reducing those costs where practical.
- ♦ Develop an accurate list of all town-owned land, clarify title problems, and propose a plan for town usage or disposal of said property.



- ♦ Work with the Department Heads, to search for, recommend and implement no cost and low cost improvements to the level of service offered by town employees to the citizens of Plaistow.
- ♦ Implement Best Management Practices in the Storm Water Management Plan, in particular preparation of Master Drainage Map.
- ♦ Implement an Employee Training Plan as part of the performance review process.
- ♦ Develop an audit program for various departments.
- ♦ Improve the Website including
 - a. forms;
 - b. links;
 - c. Look at 3 most common reasons people call and having that on the Web; and
 - d. ways to reduce standing in line.
- ♦ Do analysis of competitive bidding for assessing services.
- ♦ Reactivate the Committee on Open Space, Land and Buildings to accomplish their charge from the Board of Selectmen.
- ♦ Work with the Public Safety Complex Committee to accomplish their charge from the Board of Selectmen.



Town Report Committee receiving the Local Government Center's first place award in Town Report Excellence competition.



SUMMARY OF THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 5, 2005

The Deliberative Session was held on February 5th at the Timberlane Regional High School. The Meeting started at 10:00AM. It began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Town Moderator Barry Sargent explained Deliberative Session and amendments. He stated that the default budget and zoning articles could not be amended. He states that he will be using Robert's Rules of Order.

Non-voters who wished to speak were Highway Supervisor Dan Garlington, Town Manager John Scruton and Cable Coordinator Bob Carolan. Motion for nonvoters wishing to speak was made by John Sherman and seconded by Marilyn Senter. A voice vote was taken and permission was granted for them to speak.

Martha Sumner presents a print of the Town Hall to Marilyn Senter and thanks her for her years of service as a Selectman. Norman Major presented Marilyn Senter with a proclamation from the legislature.

John Sherman was awarded an "exemplary citizenship" by the Rockingham News for his dedication to youth sports.

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

Articles P-2 through P-22 were not discussed since they are Planning Board issues.

Article P-2 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 V, Section 220-42, Location of Residential Driveways, by moving it to Article III, General Provisions, as new Section 220-9.1. to read as follows:

"All paved driveways in any residential district must be located within the frontage of the lot and comply with the setback required in that district."

Article P-3 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 VIIA, Access Management Overlay District, Section 220-55.2., General Requirements, Letter A, to read as follows:

"The minimum building setback shall be no less than **100** 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."



Article P-4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32A (Industrial), Letter C, Number (5) to read as follows:

"Minimum building setback: 50 feet from the front property line."

Article P-5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32B (Commercial I), Letter C, Number (5) to read as follows:

"Minimum building setback: 50 feet from the front property line."

Article P-6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32I, Minimum Dimensions for All Districts, Front Dimensions, by reducing the front setback from 100 feet to 50 feet for the following categories:

Where land used industrially abuts residential

Where land used industrially abuts commercial

Where industrial use abuts industrial use

Where Commercial I land abuts industrial land use

Where land used commercially abuts a residential usage

Where Commercial I land use abuts any other commercial land use

Article P-7 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 the "Town of Plaistow, NH, Zoning Map" to rezone a section of the Medium Density Residential Zone back to industrially zoned land as depicted in the diagram



Article P-8 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 III, General Provisions, Section 220-8.1., Residential Garages, Letter B, by changing the first sentence to read: "Any proposed garage/barn greater than the permitted square footage shown in paragraph A of this section requires a special exception."

Article P-9 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 V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32G, Integrated Commercial-Residential, by rewriting it as follows:

B1. Permitted Residential Uses:

1. Single-family and duplex dwellings
2. Multifamily housing in a PRD *1
3. Manufactured housing in a PRD *1
4. Accessory buildings
5. Private/public nonprofit recreation
6. Essential services
7. Agriculture
8. Forestry
9. Churches
10. Cemetery/burial site and mausoleum
11. AEHC (Affordable Elderly Housing Community) *2

*1 Must Comply with Additional requirements in Article VI.

*2 Must Comply with Additional requirements in Article VII.

B2. Permitted Commercial/Industrial Uses:

1. Retail business
2. Wholesale business
3. Personal service business *3
4. Business office
5. Professional office
6. Bank
7. Restaurant
8. Funeral establishment
9. Private service club
10. Commercial recreation
11. Vehicles, trailer, and recreational vehicle sales and service repair facilities
12. Publishing



13. Public use limited to public safety and service
14. Accessory use
15. Storage of equipment/vehicles used to service a product
16. Essential service
17. Small industry

*3 Must Comply with additional requirements in Subsection D in the definition of "Business" in Article II, Section 220-2.

B3. Allowed by Special Exception:

1. Nursing and convalescent homes
2. Home occupation*4
3. Fraternal, service, and charitable uses
4. In-law apartment in owner-occupied single-family dwelling *5
5. Care and treatment of animals
6. Drive-in restaurant
7. Produce stand
8. Day care facilities

*4 Must comply with restrictions outlined in Article X.

*5 Must comply with restrictions outlined in Article VIII.

B4. Combined Uses:

A single-family dwelling may be combined with any of the following uses provided that the occupant of the dwelling unit is also the owner of the commercial use.

1. Church
2. Retail business
3. Wholesale business
4. Personal service business *3
5. Professional office
6. Funeral establishment
7. Private service club
8. Vehicle service repair facility
9. Publishing

C. Areas and Dimensions :

1. Minimum Lot Size (Area): 110,000 square feet (All Uses)
2. Minimum Frontage: 200 feet (All Uses)



3. Minimum Setbacks: (Refer to Table 220-32I for All Uses)
4. Maximum Lot Coverage:
 - For Residential Use: 20%
 - For Commercial/Industrial Use Only: 35%
 - For Combined Use: 35%
5. Maximum Footprint:
 - For Residential Use: (See Lot Coverage)
 - For Commercial/Industrial Use Only on the Site: 8,000 square feet
 - For Commercial/Industrial Portion of the Combined Use: 2,500 square feet (Attached or Detached)
6. Maximum Square Footage:
 - For Residential Use: (See Lot Coverage)
 - For Commercial/Industrial Use Only on the Site: 2 floors or 16,000 square feet with the top floor restricted to non-retail use that is associated with the first floor business only.
 - For Commercial/Industrial Portion of the Combined Use: 2 floors or 5,000 square feet with the top floor restricted to non-retail use that is associated with the first floor business only.

D. Signs

1. All signs must comply with the provisions of Article IX unless otherwise noted in this paragraph.
2. Residential Use: 1 on-site, 3-square foot sign (attached or freestanding) is permitted. The freestanding sign and supporting structure may not exceed 6 feet in height.
3. Commercial/Industrial Use (single business): 1 on-site, 30-square foot sign (attached or freestanding) is permitted. The freestanding sign and supporting structure may not exceed 10 feet in height.



4. Commercial/Industrial Use (multiple businesses): 1 3-square foot, attached sign per business and 1 freestanding sign per lot are permitted. The freestanding sign and supporting structure may not exceed 25 feet in height or 150 square feet in area.

5. Combined Use: 1 on-site 30-square foot sign (attached or freestanding) is permitted. The freestanding sign and supporting structure may not to exceed 10 feet in height.

Notes:

- 1) All commercial/industrial and combined uses require site plan approval by the Town of Plaistow Planning Board.

Article P-10 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XII, Floodplain Development, Section 220-80., Applicability, so that it reads as follows:

“The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its “Flood Insurance Study for Rockingham County, New Hampshire” dated May 17, 2005, or as amended, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels numbered 0370E, 0390E, 0560E, 0576E, 0577E, 0578E, 0579E, 0585E, 0590E, dated May 17, 2005, or as amended, which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.”

Article P-11 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 the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Article entitled “Stormwater” to read as follows:

Town of Plaistow

Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Ordinance

Section I. Definitions

Best Management Practice (BMP)

Structural device, measure, facility, or activity that helps to achieve stormwater management control objectives at a designated site.



Plan

A document approved at the site design phase that outlines the measures and practices used to control stormwater runoff at a site.

Section II. Design

- A. All stormwater BMPs shall be designed in a manner to minimize the need for maintenance and reduce the chances of failure. Design guidelines are outlined in the most recent version of "Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for Urban and Developing Areas in New Hampshire."
- B. Stormwater easements and covenants shall be provided by the property owner for access for facility inspections and maintenance. Easements and covenants shall be filed with and recorded by the Town of Plaistow prior to the issuance of a permit.
- C. Final design shall be approved by the Town of Plaistow.

Section III. Routine Maintenance

- A) All stormwater BMPs shall be maintained according to the measures outlined in the most recent version of "Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for Urban and Developing Areas in New Hampshire," and as approved in the permit.
- B) The person(s) or organization(s) responsible for maintenance shall be designated in the plan. Options include:
 - 1) Property owner
 - 2) Homeowner's association, provided that provisions for financing necessary maintenance are included in deed restrictions or other contractual agreements
 - 3) Town of Plaistow
- C) Maintenance agreements shall specify responsibilities for financing maintenance.

Section IV. Nonroutine Maintenance

Nonroutine maintenance includes maintenance activities that are expensive but infrequent, such as pond dredging or major repairs to stormwater structures.

- A) Nonroutine maintenance shall be performed on an as-needed basis based on information gathered during regular inspections.



- B) If nonroutine maintenance activities are not completed in a timely manner or as specified in the approved plan, the Town of Plaistow may complete the necessary maintenance at the owner /operator's expense.

Section V. Inspections

- A) The person(s) or organization(s) responsible for maintenance shall inspect storm-water BMPs on a regular basis as outlined in the plan.
- B) Authorized representatives of the Town of Plaistow may enter the site at reasonable times to conduct on-site inspections or routine maintenance.
- C) For BMPs maintained by the property owner or homeowner's association, inspection and maintenance reports shall be filed with the Town of Plaistow as provided for in the plan.
- D) Authorized representatives of the Town of Plaistow may conduct inspections to confirm the information in the reports filed under Section C.

Article P-12 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 XIX, Aquifer Protection District, Section 220-133., Use Regulations, Letter D, Prohibited Uses, by rewriting as follows:

D. Prohibited uses. The following uses are prohibited in the Aquifer Protection Zone District except where permitted to continue as *an existing* nonconforming use: ~~or where anyone planning to engage in such activities can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that no degradation to the aquifer will occur. Such uses shall include, but not be limited to:~~

Article P-13 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 XIX, Aquifer Protection District, Section 220-133., Use Regulations, Letter D, Prohibited Uses, by rewriting as follows:

- ~~"(7) Dumping of snow containing de-icing chemicals brought from outside the Aquifer Protection district. The siting or operation of a snow dump, except that on-site snow storage areas shall be allowed."~~



- “(9) ~~Waste from d~~Dry-cleaning establishments involving the use of dry-cleaning chemicals.”
- “(10) ~~Waste from a~~The storage, discharge or disposal of waste from automotive service and repair shops and junk and salvage yards.
- “(11) ~~Waste from l~~Laundry and car wash establishments not served by a central municipal sewer.”

Article P-14 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 XIX, Aquifer Protection District, Section 220-133, Use Regulations, Letter D., Prohibited Uses, by adding the following prohibited uses:

- “The siting or operation of a hazardous waste disposal facility as defined under RSA 147-A.”
- “The siting or operation of a wastewater or septage lagoon.”
- “Storage of liquid petroleum products, except the following:
 - a. normal household use, outdoor maintenance and heating of a structure;
 - b. waste oil retention facilities required by statute, rule or regulation;
 - c. emergency generators required by statute, rule or regulation;
 - d. treatment works approved by NH DES for treatment of ground or surface waters; *provided* that such storage, listed in items a. through d. above, is in free-standing containers within building or above ground with secondary containment adequate to contain a spill 110% the size of the containers’ total storage capacity.”
- “Sludge monofills and septage lagoons.”
- “Storage of animal manure unless covered or contained in accordance with the specifications of the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service.”
- “Facilities that generate, treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste subject to Env-Wm 500-900 except for: a. household hazardous waste centers and events regulated under Env-Wm 401.03(b)(1) and Env-Wm 501.01(b); and b. water remediation treatment works



and Env-Wm 501.01(b); and b. water remediation treatment works approved by NH DES for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters.”

- “Non-sanitary treatment works which discharge to the ground and that are subject to Env-Ws 1500, except the following:
 - a. the replacement or repair of an existing treatment works that will not result in a design capacity greater than the design capacity of the existing treatment works;
 - b. treatment works approved by NH DES designed for the treatment of contaminated groundwater.”
- “Storage of regulated substances, unless in a free-standing container within a building or above ground with secondary containment adequate to contain 110% of the container’s total storage capacity.”
- “Storage of commercial fertilizers, unless such storage is within a structure designated to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate.”
- The composting, use or land application of biosolids and/or septage.
- Sand and gravel excavation and other mining within 8 vertical feet of the seasonal high water table.

Article P-15 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 Article XIX, Aquifer Protection District, Section 220-133. Use Regulations, Letter E, Number 1, as follows:

“Any use permitted *in the underlying zoning district* by Articles IV and V of the Town of Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, except as prohibited in Subsection D of this section.”

Article P-16 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 Article XIX, Aquifer Protection District, Section 220-133., Use Regulations, Letter F, Number (1) (b), pertaining to sand and gravel excavation as a conditional use within the Aquifer Protection District, as follows:



"Sand and gravel excavation and other mining which is proposed to be carried out to within eight vertical feet of the seasonal high water table and provided that periodic inspections are made by the Planning Board or its agent to determine compliance."

Article P-17 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.16 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IX, Signs, Section 220-58., Residential Districts, Letters A and B by revising it as follows:
220-58. All districts.

- A. Signs may be erected for the following purposes:
 - (1) Nameplates and identification signs.
 - (2) Property sale or rental signs.
 - a. Real estate signs shall pay a one-time fee of \$50.00 per sale, per dwelling unit.
 - b. Sign shall indicate the street address and unit number and must be displayed in front of the unit.
 - (3) Institutional signs.
 - (4) Development signs.
 - (5) Political signs.
 - (6) Signs indicating the name and nature of an approved home occupation.
 - (7) Contractor signs.
 - (8) Help Wanted signs.
- B. Exempted Signs:
 - (1) Yard Sale signs.

220-58.1. Residential Districts.

Permitted signs in the residential district are subject to the following limitations:



- (1) No sign may be larger than three square feet.
- (2) Only one sign may be erected per lot or parcel.
- (3) Both sides of a freestanding sign may be used.

Article P-18 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 VII, Affordable Elderly Housing Community, Section 220-54., Design Requirements, Letter E to read as follows:

"The water supply and waste treatment system for an AEHC shall be designed in accordance with the standards and requirements of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission."

Article P-19 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, Planned Residential Development, Section 220-48., Specific Design Requirements, Letter D, Water Supply and waste treatment systems, Number 1, to read As follows:

"The water supply and waste treatment system for a PRD shall be designed in accordance with the standards and requirements of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission."

Article P 20 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 IV, Wetlands, Section 220-19., Wetlands Boundaries, Letter B by replacing the following language of RSA 482-A:2.X as the definition of wetlands:

Wetlands means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

Article P-21 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 III, General Provisions, Section 220-4., Fire and other ruins, by rewriting the first sentence to read as follows: "An owner or occupant of structures on land in any district shall not permit fire or other ruins to be left and must remove or rebuild on the same footprint within one year of such fire or other ruins."



Article P-22 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.21 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 220-2, Definitions, by revising the definition of Vehicular Dealerships by adding the following paragraph as follows:

C. The sale or display of two or more new/used motorcycles that require NH State registration and inspection.

D. The sale or display of two or more new/used pieces of construction equipment or farm equipment with greater than 30 horsepower.

E. Specifically excluded from this definition: self-propelled watercraft and off-road recreational vehicles including but not limited to ATVs, off-road motor bikes and snowmobiles.

F. Specifically excluded from this definition: self-propelled pieces of equipment, under 30 horsepower, used for yard maintenance including but not limited to lawn mowers, garden tractors and snow blowers.

Article P-23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Two Thousand dollars (\$ 702,000) for the construction of a Highway Garage and Salt Shed; Seven Hundred Two Thousand dollars (\$ 702,000) 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.

Larry Gil spoke on the article and introduced Dan Garlington to speak on the needs of the new garage. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-24 Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II for an increase of \$100 in the optional veteran's tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety? This modification would make the optional veteran's tax credit \$200 rather than \$100.

John Sherman explained the article, stating that 350 taxpayers currently receive this credit. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.



Article P-25 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, \$110,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$150,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$190,000. 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 \$35,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$80,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Merilyn Senter explained the article and it was stated that currently we have thirteen residents ages sixty-five to seventy-four, twelve residents ages seventy-five to seventy-nine and thirty-one residents over the age of eighty who qualify for this exemption. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-26 Pursuant to RSA 72:37-b shall we modify the exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$150,000. 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 a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$80,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Merilyn Senter explained the article and it was stated that currently there are only 2 residents who qualify for this exemption. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-27 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 two hundred seventy-five thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars (\$6,275,393)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be six million eighty-two thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$ 6,082,620), 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.

Kristen Lewis Savage presented the purpose of appropriations. Motion to accept was made by Robert Gray and seconded by Ron Hayes. John Sherman made an amendment to increase the operating budget by \$63,000 for expansion of the water line, changing the total budget to \$6,338,393. The amendment was seconded by Kristen Lewis-Savage, and was discussed by John Sherman and Don Sargent. A



vote was taken to accept the amendment and passed. The Selectmen and Budget Committee members voted to recommend the amendment. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the amended article was accepted to appear on the ballot with the amendment of the additional \$63,000.

Article P-28 Shall the town vote to accept the NH Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$ 136,157 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	\$ 136,157
Revenue from Grant	\$- 136,157
Amount to be raised from 2005 Taxes	\$ 00

Martha Sumner explained the article and it was stated that this grant is something the Town receives each year at no cost to the taxpayers. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-29 Shall the town vote to accept the Federal Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$ 81,485 for the purpose of improving and enhancing the emergency communication system for the police department and to raise and appropriate said sum for said purpose? The town has received written notice that it has been awarded the grant for \$81,485.

Appropriation	\$ 81,485
Revenue from Grant	\$- 81,485
Amount to be raised from 2005 Taxes	\$ 00

Steven Savage explained the article and it was stated that the communication for the police has changed from analog to digital. He states that it was a safety issue and is fully funded. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-30 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 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 second floor 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); and parking with said funds to come from the December 31, 2004, unreserved fund balance?



Appropriation to Trust	\$ 250,000
<u>Revenue from Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$-250,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2005 Taxes	\$ 00

Barry Sargent stepped down as Moderator on this article due to the fact that he is on the Town Hall Improvements Committee. Assistant Moderator Norman Major read this article. Robert Gray explained the article and it was stated that the restorations will be done in two phases. The fire suppression and elevator will be in phase one, with heating and cooling upgrades to follow. John Sherman asks for clarification of the electrical issues. Barry Sargent stated that there are code violations. Bob Loeffler asks about the fire suppression plan and evacuation plan. John McArdle explains there is an egress out the back. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-31 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to replenish the Expendable Trust Fund (established in 2004 under RSA 31:19-a), for payment of police and fire outside detail that exceeds the budgeted amount in any given year; said sums to come from the December 31, 2004, unreserved fund balance?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 20,000
<u>Revenue from outside detail in Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$-20,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2005 Taxes	\$ 00

Martha Sumner explained the article. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-32 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,888 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Internet use, said sums to come from the December 31, 2004, unreserved fund balance and represents revenue received from the AT&T/ Broadband/Comcast franchise agreement for Internet use?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 8,888
<u>Revenue from Cable Company in Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$- 8,888</u>
Amount to be raised from 2005 Taxes	\$ 00

Charles Blinn explained the article and it was stated that we already have an agreement with Comcast. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.



Article P-33 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 85,000 for the engineering for repair/replacement of the Garden Road Bridge? This bridge is on the State of New Hampshire "red-list" which identifies bridges in critical need of repair, therefore making it eligible for 80% reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridge project is completed or by December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner. The total amount would need to be raised in 2005 and the reimbursement would come in future years when the engineering is complete.

Appropriation to Engineering	\$ 85,000
State Reimbursement:	\$- 68,000
Net Amount to be raised by taxes	\$ 17,000

Larry Gil explained the article and it was stated that the bridge is in serious need of repair. As improvements are made to Route 125, Garden Road will become increasingly important. Motions where made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-34 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Motion to accept was done by John Sherman and seconded by Tim Moore. The article was explained and accepted as written to appear on the ballot.

Article P-35 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,732 for the current fiscal year and to approve the cost items included in the five year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Plaistow and the union representing police and dispatch employees, the Teamsters Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Calendar Year 2006 Estimated increase	\$55,025
Calendar Year 2007 Estimated increase	\$51,074
Calendar Year 2008 Estimated increase	\$51,460
Calendar Year 2009 Estimated increase	\$55,764
Calendar Year 2010 Estimated increase	\$26,417

John Sherman explained the article and it was stated that the key point from the Selectmen was that the Police Union has a 5 year agreement with the Town. He states that this reduces costs of negotiations. Steve Savage stated that it is important to have stability in the department. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.



Article P-36 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 24,040 to fund a new entry-level full time police officer starting on or about September 1, 2005? This covers the cost of salary, benefits, equipment, training and academy overtime.

Martha Sumner explained the article and it was stated that there was a study done that showed the department was short 4 officers. She stated that the Town is growing and more commuters are using Route 125. Steve Savage stated that these are extraordinary times and we need to stay ahead of the development coming to Route 125. He stated another officer will cover the gaps. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-37 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,773 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$ 1,561 from \$ 33,577 to \$ 35,138 ? The additional \$ 212 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare.

Charles Blinn explained that articles 37, 38 & 39 are similar and it was stated that the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector currently need the voters' approval for a pay increase... Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to appear on the ballot as printed.

Article P-38 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 345 to increase the salary of the Treasurer by \$ 304 from \$ 6,540 to \$ 6,844? The additional \$ 41 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare

Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-39 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,229 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$ 1,082 from \$ 23,264 to \$ 24,346? The additional \$ 147 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security and Medicare.

Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-40 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Fund?

Larry Gil explained the article and it was stated the Town is putting money away to look into properties off North Main Street and continuing to research other properties. Eleanor Peabody asked if there is any land or easement that the Town is purchasing. Larry Gil states there are two and that the Cox Farm easement is in the final stages. Eleanor Peabody then amended the article dollar value down to \$1.00. Her amendment was seconded by George Peabody and discussions were made. Tim Moore states that \$5,000 will not make a difference in terms of the price of real estate



and stated he does not support the amendment. Tom Vinci asked if a piece of land is sold, will the remaining land be out of current use and will the farm pay taxes. John Scruton states the farm will only pay if the total amount is less than 10 acres. A vote was taken and the amendment defeated.

Article P-41 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,000 for the Greater Derry-Greater Salem Regional Transportation Council for a proposed regional transportation brokerage system and expanded van service? The Board of Selectmen would retain authority to not make this expenditure if a majority of the other communities who were budgeted to be in the program do not contribute.

Merilyn Senter explained the article and it was stated there were 143 people needing rides and this would be a brokerage agreement. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-42 Shall the Town, if the article on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (P-35) is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article P-35 cost items only?

John Sherman explained the article and it was stated that the article speaks for itself and a Special Town Meeting would be needed to renegotiate. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-43 Shall the Town vote to discontinue an ancient roadway 3 rods wide that once ran from Main Street to the area of the intersection of Elm Street and Park Avenue on the southerly side of the Town Hall, said area now being part of Pollard Park and covered by lawn, pathway, trees, benches and monuments? There is some question if there ever was an official road over this portion of the Park, but the recommendation from the title researcher is that this be done to clear up any confusion. The Town owns on both sides of this old roadway that can no longer be seen because of the changes of the past 110 years.

Martha Sumner explained the article and it was stated this is a housekeeping item to protect the Town. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-44 Shall the Town vote to authorize beginning at Town Meeting in 2006 that if the Town Clerk, Treasurer and/or Tax Collector are seeking a salary increase that is the same percentage as being requested in the proposed operating budget for the average non-union employee, that increase will be included in the operating budget and be voted upon as part of that operating budget, but if the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector seek an increase greater than the average being requested in the operating budget for nonunion employees, that request will be as a separate warrant article?



Tom Vinci asked for the pay scale of non-elected offices verses elected offices. John Sherman stated that not all positions can be appointed; some must be elected. Motions were made, a vote was taken and the article was accepted to be on the ballot as printed.

Article P-45 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Town owned property located at, 17 Canterbury Forest, Map 49, Lot 35, Book 2921, Page 0390? For price, term and conditions which the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town. The property is currently generating no income. The sale of this property would generate tax revenue.

Larry Gil explained the article and it was stated that the Board of Selectmen were not in favor of selling any town lands. After discussing the article Steven Ranlett amended the article to add a selling price of \$1,000,000, which was seconded by Kristen Lewis-Savage. After more discussion a vote on this amendment was taken and it was defeated. A second amendment was presented by Steven Ranlett and seconded by Kristen Lewis-Savage to add a date to expire on or before March 9, 2005. This amendment was discussed and voted on. The amendment was also defeated. A third amendment was submitted by Neil Rabideau and seconded by Robert Gray to delete the last 2 sentences and add, "The sale will allow access to substantial development." This amendment was voted on and defeated after more discussion. A final amendment was submitted by Robert Gray and seconded by George Melvin. It added a sentence at the end of the article to read: "The voters at the Deliberative Session were not in favor of this article." A vote on this amendment passed it and the amended article will appear on the ballot.

Barry Sargent declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.



2005 ELECTION RESULTS

Selectman 3 Year Term – Vote for 1

Michelle Curran	390✓
Steven Ranlett	183
Thomas Vinci	300

Fire Engineers 1st Engine 1 Year Term

Richard A. Colcord	780✓
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Fire Engineers 2nd Engine 1 Year Term

John W. Judson III	764✓
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Fire Engineers 3rd Engine 1 Year Term

Ernest A. Morin	750✓
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Fire Engineers 4th Engine 1 Year Term

David R. Sargent	762✓
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Budget Committee 3 Year Term – Vote 4

Daniel Hooper	596✓
Donna M. Luciano	619✓
Diane Rothwell	625✓
Ernest E. Sheltry	608✓

Budget Committee 1 Year Term - Vote 1

Bernadine A. FitzGerald	734✓
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Conflict of Interest 3 Year Term- Vote 2

Harry Birmingham	617✓
Dennis Lupi	583✓

Planning Board 3 Year Term – Vote 2

Timothy E. Moore	690✓
Robert J. Zukas	613✓

Trustee of the Trust Fund 3 Year Term

Susan Drew	715✓
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Library Trustee 3 Year Term

Claire Manes	699✓
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Auditors 1 Year Term – Vote 2

Thomas Vinci	(write-in)	12
Brenda Major	(write-in)	3
Susan Drew	(write-in)	3

2005 WARRANT ARTICLES

Article	Description	Yes	No
P-02	Residential Driveways	538✓	244
P-03	Access Management Overlay District	593✓	269
P-04	Industrial Zone Setbacks	635✓	225
P-05	Commercial I Setbacks	619✓	231
P-06	Minimum Dimensions	514✓	322
P-07	Rezone MDR to Industrial	444✓	400
P-08	Residential Garages	543✓	303
P-09	ICR District	604✓	257
P-10	Floodplain Development	667✓	183
P-11	Stormwater Ordinance	634✓	218
P-12	Aquifer Protection District – Letter D	642✓	203
P-13	Aquifer Protection District – Letter D	629✓	182
P-14	Aquifer Protection District – Letter D	660✓	165
P-15	Aquifer Protection District – Letter E	632✓	167
P-16	Aquifer Protection District – Letter F	657✓	150
P-17	Signs in Residential Development	535✓	327



2005 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article	Description	Yes	No
P-18	Affordable Elderly Housing District	717✓	130
P-19	Planned Residential Development	717✓	135
P-20	Wetlands	663✓	172
P-21	General Provisions	604✓	226
P-22	Definitions	603✓	224
P-23	Highway Garage/Salt Shed Bond	367	503✓
P-24	Veterans Tax Credit Increase	660✓	204
P-25	Elderly Exemption Qualification Increase	645✓	252
P-26	Disabled Exemption Qualification Increase	578✓	318
P-27	Operating Budget	439✓	428
P-28	Highway Block Grant	798✓	100
P-29	Grant for Police Dispatch Communications	769✓	104
P-30	Town Hall Improvements	563✓	305
P-31	Outside Detail Expendable Trust	596✓	267
P-32	Internet Use	646✓	215
P-33	Garden Road Bridge Engineering	663✓	232
P-34	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	571✓	317
P-35	Collective Bargaining Agreement	476✓	417
P-36	Police Officer	415	483✓
P-37	Town Clerk Salary Increase	486✓	419
P-38	Treasurer Salary increase	573✓	389
P-39	Tax Collector Salary Increase	455✓	423
P-40	Conservation Fund	462✓	405
P-41	Greater Derry/Salem Transportation Council	457✓	411
P-42	Special Town Meeting	438✓	401
P-43	Discontinue Ancient Roadway	689✓	180
P-44	Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer Salary Procedure	387	468✓
P-45	Sale of 17 Canterbury Forest	320	541✓



SUMMARY OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 7, 2005

The Deliberative Session was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at the Plaistow Public Library. Moderator Barry Sargent opened the meeting at 7:02PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A small number of residents attended. There were 36 registered voters and 3 non-voters.

Article PS1 _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 V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32A, "IND" – Industrial, Section B. Uses, by removing from the permitted uses column number 3, "Trucking Terminal" number 12, "Recycling Plants" and only "Waste Treatment: from number 11. (*RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD*)

Barry Sargent explained that, as a Planning Article, no amendments could be made and the article could only be discussed. The article was read and discussed. Tim Moore explained the article and a few questions were asked and answered. Robert Zukas of the Planning Board reminded the public that you would need to vote yes to amend the article thus keeping the trash plant out. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

The Election was held at the Plaistow Library from 8:00AM until 8:00PM. Barry Sargent opened the polls with a pledge to the flag and swearing in of the Ballot Clerks. Response to the article was great, bringing out 27.5% of all registered voters.

VOTE	NUMBER	PERCENT
1571	Yes	96.8%
52	No	3.2%

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier
Town Clerk



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

BALANCE FORWARD JANUARY 1, 2005

7,431,541.26

RECEIPTS :

DEBITS

CREDITS

TOTALS

Town Clerk:

Withholding State of NH		7,489.00	
Dogs Withheld State of NH		2,381.50	
E Reg Interware Liability		686.35	
UCC Fees		3,673.00	
UCC Fees Direct Deposit		240.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		1,373,814.84	
Mail In Registrations		5,194.50	
E Reg Mail In Fee		392.00	
Miscellaneous		620.75	
Dog Licenses		4,833.00	
Dog Pick Up Fines		3,125.00	
Marriage Licenses		539.00	
Certified Copies		2,525.00	
Returned Check Charges		800.00	
Municipal Agent Program		22,950.00	
Voter Checklist		75.00	
Dredge & Fill Permits		10.00	
Boat Registrations		8,121.32	
Recordings		0.00	
Filing Fees		3.00	
Recount Fees		10.00	
Voter Registration Cards		3.00	
Town Title Fees		4,534.00	
Pole Licenses		60.00	
Subtotal Town Clerk			1,442,080.26
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		176.50	
Returned Checks 2005	4,496.50		
Returned Checks Paid		4,340.50	
			1,442,100.76

Planning Board:

10,394.50

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Remitted		4,214.34	
Returned Check	30.94		
Returned Check Paid		30.94	
Returned Check Fee		25.00	
			4,239.34



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<i>Fire Department:</i>			
Ambulance		263.42	
Insurance Reports		135.00	
General Revenue		1,400.00	
Court Ordered Reimbursements		851.95	
Outside Detail		3,671.00	
			6,321.37
<i>Recreation:</i>			
Summer Trips		5,789.00	
Special Events		752.00	
Summer Recreation Registrations		32,535.00	
Baseball/Softball Registrations		8,480.00	
Community Trips		11,264.00	
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		150.00	
Returned Checks 2005	279.00		
Returned Checks Paid		230.00	
Returned Check Fines		75.00	
			58,996.00
<i>Tax Warrant Copies:</i>			414.00
<i>Welfare General Fund:</i>			3,007.40
<i>Tax Collector:</i>			
Previous Year Taxes		403,165.63	
2005 Taxes		16,100,312.40	
2006 Taxes		430.92	
Property Tax Interest		22,912.63	
Yield Taxes		3,322.00	
Yield Tax Interest		307.99	
Redemptions		176,325.12	
Redemptions/Interest/Costs		23,007.49	
Mortgage Notice Costs		2,342.52	
Returned Checks	24,315.20		
Returned Check Paid		24,315.20	
Returned Checks Fines		200.00	
			16,732,326.70
<i>Witness Fees:</i>			2,148.00
<i>Health Department:</i>			9,291.50
<i>Federal Government:</i>			
Cops Fast Grant			15,000.00



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<i>Building & Code Enforcement Office:</i>			
Inspections		95,962.25	
Returned Checks	235.00		
Returned Checks Paid		170.00	
Returned Checks Fines		75.00	
			95,972.25
<i>Police:</i>			
Gun Permits		560.00	
Games of Chance		150.00	
Hawkers & Peddlers Licenses		60.00	
Pawn & Second Hand Dealers		2,250.00	
Finger Printing		98.00	
Parking Violations		4,130.00	
False Alarms		3,165.00	
Insurance Requests Report		7,990.00	
Court Ordered Reimbursement		126.95	
Outside Details		85,841.32	
Returned Checks	75.00		
Returned Checks Paid		0.00	
Returned Checks Fines		0.00	
			104,296.27
<i>State of New Hampshire:</i>			
Shared Revenue		75,483.00	
Rooms & Meals Taxes		284,315.08	
Highway Block Grant		136,156.55	
Grants from the State		180,300.03	
District Court Rent		52,478.44	
NH Railroad Tax		1,350.59	
Emergency Management Reimbursement		2,750.00	
NH Fuel Tax		1,952.46	
			734,786.15
<i>Other Government :</i>			
Police Dispatch		25,000.00	
Library		70,000.00	
School Crossing Guard		9,848.91	
School Resource Officer		18,759.46	
			123,608.37
<i>Miscellaneous Sources:</i>			
Cable Franchise Fee		83,954.82	
Cemetery Lot Sales		1,650.00	
Cemetery Interments		1,400.00	
Veteran Markers		250.00	
Sale Surplus Property		3,916.00	
Leased Land		95,866.67	



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<i>Miscellaneous Sources Continued:</i>			
Fines – Court Portion		6,960.12	
Group Health Insurance Reimbursement.		37,134.90	
Miscellaneous		84,450.01	
Copy Machine Income		619.21	
Assessor Copies		338.50	
Walmart Police Agreement		9,693.47	
BCLM Agreement		43,042.94	
Museum Lease		2.00	
			369,278.64

REIMBURSEMENTS:

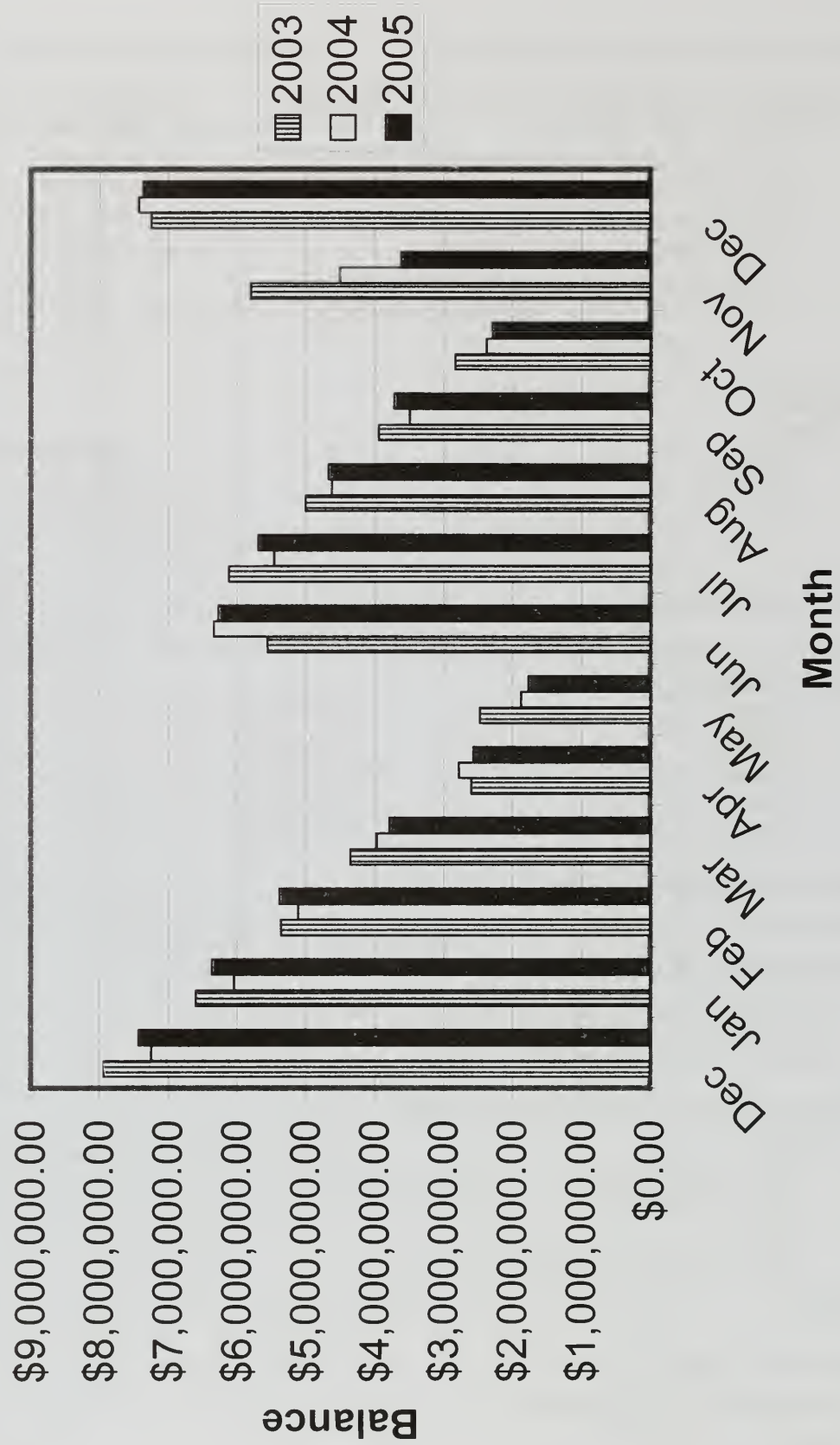
Executive Miscellaneous	703.06
Salary Reimbursements	4,775.14
Trustees of Trust Funds - Cable	40,426.91
Trustees of Trust Funds – Recreation Field	13,369.93
Staples Rebate - Shredder	20.00
RSA 31:95-B	166,720.83
Conservation	55.00
Police Department Miscellaneous	55.00
Return Part – Cruiser	355.00
Refund Conference Cancellation	119.00
Health Insurance Reimbursement	501.36
Water Bill Pass Thru Account	1,480.93
Highway Department – Battery	95.00
Telephone Reimbursement	5.05
Executive Supplies	1,337.98
BankNorth- Old Home Day Donation & Sales	769.95
Rockingham County Prosecutor	341.70
Officer Uniforms	67.22
N.H.A.C.P.M. Registration Refund	766.15
NH Retirement Refund	340.11
Fish & Game Club Old Home Day Donation	789.71
W. Flagship Corp. – Refund Tickets	205.00
Planning Board Telephone Refund	18.00
Trustees Trust Funds – Town Hall Renovations	456,226.86
Perpetual Care Pass Thru Account	2,750.00
Summer Recreation Refund	50.50
Expense w/o Appropriation – Cemetery Lot	150.00
F.E.M.A. Snow Plowing Reimbursement	14,864.00
Trustee Trust Funds – Internet Use	997.58
F.E.M.A. Sand & Salt Reimbursement	8,167.68
F.E.M.A. Highway Overtime	743.80
Duke Energy	4,370.00
Amerigas	34.98



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Reimbursements continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hazardous Waste Day		5,482.85	
M.H.O.A. Health Reimbursement		59.00	
State of NH Police Overtime		1,810.88	
Duplicate Payment		907.65	
NH Tax Collection Scholarship		245.00	
Fire Department Uniform Reimbursement		36.00	
Couture – Inspection Pay Reimbursement		65.84	
			730,280.65
INTEREST			
Bank:			
Bank of America		1,469.28	
MBIA		7,352.05	
Bank North		80,341.00	
			89,162.33
2005 Total Receipts:			20,531,624.93
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DISBURSEMENTS:			
Library	362,194.00		
County	959,398.00		
Timberlane School District	11,802,971.00		
Town	7,296,824.82		
Property Lien	176,657.62		
2005 Total Disbursements			20,598,045.44
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ACCOUNTING BALANCE:			
Balance as of January 1, 2005			7,431,541.26
Receipts less Disbursements equals			(- 66,420.51)
Balance as of December 31, 2005			7,365,145.75
CASH BALANCE - December 31, 2005:			
Bank:			
Bank North			7,035,775.91
Bank of America			64,630.75
MBIA			264,714.09
State Payment Charge			25.00
TOTAL:			7,365,145.75
Respectfully submitted,			
<i>Bernadine A. FitzGerald</i>			
Treasurer			

Cash Flow 2003, 2004 and 2005



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
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:		760,000.00		85,006	845,006	845,006
-Public Library: Original Amount: \$1,900,000 Year Term 2000/10 years @ 4.474%.						



INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION SUMMARY 2005

	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
LAND SECTION:			
Current Use	829.47	76,731.00	
Conservation	28.00	2,388.00	
Residential Land	3,019.69	320,506,170.00	
Commercial/Industrial Land	<u>1,056.59</u>	<u>103,118,600.00</u>	
Sub-Total Taxable Land	4,933.76		423,703,889.00
<i>Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land</i>	<u>1,103.36</u>	25,131,542.00	
Total Land	6,037.12		
BUILDING SECTION:			
Residential		437,934,200.00	
Commercial/Industrial		135,379,900.00	
Sub-Total Taxable Buildings			573,314,100.00
<i>Tax Exempt & Non -Taxable Buildings</i>		39,858,800.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES SECTION:			
Sub-Total Public Utilities			<u>22,420,104.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions			1,019,438,093.00
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<u>12,499,818.00</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED:			1,006,938,275.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION IS COMPUTED:			984,518,171.00



TAX RATE CALCULATION 2005

TOWN PORTION:

Gross Appropriations	7,044,002
Less Revenues	(3,647,254)
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)
Add Overlay	76,967
War Service Credits	87,000

Approved Town Tax Effort **3,551,439** **Town Rate: 3.54**

SCHOOL PORTION:

Regional School Appropriation	13,970,706
Less Adequate Education Grant	(1,773,537)
Less State Education Taxes	(2,495,324)

Approved School Tax Effort **9,701,845** **Local School Rate: 9.63**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES:

State-wide Education Tax Rate	2.84
Equalized Valuation	878,635,088

Divided by Local Assessed Valuation 984,518,171
State Education Tax For Plaistow **2,495,324** **State School Rate: 2.53**

COUNTY PORTION:

Due to County	959,398
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)

Approved County Tax Effort: **950,122** **County Rate: 0.94**

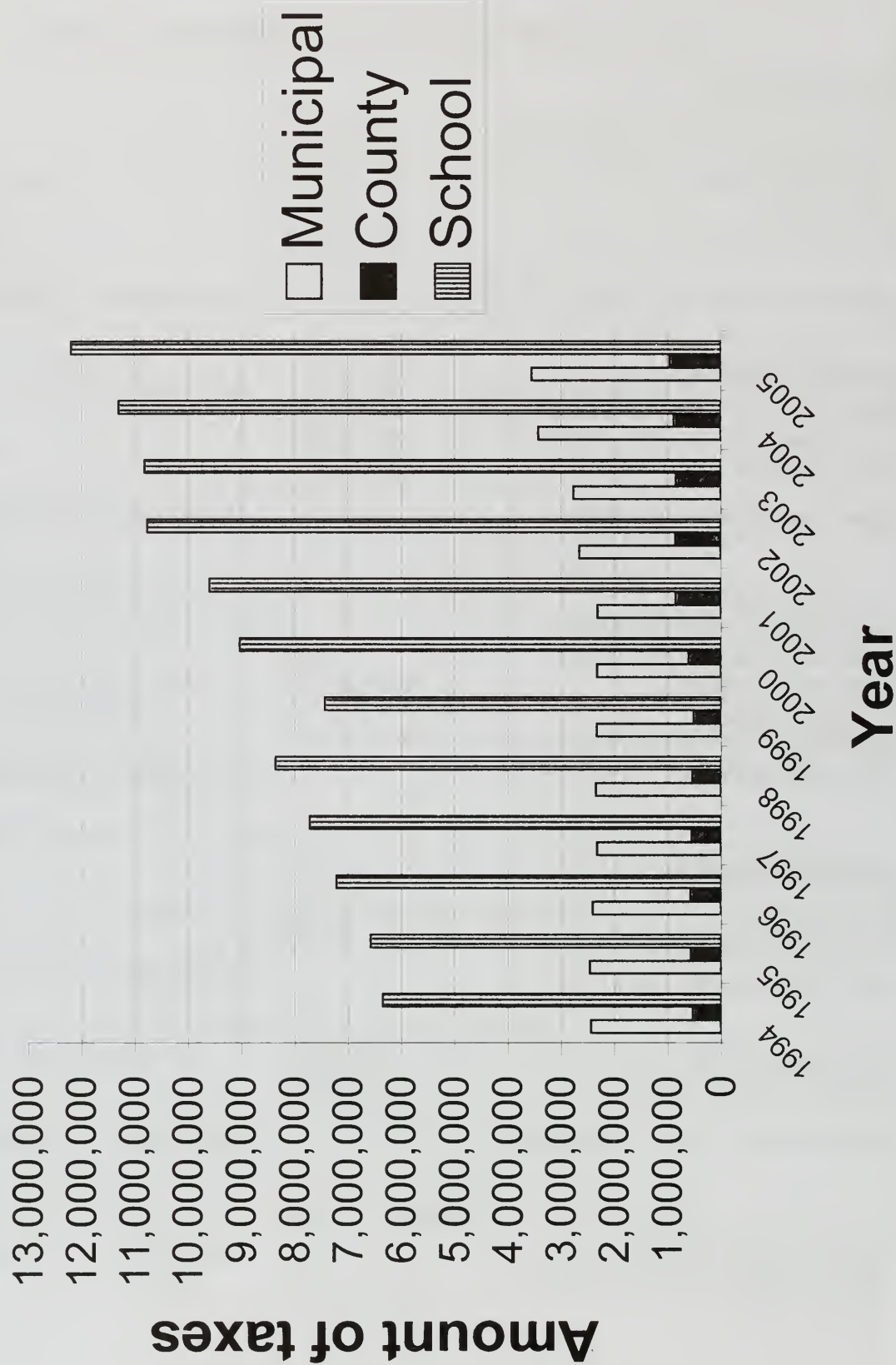
Total Property Taxes Assessed	16,698,730
Less War Service Credits	(87,000)

Total Property Tax Commitment: **16,611,730** **Total Rate: 16.64**

PROOF OF RATE

<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
State Education Tax (no utilities)	984,518,171	2.53	2,495,324
All other Taxes	1,006,938,275	14.11	14,203,406
			<u>16,698,730</u>

Tax Commitment History





REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	0	563,057	1,743
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	16,613,930	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	3,322
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	54,491	287	0
Collect Interest - Late Taxes	6,584	27,916	310
Penalties - Returned Check	100	1,457	0
TOTAL DEBITS:	16,675,375	592,717	5,375

CREDITS:

* Property Taxes	15,927,499	398,520	19
* 2005	431	0	0
* Yield Taxes	0	0	3,322
* Interest	6,854	27,916	310
* Penalties - Return Check	100	1,457	0
* Conversion to Lien	0	164,806	0
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer			

Abatelements Made:

Property Taxes	4,093	0	0
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Uncollected Taxes End of Year:

Property Taxes	735,967	18	1,724
2006	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	431	0	0

TOTAL CREDITS:	16,675,375	592,717	5,375
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REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR CONTINUED:

DEBITS:	2004	2003	2002-1990
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning Year	0	0	0
Liens Executed During Year	176,658	73,817	421,723
Interest & Costs Collected	6,896	10,731	7,172
Mortgage Notice Costs	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBITS:	183,554	84,548	428,895
CREDITS:			
* Redemptions	105,517	44,853	25,925
* Interest & Costs Collected	6,896	10,731	7,172
* Mortgage Notice Costs	0	0	0
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer	0	0	0
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens Balance	71,141	28,964	395,798
TOTAL CREDITS:	183,554	84,548	428,895

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

	REMITTED TO TREASURER
DESCRIPTION:	
Property Taxes	16,491,274
Yield Tax	3,322
Interest	35,080
Land Use Change	0
Redemptions	176,295
Interest & Costs Collected	24,799
Penalty & Mortgage Notice Costs	1,557
TOTAL:	16,732,327

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie L. Bayek

Tax Collector



CURRENT USE DESCRIPTION

Here's some information about Current Use Law that has been gathered from the Town of Plaistow's Master Plan, the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Report on Open Space and from State Law.

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

Started in 1973, the current use program is an extremely important mechanism for keeping open land open. It does not, however, provide any long term protection from the future development of this land. This is because current use land can be taken out of the program. If the land is converted to a non-qualifying use (e.g. subdivided for development) it is subject to a "Land Use Change Tax" equal to 10% of the land's full value assessment at the time of the change. In 1994, the Current Use Law was amended to allow the current use penalty tax (land use change tax) to accrue to a special account that can be used for conservation purposes.

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

There is approximately \$16,087 in this fund as of December 31, 2005.

According to the RPC Report on Open Space, Plaistow is near the bottom of Rockingham County towns as a percentage of land in the Current Use program. Only the seacoast towns, like Seabrook, Rye, Hampton, etc., trail Plaistow.

Of Plaistow's total of 6,790 total acres, only 12.2%, or 829.47 acres are in the Current Use program. Many towns report 20 to 30 % in Current Use.



CURRENT USE PROPERTIES

<u>TAX PAYER 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	0.50
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, Charles & Douglas	30 Crane Crossing Road	56-3	17.61
Cox Tr, Eunice	29 Crane Crossing Road	55-9	8.89
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
Embrey-Rooke, Mona	7 Hill Haven Road	53-28	28.00
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	22.62
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	4.08
Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	12 Kingston Road	53-13	7.31
McGirr Tr, Robert Rudolph	Frog Pond Woods	6-15	43.80
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
Riley, Richard	2B Newton Road	65-2	11.53
Ronald Brown Investment	1 Gunstock Road	62-41-01	2.50
Ronald Brown Investment	2 Gunstock Road	62-41-15	3.50
Ronald Brown Investment	3 Gunstock Road	62-41-02	2.50
Ronald Brown Investment	4 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-14	2.50
Ronald Brown Investment	5 Gunstock Road	62-41-03	5.10
Ronald Brown Investment	6 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-13	2.50



CURRENT USE PROPERTIES CONTINUED:

<u>TAX PAYER NAME</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
Ronald Brown Investment	7 Gunstock Road	62-41-04	4.00
Ronald Brown Investment	8 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-12	2.50
Ronald Brown Investment	9 Gunstock Road	62-41-05	3.00
Ronald Brown Investment	10 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-11	3.40
Ronald Brown Investment	11 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-06	3.70
Ronald Brown Investment	12 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-10	3.40
Ronald Brown Investment	13 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-07	2.80
Ronald Brown Investment	15 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-08	3.00
Ronald Brown Investment	17 Gunstock Road	63-62-41-09	2.90
Saracusa, Marion	49 Forrest Street	48-33	18.20
St. Matthews United M	90 Newton Road	68-08-A	10.00

TOTAL ACRES 829.47



Boy Scout Troop #18 working in the Town Forest.



TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
6-3	East Road Rear	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
6-6	Atkinson Line	185,200.00	0.00	185,200.00
6-8	Formerly JA Noyes Land	74,300.00	0.00	74,300.00
7-1	Atkinson Line	519,600.00	0.00	519,600.00
7-4	Frog Pond Woods	347,000.00	0.00	347,000.00
7-5	Frog Pond Woods	126,700.00	0.00	126,700.00
8-22	Main Street	70,800.00	0.00	70,800.00
8-23	Main Street Rear Kelley	89,500.00	0.00	89,500.00
9-11	Old Stage Coach Road	72,800.00	0.00	72,800.00
11-7	Near B&M Railroad	9,100.00	0.00	9,100.00
14-35	East Road Off N/S	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
15-8	Atkinson Town Line	300.00	0.00	300.00
16-1	45 Greenough Road	125,400.00	0.00	125,400.00
17-6	Frog Pond Woods	209,100.00	0.00	209,100.00
17-7	Frog Pond Woods	40,200.00	0.00	40,200.00
17-29	16 Culver Street	123,400.00	0.00	123,400.00
17-30	15 Lower road	129,900.00	0.00	129,900.00
17-31	13 Lower Road	128,900.00	0.00	128,900.00
17-32	11 Lower Road	133,600.00	0.00	133,600.00
18-2	Frog Pond Woods	89,600.00	0.00	89,600.00
18-3	Frog Pond Woods	109,100.00	0.00	109,100.00
18-4	Frog Pond Woods	38,900.00	0.00	38,900.00
18-14	Main St. Near Rear	172,500.00	0.00	172,500.00
18-15	14 Culver Street	14,900.00	0.00	14,900.00
19-5	266 Main Sreet	376,600.00	0.00	376,600.00
19-6	280 Main Street	391,600.00	0.00	391,600.00
20-12	1 Hickory Ridge Road	700.00	0.00	700.00
20-37	Old County Road Rear	68,200.00	0.00	68,200.00
20-38	Mt. Misery	343,800.00	0.00	343,800.00
21-7	307 Main Street	231,400.00	0.00	231,400.00
21-8	Mt. Misery Rear	28,600.00	0.00	28,600.00
21-9	Mt. Misery	131,600.00	0.00	131,600.00
21-10	Mt. Misery	164,300.00	0.00	164,300.00
21-11	Main Street Rear	35,700.00	0.00	35,700.00
21-12	Main Street Rear	48,700.00	0.00	48,700.00
21-13	Main Street Rear	52,600.00	0.00	52,600.00
21-14	Main Street Rear	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00
21-17	Main Street Rear	174,900.00	0.00	174,900.00
22-5	Main Street Rear	40,500.00	0.00	40,500.00
22-7	Mt. Misery Center	21,500.00	0.00	21,500.00
22-8	Mt. Misery Center	93,200.00	0.00	93,200.00

**TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST CONTINUED:**

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
22-9	Mt. Misery Center	54,600.00	0.00	54,600.00
22-10	Kingston Line	13,700.00	0.00	13,700.00
22-11	Mt. Misery Ledge	102,100.00	0.00	102,100.00
22-12	Rear Land	27,200.00	0.00	27,200.00
22-14	Main Street Rear	31,300.00	0.00	31,300.00
25-15	35 West Pine Street	200,100.00	0.00	200,100.00
25-38	Plaistow Road Rear	35,900.00	0.00	35,900.00
26-2	Route 125	20,700.00	0.00	20,700.00
27-54	33 Westville Road	152,900.00	0.00	152,900.00
30-65	163 Plaistow Road	1,026,700.00	0.00	1,026,700.00
31-5	Brentwood	13,300.00	0.00	13,300.00
31-68	169 Plaistow Road	471,800.00	0.00	471,800.00
32-25	N/S Old County Road	159,300.00	0.00	159,300.00
32-29	Old County Rear	264,100.00	0.00	264,100.00
32-32	Town Landfill	630,200.00	64,500.00	697,400.00
37-36	2A Woodland Drive	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00
37-51	North Ave Rear	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
38-20	7 Massassoit Blvd.	132,300.00	0.00	132,300.00
39-47	4 Bittersweet Drive	125,300.00	0.00	125,300.00
39-50-21-3	87 Main Street	303,200.00	2,135,300.00	2,438,500.00
40-1	7 Whiton Place	3,700.00	0.00	3,700.00
40-7	26 A Westville Road	25,800.00	0.00	25,800.00
40-34	120 Main St./ Pollard	1,354,400.00	6,072,600.00	7,427,000.00
40-60	Davis Park Rear	261,600.00	7,500.00	269,100.00
40-67	127 Main Street	119,800.00	249,200.00	369,000.00
41-11	144 Main Street	557,000.00	15,500.00	572,500.00
41-63	145 Main Street	244,400.00	665,900.00	910,300.00
41-67	14 Elm Street	217,100.00	379,900.00	597,000.00
41-77	27 Elm Street	421,700.00	2,362,300.00	2,784,000.00
41-82	17 Elm Street	608,900.00	0.00	60,900.00
42-43	5 Ingalls Terrace	153,800.00	19,700.00	173,500.00
42-57	Arbor Lane	173,900.00	23,100.00	197,000.00
43-12	Plaistow Road Rear	92,900.00	0.00	92,900.00
44-52	Old County Road Rear	33,900.00	0.00	33,900.00
44-61	Plaistow Road Rear	8,400.00	0.00	8,400.00
45-8	215 Plaistow Road	147,000.00	0.00	147,000.00
48-26	Autumn Circle	40,400.00	0.00	40,400.00
49-35	17 Canterbury Forest	55,800.00	0.00	55,800.00
50-70	10 Harriman Road	107,700.00	0.00	107,700.00
53-27	Town Road	67,600.00	0.00	67,600.00
59-8	Autumn Circle Rear	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
60-28	Timberlane Road Rear	89,000.00	0.00	89,000.00



TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST CONTINUED:

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
62-18	41 A Sweet Hill Road	45,800.00	0.00	45,800.00
66-24	23 Newton Road	27,300.00	0.00	27,300.00
69-21	3A Dundee Drive	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
69-51	Newton Rear	55,100.00	0.00	55,100.00
69-54	Newton Road Rear	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00
73-3	Off Newton Road Rear	13,900.00	0.00	13,900.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS:		13,799,500.00	11,995,500.00	25,249,700.00



Plaistow Town Hall.



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

2005 REVENUES:

Withholding State of NH Marriages Certified Copies	7,074.00
Interware Liability W/H = E-Reg	110.70
Dogs Withheld State of NH	2,872.00
UCC Fees	3,216.00
Autos (10,939)	1,390,554.42
E-Reg Fee	54.60
Mail In Registration Fee	4,853.00
Miscellaneous	241.57
Dog Licenses (1023)	4,695.00
Dog Pickup Fines	810.00
Marriage Licenses	651.00
Certified Copies	2,190.00
Returned Check Charges	1,049.00
Municipal Agent Program	24,080.00
Voter Check List	150.00
Dredge & Fill	10.00
Boat Registration	9,115.08
Recordings	20.00
Filing Fees	19.00
Voter Registration Cards	9.00
Title Fees	4,914.00
Pole Licenses	30.00
Recount Fees	40.00
Prior Year Returned Checks	710.50
Outstanding Checks 2004	(250.86)

TOTAL:

Remitted to Treasurer:

1,457,218.01

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Pelletier

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
CITIZEN'S BANK					
Plaistow Cemetery	\$83,731.70	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$1,849.06	\$88,330.76
North Parish Cemetery	\$5,816.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$122.22	\$5,938.73
<i>Citizen's Bank Totals</i>	<i>\$89,548.21</i>	<i>\$2,750.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,971.28</i>	<i>\$94,269.49</i>
MBIA - NH Public Deposit Investment Pool					
Conservation Fund	\$0.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.54
Fire Dept. Cap Reserve	\$82,719.66	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,232.44	\$166,952.10
Recreation Commission	\$1,191.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.09	\$1,225.93
P.E.G Cable Access	\$153,544.95	\$0.00	\$33,480.89	\$4,328.03	\$124,392.09
Recreation Field	\$14,571.83	\$0.00	\$4,445.00	\$289.61	\$10,416.44
Conservation Forest	\$0.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.64
Internet Expendable	\$7,702.02	\$8,888.00	\$2,889.74	\$386.16	\$14,086.44
Town Hall Expendable	\$204,152.84	\$250,000.00	\$461,280.72	\$7,166.10	\$38.22
Accrued Leave Expendable	\$25,176.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$719.22	\$25,895.94
Outside Detail Expendable	\$30,212.03	\$20,000.00	\$17,213.88	\$862.86	\$33,861.01
<i>NHPDIP TOTALS</i>	<i>\$519,273.07</i>	<i>\$358,888.00</i>	<i>\$519,310.23</i>	<i>\$18,018.51</i>	<i>\$376,869.35</i>

Total Invested Funds \$608,821.28 \$361,638.00 \$519,310.23 \$19,989.79 \$471,138.84

Note: This is an unaudited report.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED

GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2005			
AMOUNT	SOURCE	PURPOSE	DEPARTMENT
\$3,360.00	State of NH	Recreation Vehicle Enforcement	Police
\$2,750.00	State of NH	Emergency Operations Grant	Emergency
\$37,126.22	NH Department of Justice	Victim Witness Advocate	Police
\$25,391.58	FEMA Snow Assistance	January 24, 2005, Storm	Highway
\$23,775.48	FEMA Snow Assistance	March 11, 2005, Storm	Highway
\$3,000.00	Homeland I & II	Multi Gas Meters	Fire
\$6,300.00	NH Fish & Game	ORV Patrols	Police
\$24,900.00	US Department of Justice	Streetsweeper Funding	Police
\$1,200.00	NH Bureau of Emergency	TEMSIS Computer Equipment	Fire
\$3,600.00	State of NH	Highway Safety Project Grant	Police
\$2,790.14	Office of Justice	Replacement Vests	Police
\$61,319.00	Homeland Security Grant	Breathing Apparatus for area towns	Fire
\$2,500.00	Rock. Planing Commission	Build-Out Analysis	CIP/Planning

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2005			
AMOUNT	SOURCE	PURPOSE	DEPARTMENT
No Listed Value	Burke & Sons	Animal Control/Water Truck Cap	Animal Control
\$2,000.00	Walmart	Digital Imaging System	Police
\$1,000.00	Walmart	Portable Generator	Fire
\$1,000.00	TD Banknorth	Old Home Day Carousel	Old Home Day
\$625.00	Walmart	Vic Geary Center Furniture	Recreation
\$1,000.00	Walmart	Replacement Vehicle Fund	Fire
No Listed Value	Dennis & Claire Herrick	Framed Documents	Town Hall
\$1,000.00	Walmart	Christmas for Senior Citizens	Recreation
\$1,975.00	Masonry Co-op Supply	Office Furniture	Town Buildings

IMPACT FEES STATEMENT

The Town of Plaistow has created six Impact Fees. These Impact Fees are paid by developers to help fund the resultant cost impact on Town services.

ACTIVITY IN 2005:

NAME	BALANCE 01/01/2005	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	INTEREST	BALANCE 12/31/2005
New Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Safety	33,789.02	19,667.37	17,302.46	67.96	36,221.89
Recreation	102,848.87	6,103.98	14,955.77	245.53	94,242.61
Route 125	73,289.23	48,742.00	0.00	245.51	122,276.74
School	60,090.36	8,748.00	0.00	155.67	68,994.03
Waterline	24,3172.72	23,200.00	47,000.00	103.01	620.73

DEFINITION OF AN IMPACT FEE:

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



IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2005

How Impact Fees are calculated:

1. School District Impact Fees

Units in Structure/Building Type	Impact Fee Assessment Per Unit
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$2,916
Single-family attached (condo or townhouse)	\$1,899
Duplex (2-unit)	\$2,269
3 - 4 units (condo or apartment)	\$1,812
5+ units (condo or apartment)	\$1,057
Manufactured housing	\$1,795

2. Recreation Impact Fees

Units in Building Type	Impact Fee Assessment Per Unit
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$469.54 (per bedroom)
Single-family attached (duplex, condo, townhouse)	\$469.54 (per bedroom)
3 + units (condo, apartment)	\$469.54 (per bedroom)

3. Public Safety Impact Fees

Type of Land Use	Cost	Unit
Residential	\$636.63	Per residential unit
Industrial or Commercial	\$ 0.45	Per square foot



4. New Road Impact Fees

\$5.00 Per Linear Foot of Additional Public Road

5. Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fees

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

6. Route 125 Impact Fees

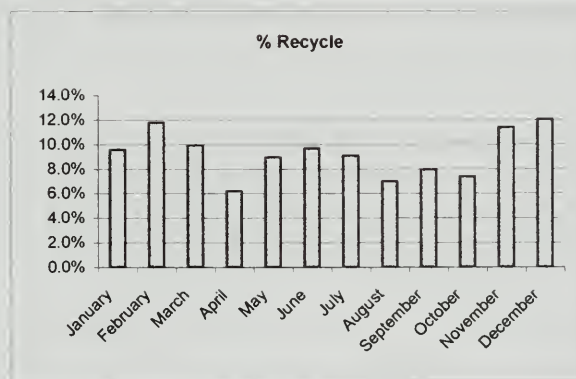
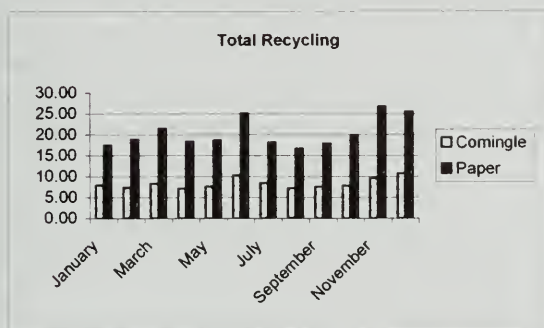
(NOTE: This has been suspended/eliminated as of posted Zoning Change for March Town Meeting).

NOTE: The Town of Plaistow has six (6) impact fees, but the Planning Board has eliminated the Route 125 Impact Fee as there are no other projects to fund. The State is paying for all the work on Route 125 and did not require a match from the Town. Any monies left in this account will go toward the work being done as part of the joint project we have been working on with Haverhill, and which is being proposed by the Stateline Plaza as part of their redevelopment plans.



2005 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE TONNAGE BY MONTH

<u>Month</u>	<u>Comingle</u>	<u>Paper</u>	<u>Total Recycle</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>% Recycle</u>
January	7.95	17.56	25.51	265.97	9.6%
February	7.35	18.88	26.23	222.25	11.8%
March	8.34	21.46	29.80	300.00	9.9%
April	7.10	18.39	25.49	410.57	6.2%
May	7.67	18.70	26.37	294.25	9.0%
June	10.30	25.04	35.34	365.26	9.7%
July	8.43	18.16	26.59	292.83	9.1%
August	7.20	16.72	23.92	340.71	7.0%
September	7.49	17.86	25.35	318.41	8.0%
October	7.83	19.85	27.68	374.95	7.4%
November	9.57	26.67	36.24	318.08	11.4%
December	10.76	25.55	36.31	301.47	12.0%
Totals	99.99	244.84	344.83	3804.75	9.1%



Every ton of solid waste that could have been re-cycled costs the taxpayers \$78.

During 2005, the Town of Plaistow's recycling effort was only 9.1% of the total tonnage of Solid Waste. If we doubled our recycling effort we could save the town \$26,904.54.

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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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire (the Town) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2004 and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1 to the basic financial statements, the Town adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Nos. 34, 37, 38 and GASB Interpretation 6 during the year ended December 31, 2004.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages 3-8 and 30-31, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The combining

nonmajor fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund and fiduciary fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Wachon, Clutney & Co. PC

May 20, 2005

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2004

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,838,879
Investments	1,162,252
Taxes receivable, net	602,476
Accounts receivable, net	50,427
Unbilled charges for service	60,435
Due from other governments	226,515
Total Current Assets	<u>9,940,984</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable capital assets	4,028,154
Depreciable capital assets, net	4,247,059
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>8,275,213</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,216,197</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 252,184
Accrued expenses	72,180
Retainage payable	5,934
Due to other governments	5,571,969
Current portion of bonds payable	190,000
Current portion of capital leases payable	18,911
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,111,178</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds payable	760,000
Compensated absences	80,029
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>840,029</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,951,207</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,306,302
Restricted for:	
Non-expendable trust principal	80,283
Water distribution and treatment	62,331
Recreation	4,885
Conservation	232,906
Other purposes	725,533
Unrestricted	<u>2,852,750</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>11,264,990</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,216,197</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 1,691,259	\$ 19,154	\$ 47,478		\$ (1,624,627)
Public safety	2,117,862	191,734	150,937	\$ 45,000	(1,730,191)
Highways and streets	459,784	6,602	130,495	189,417	(133,270)
Health and welfare	153,279	4,313			(148,966)
Sanitation	649,047		12,048		(636,999)
Water distribution and treatment	26,305	60,491			34,186
Culture and recreation	606,021	64,170	15,000		(526,851)
Interest and fiscal charges	46,754				(46,754)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,750,311</u>	<u>\$ 346,464</u>	<u>\$ 355,958</u>	<u>\$ 234,417</u>	<u>(4,813,472)</u>
General revenues:					
Property and other taxes					3,418,991
Licenses and permits					1,573,758
Grants and contributions:					
State shared revenues					66,207
Rooms and meals tax distribution					261,251
Interest and investment earnings					48,438
Miscellaneous					295,577
Contributions to permanent fund principal					5,900
Total general revenues and contributions to permanent fund principal					<u>5,670,122</u>
Change in net assets					856,650
Net assets - beginning - (See Note 16)					<u>10,408,340</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 11,264,990</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,303,156	\$ 535,723	\$ 7,838,879
Investments	257,362	904,890	1,162,252
Taxes receivable, net	602,476		602,476
Accounts receivable, net	50,427		50,427
Unbilled charges for service		60,435	60,435
Due from other governments	226,515		226,515
Due from other funds	114,282	251	114,533
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,554,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,501,299</u>	<u>\$ 10,055,517</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 252,184		\$ 252,184
Accrued expenses	50,495		50,495
Retainage payable	5,934		5,934
Deferred revenue	424,872		424,872
Due to other governments	5,571,969		5,571,969
Due to other funds	250	\$ 114,283	114,533
Total Liabilities	<u>6,305,704</u>	<u>114,283</u>	<u>6,419,987</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for encumbrances	28,924		28,924
Reserved for endowments		80,283	80,283
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	2,219,590		2,219,590
Special revenue funds		1,293,859	1,293,859
Permanent funds		12,874	12,874
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,248,514</u>	<u>1,387,016</u>	<u>3,635,530</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,554,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,501,299</u>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds			8,275,213
Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis			424,872
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:			
Bonds payable			(950,000)
Capital leases payable			(18,911)
Accrued interest on long-term obligations			(21,685)
Compensated absences			(80,029)
Net assets of governmental activities			<u>\$ 11,264,990</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 3,422,619		\$ 3,422,619
Licenses and permits	1,573,758		1,573,758
Intergovernmental	917,833		917,833
Charges for services	281,091	\$ 65,373	346,464
Interest and investment income	31,701	16,737	48,438
Miscellaneous	206,647	94,830	301,477
Total Revenues	<u>6,433,649</u>	<u>176,940</u>	<u>6,610,589</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government	1,658,074	1,892	1,659,966
Public safety	1,946,266	22,919	1,969,185
Highways and streets	515,511		515,511
Health and welfare	153,279		153,279
Sanitation	649,047		649,047
Water distribution and treatment	255,059		255,059
Culture and recreation	202,958	362,648	565,606
Capital outlay	230,612	64,269	294,881
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	190,000		190,000
Interest and fiscal charges	51,004		51,004
Total Expenditures	<u>5,851,810</u>	<u>451,728</u>	<u>6,303,538</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>581,839</u>	<u>(274,788)</u>	<u>307,051</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	130,000	737,604	867,604
Operating transfers out	(674,036)	(193,568)	(867,604)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(544,036)</u>	<u>544,036</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>37,803</u>	<u>269,248</u>	<u>307,051</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year, as restated	<u>2,210,711</u>	<u>1,117,768</u>	<u>3,328,479</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 2,248,514</u>	<u>\$ 1,387,016</u>	<u>\$ 3,635,530</u>

Net Change in Fund Balances--Total Governmental Funds	\$ 307,051
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	347,482
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(3,628)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	190,000
Repayment of principal on capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	17,924
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	4,661
Some expense reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	(6,840)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 856,650

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2004

	Private- Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,821	\$ 391,273
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,821</u>	<u>\$ 391,273</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 296	
Deposits		\$ 391,273
Total liabilities	<u>296</u>	<u>\$ 391,273</u>
NET ASSETS		
Held in trust	5,525	
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,525</u>	

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EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>Private- Purpose Trust Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 292
Total Additions	<u>292</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefits	<u>292</u>
Total Deductions	<u>292</u>
Change in Net Assets	-
Net assets - beginning of year, as restated	<u>5,525</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 5,525</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Animal Control Officer for the town of Plaistow, NH. My name is Dave Sargent and I have replaced Officer Don Sargent. Don served the town for many years and retired and moved to Arizona in October 2005. These first months have been a learning experience for Assistant Officer Shawn Feeley and me. There are many new guidelines and rules. We have both been immunized against rabies with a very expensive three shot series.

Those who have had dealings in the past with our former Animal Control Officer may have noticed some differences in the way things are being handled. A good deal of these changes has to do with the new State of New Hampshire Guidelines. Others may be due to a change in the way the Town of Plaistow is handling the position of Animal Control Officer. In the past it was a completely separate department.

As of my appointment, all complaints and calls are now handled through the Plaistow Dispatch Center and this position reports to Police Chief Steven Savage. The reasons for the change is to better serve the town's needs and preserve a record of all calls for future documentation. These records will aid me as I work to stay in compliance with all the new state guidelines, and will aid the townspeople as well.

I am looking forward to a long and successful relationship with the residents of Plaistow. As my Uncle Don was, I, too, am a life-time resident and have a vested interest in a successfully operated department. As an officer for the Plaistow Fire Department for the past 25 years, I am well acquainted with what it takes to well serve this town and its residents. Please feel free to contact me through dispatch and I will do my best to answer your questions and concerns.

I would like to remind all residents that all dogs must be licensed by April 30th 2006. For any dog not licensed and found loose, the owners will be fined. It is truly in your best interest to get your dogs licensed. I cannot stress enough how important it is to make sure that all domesticated animals living with you have the Rabies Immunization to protect them and your family. The immunization is a small price to pay for the peace of mind that your pet and loved ones are protected.

We had a little excitement the first month of doing the job with a confirmed sighting of a black bear in the North end of town. I went door-to-door instructing the residents in the area how to proceed should they sight the bear. Don't approach the animal and call dispatch immediately to report the sighting. The state was also notified and worked in conjunction with police and area ACO officers to develop a plan of action in the event the bear returned. Again I can't stress enough, please do not approach any wild animal. It is a risky business and calls for training to ensure safety. Call the Plaistow Dispatch and they will take the appropriate action. The number to call is 382-1200. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted

David R. Sargent, Sr.

Animal Control Officer



REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

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

Also, recent standards established by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) require certain 'minimums' during 'assessment review' years. These 'minimums' involve statistical measures regarding the relationship between market value and assessments, as well as uniformity measures that measure how close each class of property is tracking to all other assessments in the Town when comparing assessments to current market value. Plaistow's assessment review year by the Department of Revenue Administration is 2006.

In preparation for this assessment review by the Department of Revenue Administration, the Selectmen directed the Assessor's Agents to perform an update to the 2005 assessments and then again in 2006. The 2005 update was performed, and now another will occur for 2006, pending review of preliminary assessment adjustments.

If the adjustment is approved, taxpayers will be informed via first-class mail in mid-July of the projected change to their 2006 assessment. The Selectmen have instructed the Assessor's Agent to allow a period for taxpayers to discuss their new assessment with them before finalizing the assessment for the fall 2006 tax bills.

It is important that taxpayers understand that increasing assessments does not generate additional revenues to the Town. Increased assessments across the board will result in a lower tax rate. For example, if values increase by 25%, and the appropriations remain the same as the previous year, then the tax rate per thousand will decrease by the same 25%. For purposes of illustration, consider the following (the numbers here are for illustrative purposes only):

Total Appropriations:	\$20,000,000
Total Taxable Assessments:	\$100,000,000
Tax Rate:	\$20.00 per thousand of assessed value (20,000,000/100,000,000)

If the appropriations remain the same at \$20,000,000 and the assessment base doubles:

Total Appropriations:	\$20,000,000
Total Taxable Assessments:	\$200,000,000
Tax Rate:	\$10.00 per thousand of assessed value (20,000,000/200,000,000)



The Town may not raise any more appropriations than approved at Town Meetings or deliberative sessions (one for the Town, and another for the School District).

This does not mean, however, that all taxes will remain the same as the previous year, even if no additional appropriations are authorized. The real estate market will determine how much of the total taxes for the Town will be assigned to each property. For example, if vacant land has increased in value at a greater percentage of market value than other property types in general, then taxes placed upon vacant land owners will increase. If, for example, manufactured housing increased in value at a lesser percentage than other property types in general, then taxes placed upon manufactured housing will decrease from the previous year.

Assessments for each property will be determined by the analysis of sales of generally similar properties over the past year. Market value as of April 1st 2006 will determine the assessed value for each property on the following fall tax bill.

The real estate market has softened somewhat from the dramatic increases in value experienced during the 2002-2005 period. As a result, we project that changes in assessed value for the 2006 assessment update will be comparatively moderate. As with this past year, taxpayers will be notified of any impending changes to their assessments before tax bills are mailed.

We would like to thank all taxpayers for their continuing patience and assistance with the assessment process. We would also like to encourage all taxpayers to review the data on file for their property when you have the opportunity. If any questions or discrepancies are noted, please bring them to the attention of the assessment office personnel. We remain open to any and all observations as to how we may better serve you. The assessing Department also helps people with the following 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 \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married.
- all sources of income are included.
- total assets cannot exceed \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on. Everything else would be included.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

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



Totally and Permanently Disabled

To qualify, applicant must:

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

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

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

Blind Exemption

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 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:

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

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

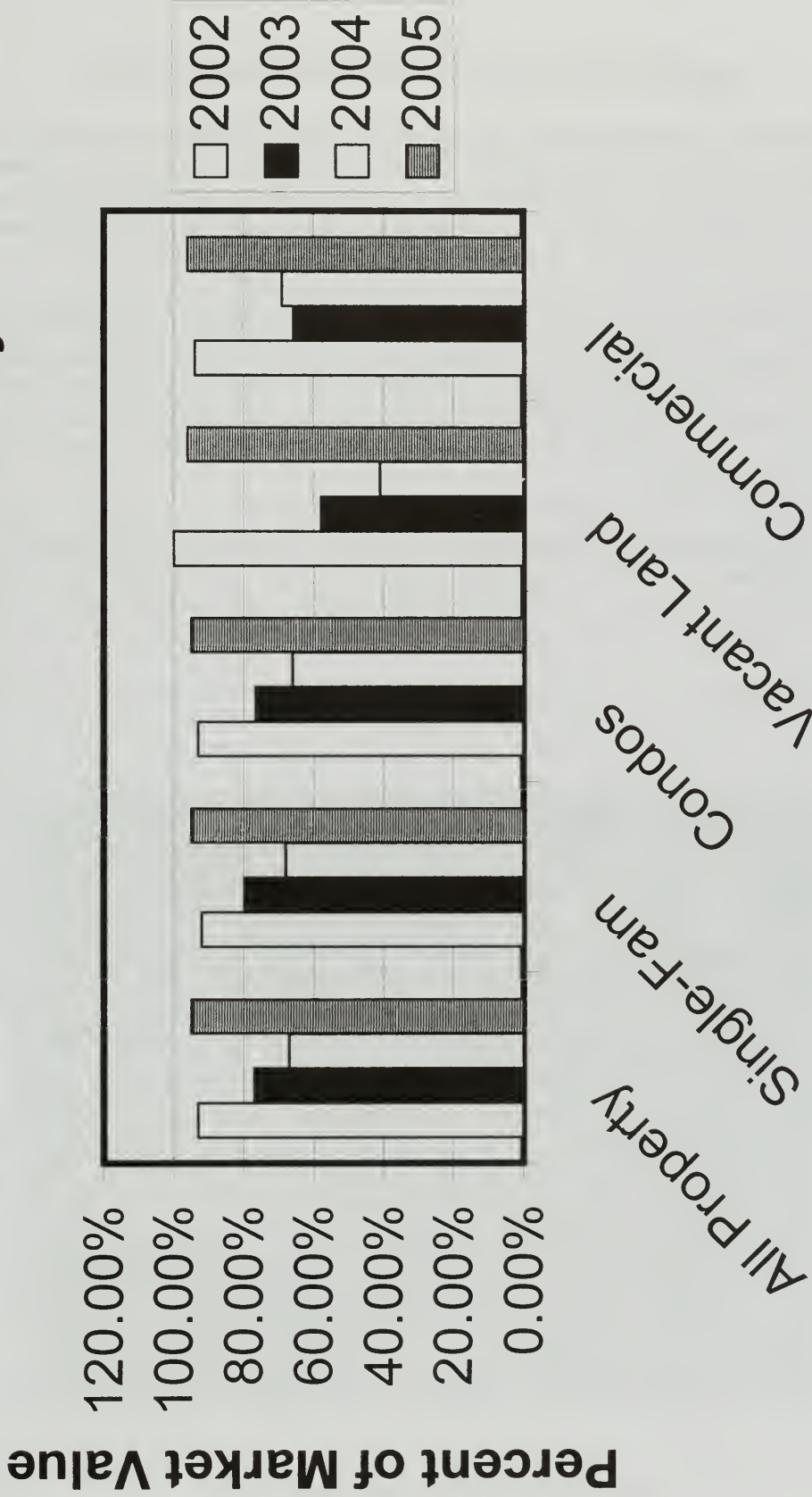
Assessor's Agent



2006 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1. The Board will determine a budget necessary to do the work needed for the certification year and make that a request as part of the budget process in the fall of the year.
2. The Assessing Firm will do the sales analysis and measurement each year as part of its regular duties. All work will be done in compliance with state laws and enforceable Administrative rules that are based upon the latest changes to the state laws.
3. The Board of Selectmen will proceed with an update in 2006 based upon measurements that fall outside of recommendations for good assessing practices in the median values, stratification and/or Coefficient of Dispersion.
4. The Board of Selectmen will make the public aware of the planned process and hold a public hearing to explain the rationale for undertaking such a process. When there is a mass update, the database for taxes will not be changed for those updates until the Board agrees upon the proposed numbers.
5. The Board of Selectmen will make available speakers for groups who wish to hear about the subject, e.g. PACE, Lions, etc. Announcements will go on Cable, the Web and via a press release to the papers.
6. All mass mailings, sent by the assessing department, will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen before they are sent, including any attachments.
7. Those with elderly and disabled exemptions will receive a separate letter indicating the potential impact on them of the changes. .
8. The Assessing Firm should make a recommendation of values (subject to revision in the hearing process) to the Board of Selectmen by July 17.
9. The Board of Selectmen will hold an informational hearing to explain the process before formally voting on accepting the assessing firm's recommendation, but the absence of this vote will not hinder proceeding with hearings for taxpayers.
10. When the new proposed values are ready, letters will be sent to invite each property owner with a new value to come and review their values. Available times will include evening hours as well as days. The letters will emphasize that an increase or decrease in values does not translate directly into an increase or decrease in a person's tax bill.
11. The letters will be sent to everyone whose property value changes by more than 5% and allow the owners at least 10 days notice before the hearing period ends. The hearing period will last at least five days. Evening appointments will be available at least 4 of those days. If more than one quarter of the parcels changes more than 5%, there will be at least 8 days for appointments with 7 evenings.
12. Lists will be available of current and proposed values at the Town Hall, Library and on the Town's Web site. If possible a program will be developed for repeated broadcast on Cable TV of the process and especially focus on the impact of the update.

Assessment to Sales History





REPORT OF THE BEEDE REUSE COMMITTEE

During the year 2005, the Beede Reuse Committee remained largely inactive due to the ongoing clean-up efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The committee expects to become active once again once we get a working, clean site to execute the plans adopted by the town in 2003. There is no date set by EPA or NHDES for this.

The committee will continue to meet, explore and recommend to the Selectmen options surrounding the town's extensive tax lien on the Beede property. The committee will continue to meet during the ongoing clean-up efforts to resolve issues surrounding the lien and site ownership issues as part of the original mandate from the Selectmen. In the coming year, the committee will be meeting with EPA and NHDES officials for ongoing clean-up updates.

All meetings of the Beede reuse committee are open to the public and we welcome your comments or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Gray

Chairman



Firefighters testing response equipment.



REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Well, we all made it safely back to our second floor home, not too much the worse for the adventure. We appreciate all the patience and understanding of the residents and contractors while we were at our temporary location. I would particularly like to thank the Plaistow Historical Society for their hospitality.

The Department of Building Safety continues to evolve and change to meet the current and future needs of the community. This office collaborates closely with the Planning Office to form more of a Community Development Team, working together, preparing for the future best interests of Plaistow; making sure that development is in line with the needs of business, without taking away from what the residents want in their home town.

We are looking forward to getting new software in 2006 from BMSI, which is the same company that provides services to the Tax Collector and Assessing Department. Not only will this allow all our permits and code enforcement actions to be connected to the property, but will automatically update when there is a change in ownership. This should streamline the process as well as make for better record keeping.

We have built an awesome team, with a depth of knowledge, not only of their job, but of the town. I feel our team: Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector; Jim Flathers, Plumbing/Gas Inspector; and Dee Voss, my Secretary and Office Manager, provide and will continue to provide the highest level of professionalism and service to the community. I would also like to include Leigh Komornick, Planning Coordinator, as cross-over department personnel. It is the melding of our two departments that make it a true Community Development Team.

It's as important to us, in this department, as I know it is to the residents, that your tax dollars are spent wisely. We are all taxpayers too. I am pleased to report that our revenue for 2005 was \$97,464.50. This money adequately funds the day to day operations of our department, making our budget "user-fee" instead of tax-generating based.

We received upgrades to the Pictometry software this year, including a new aerial update of properties. Upgrades to the program have made it even more usable, particularly in the area of zoning. This software gives a perspective that the tax maps and site inspections alone just can't provide.

The Department of Building Safety 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 X3 anytime!

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Dorman

Chief Building Official



REPORT OF THE CABLE COMMITTEE

During 2005, we produced much more government-related content than public-access content. Programs were made about the Highway Garage, Town Hall, Candidates Night, The Warrant Articles Call In Show and the Deliberative Session, with improved audio. There were numerous special meetings and hearings as well as a special election. The closing of Town Hall led to increased time spent on the government side of our activity. There were also two government programs done on the topic of revaluation and the new tax rate. The Fire Chief presented Safety Topics at the Vic Geary Senior Center and the Recreation Department sponsored a presentation on the Medicare Prescription Program. Old Home Day was covered.

The concept of preparedness is well served by this sort of programming because it is directly related to the town government and its services. An additional augmentation to our preparedness is the Plaistow Community Message Board. We will be looking at how the message board can be more helpful in the future. One thing that would help to maximize preparedness is remote access to the message board. We anticipate that other improvements may also be forthcoming. We will still have the ability to broadcast from the library and from Timberlane High School. This capability should be considered when planning for emergencies and disasters. It may also be feasible to broadcast from the Pollard School Gymnasium.

During 2006, PAC-17 will produce programming to showcase our law enforcement and conservation concerns. A well-informed citizenry is essential to disaster preparedness. While national and regional programming is doing a good job, it is important that preparedness take into account the potential of local access to hold up the last mile of essential information. In 2006 we would like to see more community involvement in your public access station. More citizen participation is essential to fulfillment of the potential of public access.

We will be doing more outreach this year. We will offer camera classes and workshops for citizens who want to learn to be producers. There will also be some open house events. Any citizen who wants to produce programming for Channel 17 will be given every opportunity and encouragement to do so.

The lack of citizen involvement in Channel 17 may easily lead to imminent demise. If you don't use it you will lose it.

Preparedness requires the active involvement of the citizenry.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

Preparedness is knowing your neighbors.

If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place.

- Margaret Mead



The decision to move the Council Chambers to the Great Hall, led to the installation of a new video system. The cameras were getting old and the picture was snowy, but the real problem was that speakers could not be heard. The new system has twice as many microphones plus a feedback controller and a high tech sound control system. Having the operator in the same room caused confusion. It was hard to tell just what the people at home were able to hear because the operator was only a few feet from the people who were speaking. The camera operator is now in a separate "control booth" on the third floor. There are now four robotically controlled cameras instead of three. There is an LCD projector and a screen for presentations. There is also a public address system so that the sound is evenly distributed. The money for this project came from the Comcast Trust Fund. No tax money went into this upgrade.

Plaistow Community Television will be sending out a brochure and questionnaire, as a separate mailing, this Spring. We encourage everyone to consider how you might like to get involved with this rich community resource. One citizen stated that she thought Channel 17 was a government channel, rather than a public access outlet.

What's your interest? The Fish & Game Club?; Plaistow Historical Society?; gardening?; quilting?; conservation?; commuter concerns?; astronomy?; or would you like to produce a "Sound Off" show? You name it. You can do it. Come on down and sign up at 91 Plaistow Road, 382-7463, fax, 382-7464. Or e-mail Bob at bcarolan@comcast.net or call him at 300-0081. I hope you will get involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Carolan

Cable Coordinator



Cable Operator Flo Rullo.



REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is an adjunct 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.

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 estimates for years 2011 through 2016 are made but not included in the document approved by the Planning Board and presented to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. Each year the CIP committee reviews and updates, 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. Thus we are prepared for future capital needs.

Year / Item	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
CIP Total	\$431	\$988	\$1,091	\$1,103	\$1,086	\$1,105
Budget Total	\$4,843	\$6,289	\$6,080	\$8,022	\$7,068	\$7,521
Percent of CIP to Budget	8.9	15.71	17.94	13.74	15.36	14.69

Note: All amounts shown are rounded to thousands of dollars and reflect the amounts as presented at the Town Meeting. It does not reflect the amount voted at Town Meeting. The amounts shown for 2005 and 2006 do not include the Highway Department garage, proposed to be bonded and hence no impact on the 2005 or 2006 budgets. The bond was defeated at the March, 2005, Town Meeting and is being proposed again for 2006.

When a CIP is in place and maintained, it allow 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. For several years the Town imposed an impact fee for development along the Route 125 corridor to help offset the cost of the proposed improvements for Route 125. The impact fees were used primarily for studies as the cost of construction is to be paid by the State Department of Transportation. This year that impact fee was rescinded, as there are no more studies required. The Town currently imposes impact fees on residential growth for schools (payable to the Timberlane Regional School District), recreation, public safety complex expansion and for the fire suppression water line in some areas. The Town currently imposes impact fees on commercial and industrial growth for the public safety complex expansion and fire suppression water line in some areas. To date, across all the impact fees, well over \$500,000 has been collected to help offset taxes.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy E. Moore
Chairman

PLAISTOW PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2006 - 2011
Approved By The Planning Board December 2005

TRANSPORTATION	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
Dump Trucks		\$100,000**		\$100,000**		\$60,000**	
Backhoe					\$70,000***		
Cap. Res. Funding for Above DPW Veh.	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$354,000
Sale of Vehicle		-\$5,000		-\$5,000			-\$10,000
Westville Road Bridge				\$85,000		\$500,000	\$585,000
Garden Road Bridge		\$416,000					\$416,000
State Bridge Aid		-\$416,000				-\$468,000	-\$884,000
Highway Capital Projects/Drainage	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$420,000
Rev. Block Grant	-\$136,157	-\$136,157	-\$136,157	-\$136,157	-\$136,157	-\$136,157	-\$816,942
Road Surface Management Projects	\$247,744	\$247,744	\$247,744	\$247,744	\$247,744	\$247,744	\$1,486,463
Building Insp Pick-up					\$22,000		\$22,000
Maint/Safety Complex/Rec. Truck	\$15,000						\$15,000
Subtotal	\$255,587	\$235,587	\$240,587	\$320,587	\$262,587	\$272,587	\$1,587,521

TOWN BUILDINGS	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
Town Hall		\$131,000***					
Town Hall Zones for Heating & Ductwork	\$131,000***						
Capital Reserve For Projects Above	\$160,000	\$131,000					\$291,000
Town Hall Parking	\$40,000						\$40,000
Tractor Town Hall				\$7,500			\$7,500
Safety Complex Rooftop Units	\$7,100						\$7,100
Land for Expan. Of Cem/Saf. Complex							\$0
Architect Safety Complex Expansion			\$500,000				\$500,000
Rev. for Safety Complex Expans.				-\$25,000	-\$25,000	-\$25,000	-\$75,000
Bond for Exp. Safety Complex				\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,050,000
Resurface Parking Lot							
Library Bond (final pay 2009 or sooner)	\$224,002	\$215,502	\$202,750	\$198,501			\$840,755
Library Rev. (pay off sooner possible)	-\$70,000	-\$70,000	-\$70,000	-\$70,000			-\$280,000
Library Driveway	\$9,100						\$9,100
Cable Set-Up & Cable Building		\$100,000					\$100,000

TOWN BUILDINGS CONTINUED							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
Cable Revenue		-\$50,000					-\$50,000
Salt Shed	\$110,000***						
Highway Garage	\$580,000***						
Bond Highway Garage & Salt Shed		\$103,000	\$99,000	\$95,000	\$91,000	\$87,000	\$475,000
Courthouse Heating		\$16,000					\$16,000
Recreation/Community Center					\$350,000		\$350,000
Pollard Park Cannons							
Donations							
Building Systems Cap. Reserve		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Pollard Park Statue & Monuments	\$20,000						\$20,000
Subtotal	\$390,202	\$465,502	\$751,750	\$576,001	\$756,000	\$432,000	\$3,401,455
TOWN HALL SERVICES							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
Records Management	\$6,000	\$32,590					\$38,590
Copier		\$10,000					\$10,000
Phone System - Town Hall					\$25,000		\$25,000
Surveillance Video				\$16,000			\$16,000
Computers/Software	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$42,000
Comp. Soft. Upgrade - Rep. BMSI			\$76,279				\$76,279
Printers	\$1,500	\$5,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$13,000
Subtotal	\$13,500	\$56,090	\$83,779	\$25,500	\$34,500	\$7,500	\$220,869
FIRE SUPPRESSION WATER							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
Capital Reserve for Below Projects	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
Old County Road Intersection	*\$166,320						
Rte 125 Danville Rd./Jesse George & 121A				**\$277,200			
Rte 125 East Rd. to Old Rd.					**\$388,080		
Rte 125 Main to Old Road						**\$277,200	
Rte 125 Old County to Road stone						**\$332,640	
Looping System Off Rte 125							
Ladder System On Rte 125							
Drinking Water Source							
Subtotal	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000

NATURAL RESOURCES & RECREATION							
Conservation Fund	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$30,000
Recreation Projects		\$150,000	\$25,000				\$175,000
Drinking Water Source							
Purchase of Open Space							
Subtotal	\$5,000	\$155,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$205,000
FIRE/RESCUE							
Capital Reserve For Fire	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$8,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$480,000
Rescue 2 (in 06) and 6 (in 09)	\$150,000***			\$150,000***			
Subtotal	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$800,000	\$480,000
POLICE							
Cruiser Replacement	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	06 to 11
	\$66,000	\$68,000	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$105,000	\$107,000	\$446,000
Revenue Offset or Sale of Used Cruisers	-\$5,700	-\$5,700	-\$5,700	-\$5,700	-\$5,700	-\$5,700	-\$34,200
Add 1 New Cruiser to Fleet of 10 Cars			\$38,500				\$38,500
Replace Management Inf. System		\$100,000					\$100,000
Mobile Data Terminals				\$100,000			\$100,000
Record Retention	\$40,000						\$40,000
Replacement of Computers/Software	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$60,000
Subtotal	\$110,300	\$172,300	\$72,800	\$174,300	\$109,300	\$111,300	\$750,300
Totals in CIP Plan Approved 2004	\$1,199,330	\$157,930	\$1,146,957	\$1,029,929	\$1,310,928		
GRAND TOTAL (NET OFFSETTING REVENUE)	\$1,104,589	\$1,414,479	\$1,508,916	\$1,431,388	\$1,527,387	\$1,158,387	\$8,145,145



REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

A cemetery is a very sacred and peaceful place where people come to pay their respects to loved ones. It is full of history and love; it is like no other place on earth. In order to preserve this memorial to our past and current place of peace, we must continue to strive to make improvements and prepare for the future.

This year the cemetery files were converted to a data base in order to preserve the historical integrity of the files. With the completion of this project we are on our way to preparing for future generations and their genealogy interests. This is a project that we wish to expand on. With the base work completed and a data base constructed we have taken the first steps in preparing for the ever modernizing world of record retention.

On Memorial Day, Town Officials, residents and members of the American Legion Carl G. Davis Post #34 honored those brave men and women who risked their lives to liberate the people of the world. The Veterans' graves were adorned with stationary flags and children waved hand-held flags as the parade marched into the new section of the cemetery.

As we prepare for the future, I urge residents to be aware of the imminent space needs of the cemetery. 309 new graves were added to the cemetery in 2004; however, this will not sustain the increase in our population. In the years to come, the residents will be faced with difficult questions such as: How do you take care of this problem, land is scarce and very valuable? Do you start multiple cemeteries on small pieces of land throughout Town? Do you buy land or use land you already own? It is the goal of this department to continue to raise these issues and plan for the future. As we prepare for the future, and serving the public's need, I invite any resident to submit their ideas or recommendation.

I thank the Cemetery Advisory Committee, Town Manager and the Highway Department for their time and efforts. As always, I would like to personally thank the lot owners and the public for their cooperation in keeping the cemetery clean and neat. Their assistance in discarding old baskets and debris is greatly appreciated by all visiting this beautifully landscaped tribute to our loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert "Topper" Reed

Cemetery Sexton



REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

The Conflict of Interest Committee is dedicated to serving the citizens of Plaistow with Town Officials who operate in the best interest of the public to keep the Town clean, growing and a safe place to live.

As of this date, no Petitions of Alleged Violations have been filed with the Committee.

For the convenience of the public, a copy of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws and the Petition of Alleged Violations Form may be obtained by writing to the Conflict of Interest Committee, PO Box 903, Plaistow, NH 03865. The Committee also has an e-mail address at townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com. This PO Box and e-mail address go directly to the Conflict of Interest Committee. All forms are also available at the Committee's regular monthly meetings. Petitions of Alleged Violations forms must only be mailed to the COI Committee at the above PO Box.

The Conflict of Interest Ordinance and the Petition Form may also be obtained at the Town of Plaistow web site at www.plaistow.com. A copy of each is also available at the Plaistow Public Library to be photocopied. Copies are also available at the Town Hall.

The Conflict of Interest Committee's objective for next year is to form a NH Conflict of Interest Group of surrounding Towns who have a Conflict of Interest Ordinance. The purpose would be for the Committees to share ideas on Conflict of Interest Ordinances and possible ways to make them better. Information on Ordinances would also be shared with Communities who are interested in adopting a Conflict of Interest Ordinance of their own.

The Committee is available to interpret and/or discuss the COI Ordinance with citizens and Officials at regular meetings. Any suggestions on ways to improve the Ordinance will be taken under consideration by the Committee.

The Conflict of Interest Committee meets the third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. All regular meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee in 2005 are Joyce Ingerson, Chairman; Ruth Santosuosso, Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary; Harry Birmingham; and former member Dennis Lupi. All have given of their time on this Committee for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Chouinard

Secretary



REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Highlights for 2005 include:

- Work on several conservation easements
- Work on obtaining clear title to Town-owned properties
- Purchasing a new property in the general area of the new recreation fields
- Improvements to the Town Forest trail system
- Participation in the 2005 Old Home Day celebration
- Continuation of our annual water sampling program.

The north bank of Little River where it is adjacent to the new Little River Village subdivision was protected by a 50-foot conservation easement. Also a 25-foot wide easement was obtained that connects to the new 50-foot easement to an existing 100-foot conservation easement.

Route 125 corridor improvements in Plaistow will result in some wetlands along Route 125 being filled in to allow widening of the road. In order to mitigate the loss of these wetlands, we worked with the NH Department of Transportation to obtain a conservation easement on a privately owned parcel in the vicinity of Frog Pond Woods.

The Town was also able to purchase outright a piece of property close to the new recreation fields located off Old County Road. Clear title was also obtained for several Town-owned properties in this same area. This is part of a continuing strategy to protect as much land as possible in the Town Forest and the area north of Old County Road and east of Main Street. Thanks to John Scruton, Town Manager, for his efforts in making this possible.

Last year we were able to obtain a Conservation Easement for about 40 acres of the Cox farm on Crane Crossing Road. This was accomplished by a 50/50 matching funds grant from the US Farm and Ranch Lands Protection program. We received a lot of help from the Rockingham County Conservation District who did the majority of work on the grant application. They are the owners of the easement and responsible for monitoring all of its provisions on an annual basis. The Town of Plaistow is the executor of the easement, a position that gives the Town control over the uses of the easement. This arrangement is working well, as this year, in their annual monitoring, the Conservation District discovered an encroachment on the easement by an adjacent junk yard. Remedial actions are underway and should be completed by mid summer.

More kudos to the Boy Scouts of Troop 18 who continued their work on the Town Forest trail system. Thanks to Michael Tringale whose Eagle Scout project was the layout and construction of a trail on the north side of Kelley Brook. This new trail completed a long loop trail. Thanks to Arie Goulet whose Eagle Scout project was the construction of a kiosk near the entrance to the Town Forest. The kiosk will provide trail maps and other interesting information to help everyone enjoy their visit to the Town Forest.

The Conservation Commission participated in the 2005 Old Home Day celebration with a booth and 2 groundwater models. The models demonstrate how day-to-day activities



can contribute to groundwater contamination if the proper precautions are not exercised.

We continued our water-sampling program at 17 points along the springs, brooks and rivers in Plaistow. Below are the results of the testing of nitrates and nitrites at 2 sample points over the past 22 years.

Sample Point	Test Type (mg/l)	1983 (mg/l)	1993 (mg/l)	2003 (mg/l)	2004 (mg/l)	2005 (mg/l)
Little River at the intersection of Kingston Rd and Old County Rd	Nitrates	< 0.10	0.5	0.56	0.7	< 0.20
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Little River at the Atkinson town line	Nitrates	0.14	0.5	1.34	0.59	0.24
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05

Note the "<" symbol means less than and normally gets reported when the available measurement techniques measure some quantity of a substance but it is so small it cannot be measured accurately. These points are often referred to as Minimum Detectable Levels or MDL.

The unit of measure for both nitrates and nitrites is milligrams per liter or mg/l. The maximum allowable concentration of nitrates in drinking water is 10 mg/l.

The water quality at many locations meets drinking water standards for some measures and fails for some, such as pH and coliform. Although the water in our rivers and streams does not meet drinking water standards, it does not pose a health risk.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore

Chairman



2005 Town Hall renovations.



REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

In the year 2005, the United States experienced major disasters such as the hurricanes of Katrina and Rita which remind us that we, as residents of the Plaistow community, must prepare ourselves in order to be self-sufficient in the face of any natural disaster. We can expect that other organizations will assist eventually, but it is our responsibility to be ready to be on our own until that happens. As reported to you by the Office of Emergency Management as early as 1992, we must be neighbor helping neighbor first.

Be assured, the Office of Emergency Management is prepared as described in the Emergency Operations Plan 2004 (EOP). The Public Release Edition of this plan can be viewed at the Town of Plaistow's web site at www.plaistow.com.

As a town, Plaistow is ahead of many communities in the State of New Hampshire by being one of the first to develop both the EOP of 2004 and a Hazard Mitigation Plan. During 2005, the departments of the town have been implementing these plans, identifying any possible deficiencies and making appropriate corrections, as needed.

The main goal of the Office of Emergency Management is to continue to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to prepare for any possible natural and/or man-made disasters, and major health hazards.

Currently, regional planning is underway to prepare for an all-hazards health emergency, i.e. pandemic influenza, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) or a meningitis outbreak. Any health emergency will be addressed through a state and local network. This will allow for appropriate disbursement of required vaccinations, isolation and/or quarantine procedures and possible decontamination sites. Due to the nature of these types of events, more wide-spread coordination is needed to deliver specific required resources. Emergency Management has been working with the Town of Plaistow Health Officer, regional and state health officials on the health plan.

Again, I would like to invite persons interested in assisting their fellow citizens during times of emergency to contact me at the EOC 382-5847 or via e-mail address emergency@plaistow.com. Please volunteer, no specific skills are required.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Scully

Director



REPORT OF FAMILY MEDIATION & JUVENILE SERVICES

2005 was an exciting year for our agency. We provided services to 1,279 youth and parents from the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem, NH.

Grant money received from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation made the establishment of an agency website possible. Please visit us at www.fmjs.org to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer, at low or no cost, to residents and their families in need of support. Besides funding received from the above towns, monies were also received from: Heritage United Way, the Rockingham County Incentive Funds and private donations.

Other 2005 activities included:

- ♦ The adult segment of the TLC (Anger Management) and Challenge (Drug and Alcohol) programs increased by 35%;
- ♦ Referrals to the agency increased by 9%;
- ♦ Youth placed at community service sites – 660 hours of service returned to the community;
- ♦ \$4,387 in monetary restitution was returned to victims;
- ♦ Peer Mediation workshops were held at Sanborn and Timberlane Regional Schools and also at the Hampstead Middle School;
- ♦ New Fundraising initiatives were held, allowing us to sustain and improve programs; and
- ♦ Over 60 volunteers attended our "Holiday Gathering" – our annual appreciation night.

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, etc.) and the staff, who make it all possible.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services Board of Directors:

Andrea Bonner, Kingston	Dick Gerrish, Kingston	Wade Parsons, Danville
Rose Cavalear, Atkinson	Arline Grant, Hampstead	Martha Sumner, Plaistow
Dale Childs, Hampstead	Kathleen Marino, Newton	Barbara Tavitian, Plaistow
Debra DeSimone, Atkinson	Marta Modigliani, Danville	

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Cram

Director of Services



REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department continues to meet the needs of the community. Our calls for service increased slightly over 2004, which is not unexpected given the increase in both commercial and residential populations. Emergency medical responses continue to be the single largest component of the service we provide. To prepare for that expectation, your Fire Department trains to enhance our skills and capabilities in this area. In addition to our CPR training, we ensure that all members are familiar with Automatic External Defibrillator use, vehicle extrication training and Mass Casualty Incident Response. Over half of our members are certified EMTs, with several advancing on their own to Advanced Life Support certifications. Our training sessions are geared to cover both fire operations and rescue/EMS to ensure seamless integration of these activities, while maintaining the highest possible standard of care and response at all times.

This year, we collaborated with the towns of Kingston, East Kingston and Newton to secure money from the Homeland Security Grant program. These funds are being used to outfit each department with various respiratory protective equipment for all hazard response and testing devices to ensure our respirators are properly fit to the individual. As part of this grant, we have completed both Incident Command System and National Incident Management System certification. These are both part of the overall Federal/State incident response initiative used to ensure that local governments are prepared to function as part of a larger entity, should the need arise.

The thought of having a residential fire, and the devastation resulting from even a relatively minor fire, is one of the most frightening circumstances one can imagine. Fortunately, through aggressive building and fire code enforcement, we continue to maintain a relatively fire safe community. However, disaster is never far away and can manifest itself at any time. You can prepare and be proactive to "keep the dragon in its place" by following some very basic fire safety principles. Most residential fires are preventable by using a little common sense in and around our homes. Install and maintain a smoke detector in each sleeping area and on each level of your home. Check your home for fire hazards. If you smoke, make sure you extinguish all smoking materials before discarding. Practice safe cooking in the kitchen. Keep matches and lighters away from children. Use electrical extension cords for temporary power only and never run them under rugs or through doorways. Check the cord periodically to see if it is showing signs of "wear and tear" or misuse. Candles, including those that are contained, are one of the leading causes of residential fires in America, use them judiciously. Never leave a lit candle unattended or in a place where a pet can knock it over. Have your heating system serviced regularly by a qualified technician. If you use wood as a heating fuel, have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected at least annually.

Every year, we experience several delays in reaching a resident because of improperly located (or missing) house numbers. Check to make sure your home is marked with numbers that are clearly visible from the street. They should be at least 4" high and of a



contrasting color to the material they are attached to. If you have recently painted or sided your home or apartment, make sure the numbers were reinstalled appropriately. Remember, if you call 9-1-1, we may not know exactly where you live. Help yourself before an emergency. Prepare by taking the time to see how easy it is to spot your house in the daytime and at night. See if your neighbors' homes are clearly marked. We will use their numbering to find your house and vice versa.

There is a volunteer opportunity in the Federally sanctioned "Fire Corps." This program is designed to bring various non-fire suppression talents into the local fire house. If you would like to be involved in our activities, have a unique skill and would like to contribute to the community, but aren't interested in the firefighting or EMS aspects of our function, feel free to introduce yourself and we'll see if there is a match of your talents to the needs of the department.

It is my goal to continue to develop and advance this department to meet the current needs and prepare for the continually changing needs of the Town, in a fiscally responsible manner. We are constantly looking at ways to improve how we deliver our services to the Town, gaining efficiencies in our day-to-day operations and maximizing our resources at the 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.

As we prepare for the future, one of our long-term goals is to maintain our fleet of apparatus as technologically current as practicable, given the increasing cost of replacement. With that in mind, we have committed to a capital improvement plan that minimizes the annual burden to the taxpayer by spreading the replacement cost of the apparatus out over many years. We strive to keep a piece on the front line for a minimum of 15 years. This will vary (up or down) based on the actual use of the vehicle. As part of that program, we are at the point where it is time to replace our rescue truck, the most active piece of apparatus we have. The Rescue truck responds, on average, to over 70% of our calls every year. We have come to a point where this truck has exceeded the expected service life as a front line piece. This is showing up in additional maintenance (and potential down time). With that, we convened a truck committee from the membership and they have worked diligently over the past year to forecast the use of its replacement vehicle over the next 10 - 15 years, research the various options available to us and determine the most economical vendor for those options. We believe we have accomplished all of those goals and have placed a warrant article on the ballot asking the Town to release funds from the Fire Department Capital Reserve.

In addition, we have placed a second warrant article on the ballot to continue the annual contribution to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The long-term program is based on a level annual contribution to this fund so that we maintain our balance in line with the planned replacement of the apparatus. We ask for your continued support to



allow us to continue to provide you with the quality of service you have come to expect.

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

Summary of Fire Calls - 2005			
Type	#	Type	#
Auto Fires	5	Other (non-specific)	32
Boiler/Heater Malfunctions	3	Public Assists	5
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	8	Rescue	500
Fire Alarm Activations	111	Smoke Investigations	14
Hazardous Materials Incidents	5	Structure Fires	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	108	Woods/Grass/Brush Fires	3
Mutual Aid (Provided)	19	Total Alarms	832
Odor Investigations	16		

Respectfully submitted,

John McArdle

Fire Chief



Deputy Fire Chief Richard Colcord.

FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

The CIP Committee, working with the Fire Chief, developed this table in 2001. It shows all of the current fire/rescue vehicles with their: estimated replacement cost, estimated useful life, replacement schedule and total estimated replacement costs for the 20-year period of 2002-2021. Dividing the total replacement costs by 20, projects the average annual cost to be \$80,000. With the goal of developing a CIP Plan that levels the annual capital costs, the CIP Committee has placed \$80,000 in the CIP plan each year for the replacement of fire/rescue vehicles. The Board of Selectmen have submitted an annual Warrant Article proposing that \$80,000 be placed in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. These Warrant Articles have been approved by the voters each year. Spending money from this fund requires the vote of the people.

ORIGINAL FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE PROJECTED REPLACEMENT COSTS (2001)							
Fire/Rescue Vehicle	Year & Make	Estimated Replacement Cost	Estimated Life	1st Replacement Year	2nd Replacement Year	Times Replaced 2002-2021	Total Projected Replacement Cost 2002-2021
Command	TBD	\$35,000	7 years	2007	2014	3	\$105,000
Engine- 1	1977 Brockway	\$305,000	26 years	2003		1	\$305,000
Rescue- 2	1991 Ford	\$125,000	15 years	2006	2021	2	\$250,000
Tanker- 3	1979 4-Guys	\$242,000	30 years	SELL		0	\$0
Forestry- 4	1994 GMC	\$40,000	20 years	2014		1	\$40,000
Tanker- 5	1993 Pierce	\$350,000	20 years	2013		1	\$350,000
Rescue- 6	1994 Ford	\$125,000	13 years	2007	2020	2	\$250,000
Engine- 7	1987 KME	\$300,000	25 years	2012		1	\$300,000
Snorkel- 8	1969 Pierce	\$300,000	TBD	TBD		0	\$0
♦Total Costs 2006-20205: \$1,600,000							
♦Projected Cost/Year: \$80,000							

Since 2001, vehicles have been purchased per the original plan and some minor adjustments have been made to the estimated vehicle costs and to the replacement schedule. These changes bring us to the current Replacement Plan.

CURRENT FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE PROJECTED REPLACEMENT PLAN (2005)							
<u>Fire/Rescue Vehicle</u>	<u>Year & Make</u>	<u>Estimated Replacement Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Life</u>	<u>1st Replacement Year</u>	<u>2nd Replacement Year</u>	<u>Times Replaced 2006-2025</u>	<u>Total Projected Replacement Cost 2006-2025</u>
Command	2004 Ford	\$35,000	10 years	2014	2024	2	\$70,000
Engine- 1	2003 KME	\$308,000	23 years	2025		1	\$308,000
Rescue- 2	1991 Ford	\$150,000	15 years	2006	2021	2	\$300,000
Tanker- 3	1979 4-Guys	\$242,000	30 years	SELL		0	\$0
Forestry- 4	1994 GMC	\$40,000	20 years	2014		1	\$40,000
Tanker- 5	1993 Pierce	\$350,000	25 years	2018		1	\$350,000
Rescue- 6	1994 Ford	\$150,000	15 years	2009	2024	2	\$300,000
Engine- 7	1987 KME	\$300,000	25 years	2012		1	\$300,000
Snorkel- 8	1969 Pierce	\$250,000	TBD	TBD		0	\$0
♦ Total Costs 2006-2025: \$1,668,000							
♦Projected Cost/Year: \$83,400							

While these changes increase the Projected Cost/Year, the following Capital Reserve Cash Flow shows that an increase in the annual allocation is not necessary.

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW												
<u>Year</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
Revenue		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Expense		\$150,000			\$150,000			\$300,000		\$75,000		
Balance	\$166,662	\$96,662	\$176,662	\$266,662	\$186,662	\$266,662	\$346,662	\$126,662	\$206,662	\$211,662	\$291,662	

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW												
<u>Year</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>		
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Expense			\$350,000			\$150,000			\$185,000	\$308,000		
Balance	\$371,662	\$451,662	\$181,662	\$261,662	\$341,662	\$271,662	\$351,662	\$431,662	\$326,662	\$98,662		



REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

The Plaistow Fire Department and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact the Fire Department to obtain a permit before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Under these circumstances, it is advisable to contact the Fire Department to let them know where you are burning and when. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

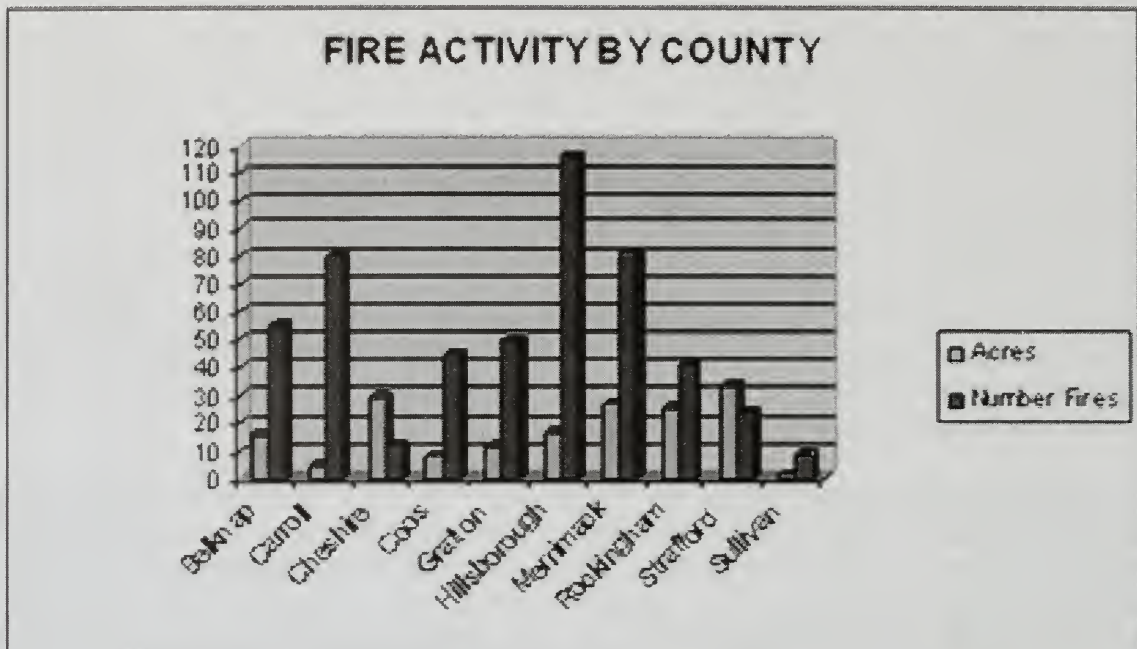
Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Locally, in Plaistow, we have had a very quiet year relative to outside/wildland fires. We maintain an aggressive permitting policy within the community and urge residents to contact us if they plan to have an outside fire, of any size, whether in a pile, a fire pit, enclosed camp fire device or chiminea. You can obtain a seasonal permit by calling the Fire Department at 382-5012. We will inspect your site, make any recommendations necessary and issue you a permit for the year. It is important to remember to notify dispatch when engaging in outside burning. This will prevent unnecessary smoke investigations in the event a neighbor smells smoke from your fire and doesn't know where it is coming from. More information can be found on the Fire Department's web page on www.plaistow.com. Take a moment to review the outside burning regulations to ensure you remain fire safe.



2005 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2005 513	174
Campfire	34	2004 482	147
Children	29	2003 374	100
Smoking	40	2002 540	187
Debris	284		
Railroad	1		
Equipment	7		
Lightning	5		
Misc.*	111 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Respectfully submitted

John H. McArdle

Forest Fire Warden

Eleanor Mardin

State Forest Ranger



REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Center for Disease Control says, "We are now living in the "new normal," a world in which we need to be prepared and collaborative. The Health Department is responding to that need by examining and addressing current and emerging public health issues. Preparedness is crucial, and we are committed to enhancing our readiness in every way possible, to assure the health of our community. Ongoing planning, training and collaboration at the federal, state and local levels have significantly increased our capabilities to respond to public health emergencies.

New Hampshire regional planning groups, that had previously worked together to develop smallpox vaccination plans, are meeting again to transform these plans into "all-hazards" health emergency plans. This planning is based on multi-purpose capacities rather than on specific types of incidents. Plaistow joins other southeastern New Hampshire towns and cities as a member of the Southeastern New Hampshire Public Health Emergency Planning Team, which is tasked with transforming our regional plan. In the event that any public health emergency such as pandemic influenza, Meningitis, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Hepatitis A, smallpox, nuclear, chemical, etc., is encountered, then the plan will have capacities already built in to address issues such as mass vaccination, isolation, quarantine, surge capacity and decontamination. Once plans are transformed, it is imperative that they are tested to identify weaknesses and build on strengths. Pandemic influenza drills were held last fall in designated regions in the State to test the preparedness of those communities to mobilize mass vaccination clinics and to test legal, hospital, laboratory and communications preparedness. Lessons learned from these drills will assist our regional group in planning and preparedness activities.

Plaistow continues its affiliation with the Greater Derry Area Health and Safety Council, which is a community-based partnership that is part of the New Hampshire Public Health Network. New Hampshire began funding community public health partnerships back in 2000 to improve local public health capacity throughout the State. Currently there are 14 public health partnerships serving nearly 50% of New Hampshire towns, and 70% of New Hampshire residents. The importance of an effective public health system recognizes that health improvement is best achieved at a local level. Local communities can identify health problems, stimulate a community response and devise appropriate solutions based on available resources. More information on the New Hampshire Public Health Network can be found at www.plaistow.com.

This summer's outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, (EEE) resulting in seven human cases, including two deaths, took a heavy toll on public health in New Hampshire. Widespread concern occurred throughout the State. The concern here escalated in mid-September, when EEE was identified in mosquitoes trapped in Plaistow. With a mosquito control program already in place for several years, we had planning in place for what would happen if EEE was found in mosquitoes in Plaistow, and were prepared with options to battle this issue.



As part of our program, we had identified “high-risk” areas, which are locations where large groups of people are likely to gather, as places that would be considered for spraying of adult mosquitoes. On September 21st, Dragon Mosquito Control sent a crew to spray for adult mosquitoes on the fields at the Pollard School, Timberlane Regional High School and Middle School, and at the Recreation field on Ingalls Terrace. With the complete cooperation of the school district and the youth recreation teams, practices and games were rescheduled to end before dark. Public health advisories and information about personal protection to avoid mosquito bites were posted at locations throughout town and on the school district and town websites and on the school and town cable access channels. Everyone worked cooperatively and efficiently to address this public health emergency.

This past season has put everyone on alert that EEE is here, and we will continue to respond to this issue by further expanding our mosquito control program with additional surveillance and treatment that will focus on EEE habitats.

The Plaistow Health Department licenses and inspects over sixty food establishments. Ordinances govern the operation of the establishment based on the NH Rules for the Sanitary Production and Distribution of Food. The licensing process for new establishments includes pre-construction plan reviews and pre-opening inspections. Once establishments are in operation, routine and follow-up inspections take place, as well as complaint investigations.

General health topics are available on the town website, www.plaistow.com, under “Health.” This web page is updated regularly to give you the most current information on new and emerging health issues. Please feel free to contact the Health Department with any questions or concerns at 382-2494 ext. 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennise Horrocks

Health Officer



Rex Trailer in the Old Home Day Parade.



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Highway Department - which still consists of Glen Peabody (Foreman), Dana Rabito (Laborer) , Aaron Shea (laborer) and myself - continued to do our best with assistance from numerous outside contractors in keeping the roads of Plaistow safe. Again this year, we hired Floyd Gates to assist us with some of our summertime maintenance when fulltime personnel are on vacation. Thanks again, Floyd, and job well done. As I go forward with the rest of this report, you will see that the town relies heavily on outside contractors. With the building of a new highway garage, the Town of Plaistow would have the space to eventually bring in-house the ability to maintain the town's mowing, recreation facilities and sidewalks. This would allow the town to have a bit more overall control over these types of projects. The Highway Department is always looking at the present to make Plaistow a better place to live and work in the future. Here are some projects competed in 2005.

I don't think I can say enough on how hard and long the 2005 winter was. We had 26 different storm events. An event could consist of rain that refreezes to a major snow storm like we had on January 21 – 24, 2005, where we had 24" of snow followed by temperatures in the single digits. Of the 26 events, 18 required assistance from the outside plowing contractors leaving 8 events to be handled with just our in-house resources. Winter takes a huge toll on not only the Town's budget but also the department and its families as a whole, especially if we have a winter like 2005. A big Thank You goes out to my contractors (and their families), the residents of Plaistow, for their patience with road conditions; the Selectmen and Town Manager for their overall guidance; and most of all to my extremely dedicated men and their families for sacrificing holidays, birthdays and other family events to make Plaistow, NH, a safer place to travel.

Winter finally moved on and it was time to again sweep our roads removing any leftover debris from all the wintertime maintenance. We hired F.B Hale for 54 hours to sweep all town roads and town owned buildings. Once the roads were sweep we repainted our centerlines on the main roads and repainted the stop bars at all the town maintained intersections. These are both important with the traveling public safety. We hired L & D Safety Markings for the centerlines and Tri State Striping for the stop bars.

Unfortunately, due to the very expensive winter we had, we had to cut back on the paving we did. We only paved three streets: Chandler Avenue, Country Club Lane and only a small portion of Forrest Street. With the passing of a 2006 warrant article, we will hopefully try to make up for the last few years of paving less to bring our Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program back up to par. It is important to spend the money to pave the streets that are just starting to go downhill than on the streets that are too far gone.

In September we finally put the new 2006 Ford pick up truck on line. We ordered that truck in March but due to manufacturing problems we received it in September.



In November we installed some of the much needed drainage system on Old County Road. The town hired Al Hoyt & Sons to install this drainage because it interacted with the new recreation facility. Also in November, we hired R.J. Barrett to clean all 449 town-maintained catch basins. This is important because this removes all the leaves and other debris and it also gives us one last chance to inspect the catch basin before winter hits.

In 2005, there was a warrant article for a new 12,000 square foot highway garage but it unfortunately it did not pass; so, in 2006, there will be a similar article for a 8,000 square foot garage. With a new garage, we can better provide for our current personnel and equipment, but we can also look somewhat into the future when it comes down to maintaining the roads and facilities in the Town of Plaistow.

As in the past, I cannot complete this report without saying "Thank You, Thank You" to first and foremost my men and their families, all my outside contractors and their families, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and all the residents of Plaistow for assisting me in making Plaistow, NH, a safe and pleasurable place to live and visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Garlington

Highway Supervisor



Mel Keddy Route 125 Highway Dedication.

HIGHWAY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

The CIP Committee, working with the Highway Supervisor, developed this table in 2003. It shows all of the current highway vehicles with their estimated replacement cost, estimated useful life, replacement schedule and total estimated replacement costs for the next 10 years. Dividing the total replacement costs by 10, projects the average annual cost to be \$59,000. With the goal of developing a CIP Plan that levels the annual capital costs, the CIP Committee has placed \$59,000 in the CIP plan each year for the replacement of highway vehicles. The Board of Selectmen agrees and is proposing Warrant Article P-24 to support this plan. Spending money from this fund requires the vote of the people.

Using this same data, we can project the Cash Flow for the proposed "Purchase of Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund."

HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROJECTED REPLACEMENT COSTS

Highway Vehicle	Estimated Replacement Cost	Estimated Life	1st Replacement Year	2nd Replacement Year	3rd Replacement Year	Times Replaced 2004-2013	Total Projected Replacement Cost 2004-2013
Ton Truck '04	\$60,000	7 years	2011	2018	2025	2	\$120,000
Pick-up '05	\$40,000	7 years	2012	2019	2026	2	\$80,000
Dump Truck '99	\$100,000	8 years	2007	2015	2022	1	\$100,000
Dump Truck '00	\$100,000	9 years	2009	2018	2027	1	\$100,000
Loader '01	\$120,000	15 years	2013	2028	2043	1	\$120,000
Backhoe '87	\$70,000	20 years	2010	2030	2050	1	\$70,000
♦Total Cost 2004 - 2013: \$590,000							
♦Projected Cost/Year: \$59,000							

PROJECTED CASH FLOW (After Moving Loader Replacement from 2013 to 2015)

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenue	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000
Expense		\$100,000		\$100,000	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$40,000			\$220,000
Balance	\$59,000	\$18,000	\$77,000	\$36,000	\$25,000	\$24,000	\$43,000	\$102,000	\$161,000	\$0.00



QUESTION & ANSWERS PROPOSED HIGHWAY GARAGE & SALT DOME

Q. Why is the Town considering replacing the current garage? A. The current garage was built in 1976. Since the current garage was built, the department has doubled the number of vehicles and has twice as many full-time employees and has outgrown the old facility. The Department also has 31 more roads to maintain than in 1976.

Q. Will all of our equipment fit into the current garage? A. No. **Is this a problem?** A. Yes. When the trucks have the plows and wings on for winter plowing, they require extensive jockeying to fit into the garage and we have to leave the backhoe outside. These vehicles need to be available to respond quickly when called out by the police to treat roads. If they are cold, it is a problem because the hydraulic pumps and lines take time to warm up. If the Town used them cold, it could result in blown lines and pumps. Not only is repair costly, the downtime means delay in treating roads. The diesel engines will not start when cold without the use of costly-to-operate block heaters. Even with the heaters, starting very cold diesel engines cause premature wear on the motors. Finally, leaving vehicles out exposes them to vandalism, especially in such a remote area as the current garage.

Q. Are there additional problems with the current garage beyond lack of space? A. Yes. The current garage is located very close to the closed landfill. Landfill gases, including explosive quantities of Methane gas, are found outside the building and have the potential of seeping into the building from the landfill. Daily precautions need to be taken to ventilate the building. Additional costs may become necessary to monitor and remediate the landfill gases in order to use the building as a highway garage. Testing reveals these are not an issue beyond the property boundary or with the adjacent properties. Testing also reveals excess Sodium and Chloride in the ground water around the salt shed. These are the two ingredients in Salt. While some work has been done to minimize the issues with salt getting into the water, a new salt storage dome is needed, which can't be built on the existing site.

Q. Could the garage be located at the Beede/Cash Oil Superfund site? A. No. The Town does not own the site and has received legal advice that the Town should never own that site because of potential liability. The EPA plans to use the building for 20 years for their clean-up equipment. Once that became clear, planning began on the proposed new facilities.

Q. Why is a Salt Storage dome included in this project? A. The EPA requires handling Salt in a way that prevents contamination of water. The proposal includes \$132,000 for construction of a new Salt Storage dome.

Q. Which Town Boards and Committees have looked at this project and how have they voted on the Garage? A. The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have both voted to support building a new Garage. The Planning Board has voted approval of the new buildings as part of the Capital Improvements program. A replacement for the Highway Garage had been in the CIP for a number of years. Until



2003, it was expected in the CIP that this would be moving into the building on the Beede/Cash Oil Superfund site.

Q. How large will the Garage and Salt Storage Dome be? A. The proposed garage will be 100 feet by 80 feet. It will be a metal building that is easily expandable. All of our current equipment will fit inside along with space for storage, offices, a lift, etc. The Salt Storage Dome will be 50 feet in diameter and hold approximately 1300 yards of material. It will allow the tractor trailer trucks that deliver salt to unload inside to basically eliminate water contamination.

Q. How was the size of the proposed garage and Salt Storage dome determined?

A. Town officials reviewed the limitations of the current facility. The current facility has major issues that include: air quality issues caused by the adjacent landfill, water quality issues caused by outdoor salt handling, space needs to properly house current vehicles, lack of office space, lack of storage space and poor facilities for employees. The building will also provide for modest growth as the department grows with the community.

Q. Where will the new garage be located? A: Near the center of town, off Main Street along the railroad tracks by Chart Industries. The Town owns a former industrial site that is about 7.5 acres. The Open Space and Town Buildings Committee reviewed all of the properties owned by the Town. This is clearly the least expensive site to develop. It is flat, cleared and centrally located. The Garage and Salt Storage dome buildings would only use the back portion of the site and allow for future use of the site for other public purposes.

Q. Why can't we just expand on the current site? A. There is a high voltage transmission line easement between the garage and our salt handling area that prevents expanding in that direction. The landfill cap is adjacent to the existing building, preventing expansion in that direction. The property line is too close on the other sides to allow expansion.

Q. When would construction begin and when will it be completed? A. If the bond is approved, construction would begin in late Spring or early Summer of 2006 and should be completed before the end of 2006.

Q. What are the actual costs of the Garage and Salt Storage Dome and how will it be funded? A. The Salt Storage Dome will cost about \$132,000. The garage and site work will cost about \$547,000. The proposal is to pay it over 10 years by means of a bond.

Q. What will be the property tax impact of this project? A. There will be no tax impact in 2006. It is estimated the tax impact will be about 9 cents per \$1,000 of assessment in 2007 and decline each year thereafter over the 10 year life of the bond.

Q. What will happen to the current garage? A. It could not be sold because of the landfill and its related issues of gas and water contamination. It could be used for cold storage by the Town or leased for that use to a third party.



REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year the society has continued its work with members of the community on two fronts. We work with the youth in explaining and showing the history of Plaistow with visits to schools and with individual sessions as requested. Visits to the museum are teaching sessions for both young and adult.

On the second front, we continually work on organizing and cataloguing artifacts and photographs for display. Much work has been done by volunteer staff in identifying photos of Plaistow houses, scanning them into computer storage and indexing them for easy retrieval.

We constantly remind residents that any artifacts, papers and photos pertaining to Plaistow's past are welcome donations to this museum. If you cannot bring these things we can pick them up from you.

We have been fortunate this year in acquiring local memorabilia and articles of historical interest. We were given antique documents found in an old Plaistow inn from over one hundred years ago by members of a family who lived in town in the 20th century. Also we were given 19th century town maps sold on E-Bay by a citizen who watches for such things for us.

The Town-owned 1861 handtub (hand fire engine) was moved to the museum by the Fire Department and installed for display. The front entrance to the building had to be removed and replaced to enable this installation. The machine was acquired from Derry, NH, in 1901 when purchased by four citizens and donated to the town. It was the first piece of firefighting equipment in Plaistow. Members of the Plaistow Firemen's Association restored the engine to museum quality in the 1970s and, until recently, it was displayed at the fire station.

New displays were set up and the museum was opened to the public on Old Home Day when it was visited by many current and former residents. It was also opened Wednesday evenings during the summer and on many Sunday afternoons.

Our volunteer staff continues to catalogue artifacts and photographs during the winter on Thursday mornings. Much work has been done in scanning and indexing photos for computer display and retrieval according to street address. A home movie film of the 200th anniversary celebration has been digitized for computer display.

Looking forward we hope that any and all who have gained something of Plaistow's history through our activities will consider joining our society and helping us with our work this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Sykes

President



HISTORY OF THE BOSTON POST CANE

The tradition of the gold-headed Boston Post Cane and its presentation to the oldest resident of a New England town was conceived by a publisher of the popular Boston Post daily with an eye toward increasing circulation in 1909. This publisher, Edward A. Grozier, spared no expense as he hired a leading cane-maker to turn the canes from an African imported ebony, gild the tips with 14k gold with a ferule on the lower end and a gold decorated head with the inscription:

"Presented by The Boston To Oldest Citizen Of (Town Name)
New Hampshire To be Transmitted"

E. A. Grozier sent one of these canes to 431 towns in New England, none having been sent to Connecticut and only two to Vermont, with the stipulation that it was to be awarded to the oldest male resident and to be held by him until his death when it was to be returned to the Selectmen for their further award.

The Boston Post was published from 1831 to 1957. No results were published as far as we know of the circulation increase of this scheme. In 1930 women were declared eligible for this presentation but so many canes were lost, removed from town or stolen that many towns locked their original canes in display cases and awarded replica canes with the same conditions of return.

This is the direction Plaistow's Board of Selectmen took in the mid-1970s when Chairman Barry A. Sargent of the Board presented Mrs. Emma Johnson, Railroad Ave., her cane at age 94. In 1984, Mrs. Bernice Davis was presented the cane by her grandniece, Board of Selectmen Chairman Mrs. D. Joan Keezer.

Other awardees in the last half of the century included: Mrs. Ottilie Smith, Maple Ave.; Mr. John Maddox, Auburn St.; Mr. Anthony Pappadopoulos, Main St.; Mrs. Dorothy Bennett Nabers, Shady Lane; and Mr. Charles Wheeler, Autumn Circle.

Plaistow's original cane is displayed at the Historical Society Museum, 127 Main St. The awarding responsibility still rests, as originally, with the Selectmen.

One has to acknowledge the cleverness of a newspaper publisher who never asked permission but rather sent these canes to 431 boards of selectmen forever, it seems, requiring their time to determine the oldest resident, then at his/her death obtaining the cane again - sometimes not an easy task. We have never heard of a refusal to accept the award in this town but in many others it was so unwanted it was refused by the proposed recipient.

Respectfully submitted,
Historical Society



REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

It has been a year of transition for the Human Services Office. Carrie Chooljian left her position as Human Services Coordinator in June, after 10 years of dedicated service, in order to pursue social work in a clinical setting. I filled in as an interim Human Services Coordinator after Carrie's departure and was officially appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the position in September. Many residents may already be familiar with me. I have been an employee of Plaistow for over six years and have served as Town Manager's Executive Secretary for the past four years. In addition, I have over seven years of professional human services experience. I am familiar with the requirements for success in the position and look forward to serving the residents of Plaistow in this new capacity.

It has been an active year for the Human Services Department assisting residents with various situations. The requests for financial assistance have continued to increase, with support being provided for rent, heat, electric and in other areas as well. The residents of Plaistow have various services available to them. These services range from transportation to fuel assistance. On the following page is a list of agencies sponsored by the residents of Plaistow and a brief description of each agency. I encourage residents to call the Human Services Department, especially when they just are not sure where to start. I am available to refer any resident to the appropriate agency and welcome your calls.

The cost of living in Southern New Hampshire continues to be on the rise. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority is currently reporting that Rockingham County has the highest monthly median Gross Rental Costs in the State. An average family of four living in Plaistow, in a two bedroom apartment, can expect the following monthly bills before heat, car payments and insurance are added:

Food:	\$ 506.00
Shelter:	\$1,058.00
Electric	<u>\$ 82.25</u>
Total:	\$1,646.25

In closing, I would like to offer my gratitude to the many organizations and volunteers who offer their time and assistance to this office throughout the year. The continued efforts of the Derry/Salem Elks Club, Holy Angels Food Pantry, Plaistow Fish & Game Ladies Auxiliary Club and the Plaistow Lions Club once again ensured that residents of Plaistow enjoyed the 2005 holiday season. John S., Rockefeller, Jr., once said, "Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege." It has been my privilege to work with these giving volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Carr

Human Services Coordinator



HUMAN SERVICES 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. (603) 362-9957

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 therapy, speech therapy, occupation therapy, respite care and support services are provided. (603) 772-2981

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. (603) 893-9172

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 hospitals, schools, police departments and others in the community. (603) 436-4107

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. (978) 373-5700

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. (800) 852-3388

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. (603) 893-3548

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). (603) 382-8893



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. (603) 436-4310

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. (603) 898-2850

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. (603) 382-5995

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. (603) 772-8119

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. (603) 659-2424

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. (888) 941-3674

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. (603) 425-2545

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. (800) 894-5533



REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL AGENCY

In 2005, New Hampshire led the nation with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) activity. Statewide there were seven humans (including two deaths), nine horses, four alpacas, one llama, 15 mosquito pools and 54 birds with EEE. Plaistow had one mosquito pool and one bird test positive for EEE. Additionally, three birds tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Neighboring Newton had the heartbreaking distinction of being the town with the first human fatality from EEE in New Hampshire.

No one knows why so much encephalitis hit New Hampshire last year or if there will be a repeat in 2006, but everyone agrees that we must be ready. The State has legislation pending which would help towns pay for mosquito spraying. Whether it passes remains to be seen. On the local level, more towns than ever are planning to fund control programs. Everyone agrees that public education remains an important tool in the fight against mosquitoes and encephalitis.

Here are some EEE facts:

- You can only get EEE from the bite of an infected mosquito.
- Not all mosquitoes transmit EEE.
- Seven species of mosquitoes have tested positive for EEE in NH. Four of these species are human biters, while the rest prefer birds but will occasionally bite humans.
- You cannot get EEE from a horse or from a mosquito that bites a horse.
- EEE is a public health threat from July through October.
- One third of EEE cases are fatal.
- There is no cure for EEE. Many survivors suffer permanent neurological damage.

Tips for homeowners:

- Get rid of standing water in containers: wheelbarrows, wading pools, tarps, boats, trash barrels, tires, etc. Cover, turn over or remove.
- Drill holes in bottom of recycling containers and trash barrels left outside.
- Check screens on windows and doors for holes. Repair or replace.
- Make sure all windows and doors have tight fitting screens.
- Do not turn on the light directly outside your front door. This shows the mosquitoes how to get into your house.
- Change bird bath water every 2-3 days.
- Aerate ornamental ponds or stock with fish.
- Keep rain gutters clean and draining properly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs. If not in use, empty and keep covered.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites. This may not always be easy to do. Wear protective clothing such as long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks when outside during peak mosquito activity. Wear effective repellent. If using products containing the active



ingredient DEET, then use up to 30% DEET for adults and 10% or less for children. Avoid applying repellent to the hands of children. They may touch their eyes or mouth.

In 2005, the mosquito control program included trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, larviciding wetlands and treating catch basins. Emergency spraying was done at the schools, the fields behind the senior center and the recreation field in September when EEE was found.

The proposed 2006 Mosquito Control plan for Plaistow includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, treating catch basins and spraying adult mosquitoes at the recreation field, the fields behind the senior center and schools. Particular attention will be paid to those habitats where EEE mosquitoes live such as red maple swamps and cedar swamps. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, ditches and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes for disease testing begins in June. Spraying adult mosquitoes will begin when EEE is active. This could be as early as July. The control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

If you do not want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a written request is needed. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, description of the property with boundaries. Otherwise your property may be treated. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, insecticides used, spray dates, WNV or EEE information.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah MacGregor

President, Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.



Police Department Dispatch Center.



REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Municipal Budget Committee is presented with each Town Department's proposed budget and special requests that any individual department may have for the upcoming year. The Committee also reviews the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board to learn about future proposed expenditures. It is this combination of information that the Committee considers when reviewing and making a determination as to the logistics of each particular budget, so that collectively the municipal budget meets the current and impending needs of the Town.

The taxpayers of Plaistow must keep in mind that the Committee is made up of Plaistow taxpayers, who also do not wish to see their taxes increase. However, to keep the budget stagnant would be a great disservice to the Town and would ultimately cost the taxpayers more. Thus, the Committee strives to keep the budget within taxpayers' comfortable reach while allowing reasonable increases in varying budgets yearly. The reason for this is to allow the individual departments of our Municipality to appropriately develop and prepare Plaistow for what is on the horizon.

Unfortunately, the Committee is only responsible for Town related expenses, such as Town Hall, (its offices and employees), Police, Fire, Recreation, etc. The expenses related to the school system, county programs and state initiatives are all dealt with by other organizations specifically intended for those purposes. What Plaistow taxpayers must remember is that all of these costs are combined together to establish the tax rate, the majority of which is made up of the school budget, not the municipal budget.

That minimal portion of the Town's overall tax rate, as approved by the Committee, can be found in the 2006 Plaistow Town Warrant, Articles P-16 through P-28.

The Article most obviously associated with the Committee is Article P-17, which asks the taxpayers to approve the proposed 2006 operating budget of \$6,719,861. This proposal is \$240,389 or 3.57% more than last year's approved operating and warrant article costs of \$6,479,472. Further, if anticipated revenue for 2006 is factored in, the difference is reduced to a net increase of \$196,428, which is 2.92% higher than the previous year's Town costs.

The remaining Articles, P-16 and P-18 through P-28, deal with various issues and must be reviewed independently for their relevance and tax impact. After much consideration, the Committee's final evaluation of each of these Articles was that they were within logical financial parameters of the Town and that the timing of each is appropriate based on the Town's requirement to fulfill present needs and create a foundation for the years to come.

Overall, the Committee had a productive and successful year in bringing forth a practical budget for presentation on the Town Warrant. The Committee hopes that you will agree with our appraisal and vote to support Article P-17 and the other Articles mentioned herein at the second session of the Town Meeting on March 14.



As Chairman of the Budget Committee, I would like to thank the members of the Committee for all of their dedication and hard work this past budget season. A special thank you to Marilyn Davis, who has served on the Committee for several years and has chosen not to seek re-election. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Lastly, the Committee would like to remember a former member, who passed away this year. Norman "Norm" Marquis was a long-time member and resident of the Town of Plaistow, who brought a steadying historical perspective to the Committee. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to the Marquis Family. Norm was a pleasure to have as a member and is missed in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin E. Lewis Savage

Chairman



Police Chief Savage detouring traffic for the Old Home Day Parade.



REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

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

Plaistow has successfully preserved the traditions of the past, while infusing an element of current customs into our Old Home Day event. The Town holds Old Home Day annually, on the last Saturday in the month of June. The goal of the event is to provide fun, food and festivities at a minimal cost to residents and visitors alike. It is a day to socialize and enjoy the cultural benefits of living in New England.

In 2005, Plaistow celebrated Old Home Day on June 25, 2005. The morning of June 26th was greeted with a Children's Parade starting at Pollard Elementary School, marching down Main Street and ending on Pollard Park. The children outfitted their bikes and wagons in red white and blue attire for the event. The Children welcomed the Lions Club Road Race participants onto the park after a 5K race. Once the last competitor crossed the finish line, the merriment commenced.

Pollard Park was the host to several vendors, entertainers and activities. A 24-Horse Carousel provided rides for the children of Plaistow, while performers such as Off the Wall Gymnastics, Wayne from Maine and Ozzie Ozner the Magician entertained the crowd. Meanwhile, the Fire Department provided rides in their antique truck and the Police Department demonstrated the skills of their K-9 Officer Alec Porter and his furred partner, Stryker. The Elected Officials sponsored a pie-eating contest, while the Town Manager was a waterlogged target for the dunk tank.

The Lions Club Parade filled Main Street with marching bands, clowns and floats. Parade goers enjoyed the Shriners' mini cars whizzing about and the sounds of a steel drum band. For those more seasoned sideliners, a glimpse of Rex Trailer was the highlight of the day.

Residents concluded the day with a spectacular fireworks presentation that lit the night sky in a dazzling display of pyrotechnical color. However, the fireworks paled in comparison to the radiant smiles of friends and family reuniting and sharing in the enjoyment of this special day.

The familiar faces of the Old Home Day Committee will be changing in 2006. Bernadine FitzGerald, Dick Latham, Brenda Major and Barry Sargent have resigned their posts. We thank them for their many years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Carr

Employee Representative



OLD HOME DAY BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

Parade:

Plaistow Lions Club 15,000.00

Fireworks:

Telstar Display Fireworks 10,000.00

Out of Town Detail Officer 344.00

Friday Evening Teen Event:

Out of Town Detail Officers 368.00

Pollard Park Activities:

Henry the Juggler 450.00

Julie & Brownie 500.00

Ozzie Ozzner the Magician 300.00

Wayne from Maine 600.00

New England Reptiles 450.00

Carousel 1,950.00

DJ 300.00

Pony Rides 650.00

Rentals:

Tent, Dunk Tank, Jumper Room, Tables, Chairs and Dunk Tank 1,455.60

Equipment:

Lumber, Paint and Supplies 101.71

Viewing Stand Cover, Decorations, Balloons and Prizes 541.19

Advertisement, Baby Contest, Pie Eating Contest and Supplies 694.23

Sanitation:

Pete's Sewer & Septic 250.00

Boy Scout Troop 18 – Cleaning Venues 400.00

Merchandise:

Hats, Shirts and Embroidered Bags 3,571.00

TOTAL 37,925.73

REVENUE AND DONATIONS

TD Bank North:

Offset Carousel Costs 700.00

Plaistow Fish & Game Club

Horse Shoe Tournament Entry Fees 130.00

Merchandise Sales

Hats, Shirts and Embroidered Bags 1,929.66

TOTAL 2,759.66

SUMMARY

Budgeted 35,775.00

Revenue 2,759.66

Expenditures (37,925.73)

TOTAL 608.93



REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee (PATAC) has been inactive during most of 2005; however, we have been monitoring the progress of several area public transportation initiatives.

Downeaster Update: The Governor's Advisory Committee for Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) approved the expenditure of \$1.2 million of federal funds to be used to support the Downeaster service. This will allow adding a section of double track so that a 5th daily train can be added, hopefully in 2006. Although a very high percentage of the ridership of the Downeaster boards or departs at New Hampshire stations, this is the first time the State has contributed financially to the service. There is also a bill before the NH legislature that would allow the State to help offset the increasing costs of insurance and operating costs for the 3 existing Downeaster stations in Exeter, Durham and Dover. If this bill passes, it could perhaps be amended to include a future station in Plaistow at the Park and Ride.

The State of Maine continues with its support of the Downeaster service and despite tight budget constraints, progress continues slowly towards extending the Portland service northeast to Brunswick with the ultimate long term goal of going all the way to the Canadian border.

Commuter Service Update: The plan to extend the MBTA Haverhill commuter trains to Plaistow has been on hold for several years and remains on hold. All hope is not extinguished; however, as the MBTA is actively extending lines and adding service to the south, west and north of Boston.

Route 125 Update: During 2006, the NH Department of Transportation will begin construction of the improvements identified in the early phases of the Plaistow-Kingston Route 125 Corridor study. The first to be done in Plaistow will be the signalization of the Old County Road and Route 125 intersection. The next project in Plaistow will be the upgrade of Main Street, Jesse George Road, Old Road, Danville Road intersections. Construction is not scheduled until 2008 or 2009 with completion of all phases in 2013/2014. The goal is to provide 2 dedicated travel lanes in each direction and traffic signals at the busiest intersections.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore

Chairman



REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nothing prepares one for the future more effectively than education and libraries offer unlimited access to knowledge to those who chose to seek it. The wonder of public libraries is that they are free and open to all.

Technology is the most progressive way to enable the public to prepare for the future; therefore, the focus for the Library in 2005 was to implement new technology through the purchase of both hardware and software. For the first time the summer reading program, *Camp Wannaread*, was implemented through an online program manager, which could be accessed through the library web page, www.plaistowlibrary.com. The response to the online connection was overwhelming with 349 participants in the program who together read 3,000 books. In order to serve the website, the web catalog, the public access catalog, and various in house software implementations more efficiently, the Library purchased a new network server. Two new patron access computers with Office Professional 2003 software were also purchased so that the public would be able to utilize the most current software. Both of these new computers, one of which was set up in the redesigned teen area, have been in high demand. The library now has fifteen Internet access computers and three library catalog computers available for public use with a goal to continue to keep this level of service available to the public in the future. Wireless access was implemented in the fall of 2005, thus allowing more flexibility for the patron with a laptop. The beginning of 2006 will bring two more online program managers that will allow patrons to view a Library calendar online and also give them the ability to reserve library museum passes from the comfort of their own home. We will also be implementing new circulation/catalog software that will allow us to manage the materials collection more effectively.

The past year brought many new patrons into the Library as several town offices were housed in various library meeting rooms throughout the building during the Town Hall renovation. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Library to participate in this project and again to remind Plaistow residents, that, as a community center, the library serves many purposes. It was also an opportunity to expose to those Plaistow residents who had not previously visited the Library everything the Library has to offer. Obviously, the exposure was very positive as circulation increased by 11 percent this past year. Another purpose the library serves is to provide a place for residents to gather for programs. The past year we offered 289 programs with over 6,000 participants enjoying everything from adult computer classes to book discussions to an overnight camping experience on the library lawn.

As with anything new and different, there are many learning challenges and, as new technology is introduced, the staff must learn along with the patrons. We will continue to hold staff training sessions and encourage off site workshops for the staff whenever possible. I would not be able to institute the changes we have made without the dedication and support of the staff, therefore, I would like to personally thank



Deborah Hoadley, Flo Rullo, Marjorie Knowles, LuAnn Blair, Judith Meunier, Anne Wiggin, Anita Micale, Mario Mejia, Alyssa Collyer, Erin McArdle and Evan Russell for all their efforts this past year. I also would like to recognize the Board of Trustees who has been extremely encouraging and supportive of all our projects and goals.

This past year the library celebrated its fifth anniversary in this wonderful building. We have already seen many changes in technology since we opened our doors to the public and we will continue to grow and adapt to the ever-changing world, reaching out to serve the community. This has been a rewarding year and I look forward to 2006 with expectations of great innovations to come.

2005 LIBRARY STATISTICS	
Material Purchased:	
Adult (includes reference)	945
Juvenile	844
Videos/DVD	91
Audio Books	70
CD/Music	30
CD-ROM	0
Totals:	1,980
Gifts Added:	
Books	260
Video/DVD	62
Audio Books	56
CD/Music	2
Totals:	380
Total Videos in Collection	1,194
Total Audio Books in Collection	1,010
Total Musical CDs in Collection	162
Total CD ROM Materials	44
Total Magazine/Newspaper Subscriptions	66
Gift Subscriptions	5
Books Lost/Paid For	41
Totals:	42078
Total Circulation	61,198
Registered Patrons	4,344
Total Visits by Patrons	61,974
Days Open	300

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Houlihan
Library Director



REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

INCOME:

Town of Plaistow	362,194.00
Donations	770.00
Reimbursements	59.00
Fines, Lost Books, Book Sales	3,904.00
Fees: Copier, Non-Residents	4,505.00
Interest on Deposits	5,220.00
Mary Nelson Trust Fund	70,000.00

TOTAL: **446,652.00**

EXPENSES:

Bond Payment:	70,000.00
Building Insurance	2,500.00
Continuing Education	1,897.00
Salaries & Benefits	208,782.00
Janitor Service	30,887.00
Liability/Legal/Bookkeeping	413.00
Material Acquisitions	34,831.00
Postage	84.00
Professional Dues	430.00
Programming	4,294.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Landscaping	15,520.00
Supplies	8,142.00
Technology	15,715.00
Utilities	44,013.00

TOTAL: **437,508.00**

ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/2004:

Atty. & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	651.84
Fines/Lost Book Account	17,672.76
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	13,459.69
Memorial Funds	9,800.98
Memorial 2 Fund	19,196.64
Special Projects Fund	42,540.41
Technology Fund	26,377.88
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	1,063.90

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiarsis

Chair



REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Planning Board, established in 1956, is comprised of five members – four elected citizens and one Selectmen's representative. The Planning Board is an important municipal board that is charged with preparing and amending some very important planning documents and reviewing all subdivision and development site plans.

For 2005, the Town's theme is preparedness - preparing for the future, preparing for growth. For the Planning Department, this is a very appropriate theme for the upcoming year, as we will be working on developing a very important tool the Town will find vitally useful. During 2006, the Planning Board will be embarking upon a Build-Out Analysis that will allow Town officials to better understand the Town's growth potential under the present zoning requirements. Build-out is the condition in which an existing parcel of land has been subdivided and developed to the fullest extent allowed under current zoning requirements.

To assist with this important project, the Planning Board has contracted with the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) who will use both the ArcGIS software and the software program "Community Viz" to produce both a numeric and a visual build-out. The overall goal of the analysis is to list and display an estimate of the potential number of lots that each existing lot may yield at build-out. The Town is fortunate that it has the necessary GIS datasets available in ArcView format to produce the analysis. Planning staff continued to utilize the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) for various mapping projects.

It is intended that the results of this study be utilized by numerous Town departments including Police and Fire for the purpose of determining the future amount of service that will be needed based on the build-out results. The results of the land use build-out can be converted into other types of information such as population and traffic growth.

A number of assumptions will apply to this study as follows:

- * The Town will provide the Commission with the necessary GIS files.
- * Minimum lot sizes per district will be used.
- * Minimum frontage requirement per district will be used.
- * A minimum lot size of 3 acres shall be used for lots within the Aquifer Protection District where there is a saturated thickness of 20 feet or greater and a Transmissivity greater than 1000 feet squared per day.
- * To support potential subdivision roads, 10% of upland area will be removed from each lot meeting the area requirement yet not meeting the frontage requirement for subdivision.



- * Specific setback requirements will not be modeled in the analysis, although a standard setback distance between potential units may be used within each zoning district.
- * Wetlands will be modeled using the digitized Rockingham County Soil Survey. Site-specific soil mapping is not available. Otherwise, the Town may provide an alternate wetland layer.

The following products will be given to the Town of Plaistow upon completion of this Study:

- 1) Zoning and Constraints Map. A 24 x 36 inch map showing the Town Zoning Districts, the Aquifer Protection District, and wetlands.
- 2) Numeric Build-Out Map. A 24 x 36 inch map showing the number of potential lots at build-out per existing lot. The map will show a yellow to red color classification of the lowest to highest yielding parcels. Each lot yielding over 5 new lots will be labeled with its number of 'build-out' lots.
- 3) Visual Build-Out Map. A 24 x 36 inch map showing the number of potential buildings at build-out per existing lot. The map will show building symbols placed in potential locations. The map will show existing building locations, providing that the Town may provide that GIS layer.
- 4) Excel Spreadsheet. A listing of each existing lot with columns listing zoning district, existing lots, existing units, potential lots and potential units.
- 5) Build-Out Report. A concise summary of the inputs to the build-out analysis, the build-out methodology, and a listing per zoning district of existing lots and units and potential lots and units.

2005 was an eventful year for the Town as well as the Planning Board due to conceptual plans by a developer that called for the old Chart Industries storage and distribution center located on the 61-acre parcel in the center of Town, to be redeveloped as a transfer center. This would have resulted in a maximum of 2,000 tons of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris being shipped in via approximately 500 dump trucks a day in and out of the site. When the residents learned of this proposal, they rallied and petitioned the selectmen to allow voters to decide whether to allow the use. As a result, and because the developer never filed a formal application, the Planning Board posted a zoning amendment that would remove municipal waste treatment plants, recycling plants and truck terminals from the list of permitted uses in the industrial zone. And, at the Planning Board's request, the Selectmen voted to hold a special town meeting in July. The turnout of voters at the special town meeting was larger than any recent town meeting other than the vote in 2004, when the ballot featured a warrant article on kindergarten. With a turnout like this during a vacation week in July, it was very clear that the people felt strongly about the issue.



Regarding other development projects during 2005, the Planning Board reviewed and approved numerous subdivision, site plans and minor site plan applications. Highlights include:

- ✓ Completion of the Little River Estate's 25-lot Planned Residential Development (PRD) subdivision including a public hearing on an amendment to the plans originally conditionally approved on November 17, 2004, in order to subdivide an unbuildable conservation lot to be conveyed to the Town of Plaistow, extending approximately 50 feet on one side (north) from the bank of the Little River.
- ✓ Approval of a minor site plan for a proposed towing company at 214A and 214 Plaistow Road, Tax Map 45, Lots 1 and 2.
- ✓ Continued monitoring of the 15-lot subdivision known as "Brown Hill Estates" off of Sweet Hill Road.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan for a 6,360 square foot church located at 82 Newton Road, Tax Map 68, Lot 8A.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan amendment for property located at 27 Garden Road, Tax Map 26, Lot 53, to increase the footprint of the building to 1000 square feet.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan for 16,200 square feet of additional retail space on property located at 26 Plaistow Road, Tax Map 25, Lot 4.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan for a change of use for Unit # 33 of the Valleyfield Condominiums located at 138 Newton Road, Tax Map 70, Lot 21. The project involved the conversion of the existing building from a maintenance/office building to a commercial office building.
- ✓ Review of memos/letters and associated discussion regarding the status of Red Oak Complex 1 and Red Oak Planned Unit Development.
- ✓ Approval of a minor site plan associated with a request for an annual auction by MB Tractor located at 194 Plaistow Road.
- ✓ Held a public hearing on the possible revocation of a subdivision plan approved by the Plaistow Planning Board entitled "Brown Hill Estates, Tax Map 62, Lot 41, Plaistow, NH" dated 04/01/03, signed by the Plaistow Planning Board Chairman 02/04/04, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as plan number D-31343 on 02/10/04. The revocation did not occur due to the reissuance of the driveway permit by NHDOT.
- ✓ Held a preliminary consultation on a site plan amendment for a proposed modification to an existing 1,118 square foot building to add a second floor over existing first floor and the demolition of a garage and associated reconstruction of an addition with a second floor. The property is located at 28 Old Road, Tax Map 28, Lot 14.



- ✓ Approval of a site plan amendment to a previously approved site plan of storage units including office space and a 42'X 60' shop. The proposed amendment is to show the addition of 6 parking spaces to allow rental of the existing shop. The property is located at 29 Newton Road, Tax Map 66, Lots 20, 21 and 22.
- ✓ Approval of a condominium conversion plan for an existing 5-bedroom apartment building located at 26 North Avenue, Tax Map 36, Lot 10.
- ✓ Approval of a condominium conversion plan for an existing 10,200 building located at 121 Newton Road, Tax Map 70, Lot 23. The existing building is used for storage of equipment/vehicles and the proposed condominium conversion will result in a maximum of seven small contractor/storage units.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan amendment for a proposed 3,150 square feet metal building, located at 22 Danville Road, Tax Map 30, Lot 91.
- ✓ Approval of a condominium conversion subdivision plan for an existing duplex located at 8 Lower Road, Tax Map 17, Lot 37, and a total land area of .70 acres.
- ✓ Approval of a condominium conversion subdivision plan for an existing duplex located at 14 Auburn Street, Tax Map 30, Lot 98, and a total land area of .52 acres.
- ✓ Approval of a lot line adjustment and consolidation plan for properties located at 85 and 93 Plaistow Road, Tax Map 27, Lot 30, Tax Map 27, Lot 26, and Tax Map 27, Lot 31. The lot line adjustment involved the addition of one acre of land from 85 Plaistow Road, Tax Map 27, Lot 30, to 93 Plaistow Road, Tax Map 27, Lot 26. The consolidation involved the remaining land from Tax Map 27, Lot 31, to be consolidated with Tax Map 27, Lot 30, known as 85 Plaistow Road for a total of 6.2 Acres.
- ✓ Held a discussion with Phil Christiansen and Steve Doherty Regarding Fairway Oaks and a proposed Adult Elderly Housing Complex (AEHC) Project.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan amendment for the proposed expansion of storage of sales product for Moynihan Lumber located at 12 Old Road, Tax Map 29, Lot 35, for a total land area of 19.5 acres.
- ✓ Held a discussion regarding the proposed display at "Hot Tubs & More," 153 Plaistow Road.
- ✓ Approval of a minor site plan review for Caldwell Banker at 89 Main Street for Fundraiser.
- ✓ Approval of a minor site plan review for the Dunkin Donuts Grand Opening held on October 1, 2005.
- ✓ Adoption of the 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program and participation in the update process.



- ✓ Approval of a condominium conversion amendment to a 32 Unit Condominium located at 4 & 6 Barker Street (1.09 acres), and 3,4,5,6,7,8 & 10 Dalton Street (5.86 acres), Tax Map 30, Lots 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and Tax Map 31, Lots 3 & 4, and Tax Map 17, Lot 32. The owner of record is Franklin Plaistow LLC.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan amendment for Kidder Concrete Cutting and Coring, Inc., for the addition of a proposed 3,150 square foot metal building. The property is located at 22 Danville Road, Tax Map 30, Lot 91, and is a total of 1.16 +/- acres. The owner of record is K & S Contractor Supply Co., LLC.
- ✓ Held a discussion with a property owner regarding use of property at 9 Garden Road.
- ✓ Approval of a condominium conversion plan for an existing duplex located at 32 West Pine Street, Tax Map 38, Lot 59, with land totaling 42,523 square feet.
- ✓ Conditional approval of a site plan for the proposed reuse of the property located at 175 Plaistow Road, Tax Map 44, Lot 77, totaling 14.08 +/- acres. The project is to construct a 36,000 square foot sports complex and recreation facility.
- ✓ Approval of a minor site plan for Christmas Tree Sales at 96 Plaistow Road.
- ✓ Approval of a lot line adjustment plan between a parcel known as Tax Map 32, Lot 28, and a parcel known as Tax map 32, Lot 29.
- ✓ Approval of a subdivision plan for the proposed conversion of an existing duplex to a condominium. The property is located at 7 Evans Avenue, Tax Map 39, Lot 73.
- ✓ Approval of a site plan for a landscaping business including the construction of a 24 X 28 equipment storage garage for landscaping equipment and the installation of parking for cars and trailers and storage of landscaping material. The property is located at 22 Newton Road, Tax Map 66, Lot 8.
- ✓ Recommended changes and construction of same to the parking lot at Pentucket Plaza.

Also during 2005, Planning Board proposed numerous Master Plan, Zoning and Regulation amendments, including the development of a new History Chapter and updates to the Future Land Use Chapter. The Board will continue to pursue a Village Center District. The Conservation Commission also proposed changes to the Wetland's District. The Planning Board is also working on a possible rezoning so that zone lines correspond to parcel lines.

Planning Board representatives 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. The final Public Hearing was held on November 3, 2004,



and the report of the Commissioner then went to the Special Committee (3 Executive Councilors) that reviewed and approved it on June 22, 2005.

Staff also continued to work with NHDOT on the Route 121 Bridge replacement and the Hilldale/Route 121 intersection issues as well as the proposed plans by NHDOT for Route 125 from Wentworth Avenue to the Kohl's intersection.

The Garden Road Connection Feasibility Study was completed in 2005 and was funded with monies contributed by the developer of Home Depot in order to determine what the impacts would be if a fourth leg were added to the intersection at Pentucket Plaza. Traffic impacts to Garden Road were looked at, as well as to West Pine Street and Chandler Avenue, and the intersection of North Avenue/Chandler at Main Street and West Pine Street at Main Street in order to evaluate the potential incitement of cut-through traffic in that whole area. The study showed that there would be little benefit from this connection, and the costs associated with the construction of this project would be fairly costly to the Town. Therefore, it is no longer recommended that the Town pursue this option.

The Town continued to have planning staff representatives on the Haverhill/Plaistow Route 125 Study Committee that has been working out the final details of a study to determine the feasibility of signaling Cushing Avenue and/or the State Line Plaza to help alleviate hazardous traffic conditions in this portion of Route 125. Engineers for the Stateline Plaza have been providing technical support on the various alternatives. At the end of 2005 the Committee was still reviewing the various alternatives and seeking abutter input.

At the end of the year, the Planning Board hired a new Attorney and Review Engineer, both assuming these positions at the beginning of 2006.

In the upcoming year, the Planning Board hopes to pursue the adoption of Low Impact Development (LID) which is a site-based process of developing land while minimizing impacts on water resources and infrastructure. It is focused on protecting the hydrologic cycle that is normally badly damaged during development.

Throughout the year, staff, working with the Town Treasurer, released numerous construction and performance bonds and escrow accounts.

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 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or, visit her upstairs in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh G. Komornick

Planning Coordinator



REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professionalism, Teamwork and Vision are the well-established values of the Department which are embodied in our daily delivery of services and directly relate to future police planning. During 2005, we began implementation of significant Communications tower upgrades which will greatly improve officer safety in the future. The cost of these upgrades was supplied by Federal grant. The installation of equipment will continue into 2006. Also, during 2005, the Department transitioned into newly issued firearms which were paid for by a Federal Operation Streetsweeper grant, installed digital imaging software technology which was paid for by Eastern Development (Home Depot) and purchased alarm billing software which will promote greater efficiency in office staff billing time.

Our new Victim/Witness Advocate, April Aucoin, came on board full-time in the Fall of 2005 (by grant) as a support person for our Prosecutor, Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook. Her office, for the last quarter of 2005, handled the following case totals:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CASES</u>
Atkinson	11
Danville	14
Hampstead	16
Kingston	27
Newton	18
Plaistow	49

Many of these cases are ongoing into 2006.

The Prosecution Office, housed at the Safety Complex, is responsible for all adult prosecutions in the Plaistow District Court which includes the Towns of Plaistow, Kingston, Atkinson, Newton, Danville and Hampstead. The office logged 1,310 total cases (individuals) with 1,794 total complaints or charges brought forward. The cost of the prosecutor is shared by the participating towns.

Juvenile Prosecution by Sgt. Thomas Hawthorne produced some startling numbers; arrests are up 61% with 107 charges filed on 90 juvenile offenders. Our School Resource Officer, Joan Marsilia, reports that juvenile arrests at Timberlane Regional High School have risen over 145% while juvenile drug arrests are up 240%. This sharp rise is running parallel with what is happening County-wide since Brentwood Family Court handled 150 more juvenile cases in 2005.

The Communications Center, led by Communications Supervisor Lucia Theberge, operated short-staffed and, in spite of the pressures, performed admirably in 2005. They reported the following Department-wide statistics:



DESCRIPTION OF CRIME **JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005**

Murder/Manslaughter.....	0
Burglary.....	47
Theft/Robbery.....	263
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	33
Criminal Mischief.....	167
DWI.....	28
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	567
Alarms (Police).....	833
Assaults.....	76
Sexual Assaults.....	30
Traffic Citations.....	684
Motor Vehicle Stops.....	2,634
Domestic Calls.....	75
Arrests – Adults.....	430
Arrests – Juveniles.....	91
Arrests – Motor Vehicles.....	100

CALLS FOR SERVICE **JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005**

Atkinson Fire Department	553
Atkinson Police Department	3,316
Plaistow Fire Department	963
Plaistow Police Department	11,825
ATKINSON TOTALS:	3,869
PLAISTOW TOTALS:	12,788

The calls for service over the past five years are:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAISTOW POLICE</u>	<u>PLAISTOW FIRE</u>
2001	13,482	881
2002	15,030	906
2003	14,763	962
2004	14,543	956
2005	11,825	963

The Special Investigations Unit, staffed by Sergeant Patrick Caggiano and Detective Glenn Miller, arrested or issued arrest warrants for 49 individuals, resulting in 211 criminal complaints being filed. The Unit registered 9 sex offenders and currently monitors 8 licensed Second Hand Dealers/Pawn Shops. During the year, they processed an estimated 9,800 pawn slips; arrested 2 Fugitives from Justice wanted for attempted murder in Lawrence, MA; and recovered over 105 stolen items valued at more than \$25,000.00 with most coming from burglaries in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. The following is a breakdown of some of their cases:



<u>CASES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
8	Sexual Assault
13	Assault
8	Burglary
74	Theft/Receiving Stolen Property
13	Fraud
17	Drug

The type of drugs that the Unit has seized and/or investigated for this year included marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, various pharmaceuticals and some lesser known "designer" type drugs. The Unit also assisted other agencies/individuals with over 550 telephone calls requesting some form of information.

The training function of the Department is coordinated by Deputy Chief Kathleen Jones and she reported a total of 1,122 committed man-hours. Some of the training courses taken include, but were not limited to, Blood-Borne Pathogens, Firearms, Harassment/Discrimination, Computer Crimes, Defensive Tactics, K-9, D.A.R.E., Fraudulent Document Examination, Identity Theft, Terrorism and Homeland Security, Officer Involved Shootings, Narcotic Investigations, Suspect Control and Restraint, School Violence, Technical Crash Investigation, Child Abuse, Burglary/Robbery Investigation, Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation, Incident Command System and various Dispatch Training.

Our K-9 Officer and partner, Alec Porter and Stryker, participated in 43 calls for service in 2005: 11 tracks, 11 building searches, 3 K-9 demonstrations and 18 drug searches. They also received 345 hours of training.

As we prepare for the future, two projects that are being addressed are (1) a severe space crunch inside the Police Department, the needs of which are currently being studied by a Space Needs Committee with the help of HKT Architects of Somerville, MA, and (2) records archiving. Both projects appear in the Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) going forward. What is apparent is that the Safety Complex (approximately 20 years old) is facing an escalating series of deficiencies relating to growth, both external and internal. The net result is the need for expansion in the near future. The Records Archiving piece may be addressed in FY 2007 and will require that the Department archive its paper product into a more efficient and realistic storage medium.

As can be seen in our Town Reports of past years as well as this one, the Department is continuing its focus on the horizon, both near and far, in order to accommodate Plaistow's growth cycles and to keep pace with changes in our industry standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Savage
Chief of Police



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Complex Building Committee was chartered by the Board of Selectmen in 2001. Through 2005, the committee continued to work with HKT Architects on a plan for future renovation and expansion of the facility. Current members include Police Chief Steve Savage, Fire Chief John McArdle, Selectman John Sherman, Emergency Management Director Bill Scully, Building Inspector Mike Dorman, Budget Committee member Ron Hayes, Town Manager John Scruton and public member Fran Berube. The Committee expects to develop a plan to satisfy the needs of the Police and Fire Department for 20 years, similar to what was done 20 years ago with the current facility.

The needs analysis makes it obvious that the current facility is already inadequate for the current size and function of the Police Department. The staff has grown in total numbers, making space for offices inadequate. The addition of functions such as the regional prosecutor, support staff, victim witness advocate and detectives were not planned when the facility was constructed. The Town now has several female officers, but inadequate facilities for them. The State now requires physical fitness and agility standards for police officers, but there is a lack of facilities to accommodate this requirement within the current facility. The Federal government requires separation of juveniles and adults in temporary holding situations.

The Fire Department has less pressing immediate needs, but there are specific shortcomings in storage, offices and physical training facilities. Looking ahead 20 years the committee believes the building needs to be designed to enable the Fire/Rescue Department to handle greater responsibility for medical emergencies.

A basic proposal was developed in conjunction with HKT Architects. Most of the year was spent seeking to find ways to manage the total cost by revising the plan and reviewing various phasing options. No funds are being requested for 2006, but it is expected the work renovating and expanding the building should begin starting within the next two to four years.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Scruton

Town Manager



REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation is now back at the Town Hall in a new office on the second floor. Thank you Plaistow Fire Department for taking us in and making us feel so at home in our temporary location at the Safety Complex. With all the activity the Recreation Department has, we truly appreciated all your help during the renovation period.

The new recreation field complex located on Old County Road began construction in 2005. After a long year waiting for a clear title, and the terrible rain storms, David Hoyt was able to begin construction. The drainage work on Old County Road and the access road drainage is now complete. Approximately 2000 feet of new brook bed had to be dug and stabilized in order to move the brook to the other side of the fields, allowing us the room needed to build three ball diamonds and two multi purpose fields. The relocation of the bed is complete and in the Spring the water will be released to flow. Initial grading of the field area is complete along with work done on the wetlands restoration project. The decision to use The Greenskeeper, Bill Bartlett and Son and Reliable Fencing for the field work next Spring will kick-off the next phase of this project. Many thanks go out to all the residents in Plaistow for your patience and support for this project. Our projection is that in Spring of 2007, pending any weather problems, we will be playing on the new fields on Old County Road.

The Recreation Shed located on Ingalls Terrace has a new second floor addition for storage. With our growth over the last two years we outgrew the shed. This addition was made possible by a donation from Home Depot in Plaistow, Recreation impact fee money and an insurance claim from vandalism to the existing shed. This addition will be used for baseball and softball equipment storage along with the summer program.

Baseball and softball once again had a great year. 214 children ages 5 to 12 played ball in Plaistow last year. Unfortunately, we had to turn away children from playing in the majors and minor leagues due to field availability. Our major league baseball teams all made it to the playoffs. Dave Matthews' B League team played in the semi finals. They lost in extra innings. What a tremendous game played with a lot of heart and team spirit!

2005 was a year of new beginnings for Recreation. Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow and Sandown started the Four Town Recreation Group. We meet monthly to plan activities coordinating our efforts and finances. The summer program coordinated the first Four Town Summer Olympics at the Timberlane Middle School. Over 445 children participated in field games, events, arts and crafts. All four towns supplied us with EMTs so we could have a medic station set up. Wal-Mart of Plaistow supplied bottled water; Grand Rental Station donated a moon walk. This was a huge success with everyone having a great time meeting children from other towns and participating in events.

The Four Town Recreation Group also sponsored a trip to Yankee Candle, Home Towne Buffet and Bright Nights that was a complete sell out. Our last event for 2005 was a Senior New Years Eve party at the Vic Geary Center for area seniors. The Center



was decorated for the New Year, everyone had noise makers and hats, munchies and a light supper along with dancing to DJ Bud. We hope to plan many other activities, working together to find the best prices for our programs.

This past year showed tremendous growth in attendance for the senior programming at the Vic Geary Center. We are very excited about the programs that we offer and the enthusiastic participation by our senior citizens. The crafters made seasonal crafts that were sent to the home-bound. The knitters made items to sell at their annual craft fair along with hats, mittens, scarves, lap robes and afghans for those less fortunate. Baby blankets were made for the Pregnancy Crisis Center and lap robes for the veterans home. Great job seniors!! Our monthly socials and teas along with exciting trips to Indian Head Resort, Lighthouse Tour in Maine and Wentworth by Sea were enjoyed by all.

Plaistow town spirit sparked all of our community events. The Father/Son Breakfast became a family breakfast with over 250 people in attendance. 8000 Easter Eggs were stuffed by the seniors from the Vic Geary for the toddler and children's egg hunt on the Town Hall green. Once again, the businesses in downtown Plaistow participated with over 100 children in the toddler trick or treat day. Twent-six residents made fresh pine decorated wreaths for the holidays. Thank you Mrs. Smith for once again donating all the greens.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the many people and businesses who donated gifts, cash, food, stamps, calendars and time for those less fortunate in our town. Wal-Mart of Plaistow, along with the Plaistow Lions Club, held a fill-the-ambulance drive with toys the first weekend in December. Giving trees were placed in the First Baptist Church, TD Banknorth, The Plaistow Library and Walmart along with a toy and senior gift drive held by the Women's Auxiliary at the American Legion. Food baskets were provided by the Derry/Salem Elks Club, Singer Subaru and the Holy Angels Food Pantry for residents. Without the generosity of our fine town, many people would not have had such a nice Christmas. Thank you all for caring and helping us in 2005 and we look forward to a tremendous 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carli Sarty

Recreation Director



REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

RSA 36 as amended currently establishes 9 regional planning commissions that provide services to all cities and towns in New Hampshire. Plaistow is a member of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC). Each town with a population of less than 10,000 can have 2 commissioners and an alternate commissioner. Each commissioner, recommended by the Planning Board and appointed by the Board of Selectmen, serves a 4-year term. The current commissioners representing Plaistow are Marilyn Senter and Tim Moore; the alternate is Larry Gil. Commissioners can be any town/city resident, an elected town official or an appointed town official.

The regional planning commissions are funded through grants, gifts and primarily membership dues. The dues are assessed to each town or city based on its population; for 2006 the rate is \$.85 per capita - \$6,701 for Plaistow based on a population of 7884.

The purpose of the commission (quoted from the RPC Mission Statement) is "to foster sound planning, wise use and careful stewardship of the region's natural and man-made resources." RPC provides expertise in the following areas: municipal and regional land use planning, natural resources and conservation, regional transportation planning, coastal resources management, economic development and geographic information systems (GIS) development.

RPC is responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Regional Master Plan. The purpose of this plan is to make sure that resources are used wisely in the region and compatibility is maintained across town boundaries.

RPC provides help to Plaistow in the following areas:

- General technical assistance regarding land use,
- Chairs the Plaistow Kingston Route 125 Advisory Task Force,
- Performs traffic counts on Plaistow streets at the request of the Board of Selectmen,
- Support for the Greater Derry /Salem Regional Transit plan,
- Support for the Salem-Plaistow-Windham Metropolitan Planning Organization-transportation issues that feed into the State's 10 and 20 year Transportation Improvement Plans (TIPs),
- Build out analysis (contracted with RPC; applied for and received a Target Block grant from RPC to help offset the cost of the analysis),
- Master Plan and CIP updates (prior years),
- Sponsors quarterly Conservation Commission Round Table discussions,
- Helps with a federally required Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore

Plaistow RPC Commissioner



SOUTHEASTERN NH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MUTUAL AID DISTRICT

The Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District is organized as a regional solution to the hazardous materials response problem. The purpose of the District is to prepare our communities, regionally, for responses to hazardous materials incidents, both with training and equipment. The 16 communities that comprise the district are: Auburn, Atkinson, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Derry, Hampstead, Hooksett, Litchfield, Londonderry, Pelham, Plaistow, Sandown, Salem and Windham. Approximately 400 square miles, and a population of approximately 150,000 residents, are covered by the district's response area. The District is the first of its kind certified by the State of New Hampshire as a Regional Emergency Planning Committee. Included in the area encompassed by the District there is an Interstate Highway System, a rail line, hundreds of miles of state and local highways and the state's largest airport.

The District is managed by an Operations Committee and a Board of Directors. The Operations committee consists of a Chief Officer from each member community and is responsible for the day-to-day business of the organization. The Board of Directors consists of an elected or appointed member of municipal government from each member community and they provide oversight and fiscal management of the organization. The District provides the highest level of response available for Hazardous Materials, Level "A."

District resources include two response trailers equipped with generators, oil spill and decontamination equipment, chemical reference material, protective suits, communications equipment, and a response truck and trailer equipped for the team. The District trailers and truck are strategically located to respond to any community requesting them. An EMS Mass Casualty trailer is located in Londonderry, available for response to medical incidents with a large number of patients. A new addition this year is a decontamination trailer supplied to the team by the State of New Hampshire, Office of Emergency Management. This trailer is equipped to decontaminate a large number of people affected by a HAZMAT or weapons of mass destruction incident.

Training Overview 2005

Training Continues to be a top priority for the Southeastern NH HAZMAT Team. The team continues to train in the areas of transportation and fixed facility emergencies, weapons of mass destruction, clandestine drug labs and confined space rescue.

The Hazmat Team members attended the 24-hour Emergency Response to Terrorism Course sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters. This course provided the members with the information to make informed, controlled and safe responses involving weapons of mass destruction.

The team also hosted an 80-hour Hazardous Materials Technician course where 21 area firefighters were trained to the Technician level. In addition, five members of the NH State Police Explosives Unit were also trained to the Technician level.



The NH Bureau of Radiological Health also provided a training class to the team entitled: Responding to Radiological Emergencies. A tabletop exercise, and hands on activity also followed this class using the team's radiological survey equipment.

The HAZMAT district has also assisted member communities with planning for Homeland Security training exercises and provided HAZMAT refresher training. Please visit the district web site for a full training schedule, list of events and information. www.senhazmat.org

The Response Team

The response team is made up of 40 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The team consists of 36 technical level members (TMs), four communication specialists (CSs) and six technical team leaders (TTLs). In addition to members drawn from a fire department background the team also includes persons from various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, a microbiologist, a medical examiner and a member from the Londonderry Police Department. Activation of the team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Dispatch Center. The team is then notified to respond via alphanumeric pagers. The team is available to respond to chemical based incidents at one of three levels:

Level One – single resource response – this is usually a request for a spill trailer to assist a community in containing an unplanned fixed volume hydrocarbon release. A technical team leader will respond with the dispatched resource.

Level Two – team leader response – this is a request by a community for a team leader response to a community to assist in the disposition of an incident involving a known or unknown chemical. This response consists of the entry/command trailer and two team leaders. It is sometimes supplemented by a small group of support technicians.

Level Three – full team response – this is the response of the whole District team including all personnel and mobile equipment.

In addition to the technical expertise maintained by the team, each member community undergoes annual training for responding to hazardous materials incidents. When requested by the member communities, the district staff will schedule and coordinate initial and/or refresher training to the individual departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin N. Bove

Chairman, Board of Directors

Michael W. Carrier

Chairman, Operations Committee



REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Election records are kept in the Town Clerk's office for reference by anyone who is authorized and in need of that information. Voting checklist is retained for a period of 6 years and can be referenced as proof of voting in any given election if needed.

STATE VOTER LIST: This past year was busy inputting all of Plaistow's registered voters into the new State list. We will be able to better track when you voted and also better track if someone tries to vote in more than one NH town. Any voter who has been registered prior to mid-year 2003 may be asked to fill out the newest voter registration form, so that we can update their voter record.

REGISTERING TO VOTE: New residents may register to vote during regular office hours in the Town Clerk's office, also during any session of the Supervisors of the Check List. These sessions are posted on the Cable TV station (Channel 17) and also in the local newspapers. The session is held about 10 days prior to any election. A person cannot register to vote in the Town Clerks' office 10 days prior to any election; they must then wait to register and vote on Election Day. Residents may not register at the Deliberative Session. New Hampshire has a same day registration policy.

To register as a voter a resident must prove that he/she is a resident of Plaistow. To do this we require a mortgage statement or notarized letter from their landlord, plus a current utility bill showing that they are indeed living there. ID is also required; this can be in the form of a current NH driver's license, certified birth certificate or a current passport. If a person's name has changed and it doesn't reflect the new name on their documents, we will need to see the document that confirms the name change. Anyone that has become a citizen after moving to the USA will need to show his or her naturalization papers as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Pelletier

Town Clerk



Fire Department Open House.



REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

There is a new face in the Tax Collectors Office. Nancy Bolduc has been appointed Deputy Tax Collector. She has lived in town since 1969 and is a familiar face to most of our residents.

Tax dollars are used to preserve the quality of life that makes Plaistow a great place to reside, work and visit. The tax dollars collected are used to fund the many services for which the residents have voted. These services include, but are not limited to, the school system, police officers patrolling the Town, firefighters prepared to protect individuals and structures, emergency services, recreation programs and facilities and the many services provided by the Town Hall staff.

The Tax Collector's Office is open Monday thru Wednesday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM and is closed for lunch from noon to 1:00PM. During the tax season the office works an extended schedule, and we are now keeping the office open on Mondays from 8:30AM to 7:00 PM during this time.

You may reach the Tax Collector by calling 382-5200 x 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie L. Bayek

Tax Collector



Summer Recreation Program Director Kate DeRoche & the Easter Bunny.



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As we in the Town Clerk's Office prepare for the New Year, we hope to add to our residents' ease of getting their vehicles registered. We already offer registration renewals via mail, in person and on the Internet. In 2006 we will be going live on line with the state; this will open up more transactions which we will be able to complete at the Town Clerk's office instead of going to a motor vehicle office.

Some of the transactions that will be allowed with this change will be: Applying for a vanity plate, receiving a moose plate and doing vehicles over 8000 lbs. With a little luck, the State will add us to the system before Spring is out.

The Town Clerk's office is now closed for lunch on Wednesdays from 12 – 1pm.

AUTO REGISTRATIONS: Renewals can be done in person, by mail, with a mail notice (cost \$1.00/per vehicle) or by e-reg www.plaistow.com (cost is \$2.50 each vehicle plus a \$.35 per transaction fee). To do a new vehicle, you will need to present a certificate of origin, a title or title application prepared by a NH dealer for 1992 and newer vehicles. For 1991 and older vehicles, a bill of sale is required along with a previously issued NH registration, or a copy of a previous title or a TDMV 19A form (available at the Town Clerk's Office). With all transactions, you will need to show proof of residency and proof of identification. Fees for the town tax are based on value of the vehicle. State fees are based on weight. There are also fees for the title, plates, special plates, mail notices and e-reg fees.

DOG LICENSES: All dogs three months or older must be licensed annually on or before April 30th. Late fees and fines will be assessed on all unlicensed dogs after June 1st. A valid rabies certificate is needed for all dogs. Plaistow holds an annual Rabies Clinic in late March at the Fire Station. At this time, you may also license your Plaistow dogs.

BOATS: You may register your boats at the Town Clerk's office even if you are not a resident of Plaistow. We only accept cash for boat registrations.

VITAL RECORDS: You may obtain certified copies of Birth, Death and Marriage records that occurred anywhere in NH from 1990 to the present from any NH Town Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals that demonstrate a "direct and tangible" interest may request the records by showing ID and filling out the required forms. The cost is \$12.00 each for a first copy and subsequent copies (at the same time) are only \$8.00. Marriage licenses cost \$45.00 and are available to anyone who is at least 18 years old and wants to be married in NH. ID is required as well as the certified document ending any prior marriage (if applicable).

Respectively submitted,

Maryellen Pelletier
Town Clerk



REPORT OF TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

Record of Resident Marriages in New Hampshire:

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Town of Issuance</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Ahern, Timothy M.	Lohnes, Robin F.	Plaistow	9/23/2005
Balcom, Donald E.	Fortin, Linda M.	Plaistow	4/23/2005
Baldwin, Scott K.	McCulker, Elizabeth A.	Plaistow	3/13/2005
Bernard, William D.	Whittier, Kimberly D.	Hampstead	9/18/2005
Berube, Brian	Benavides, Amy	Plaistow	12/9/2005
Bilodeau, Sean P.	Thornton, Jillian C.	Plaistow	12/17/2005
Borden, Richard H.	Cooper, Pamela A.	Plaistow	12/21/2005
Burchill, Richard J.	Roger, Shannon L.	Plaistow	10/8/2005
Byron, Christopher D.	Schosser, Jennifer R.	Plaistow	11/5/2005
Cardonneau, Gary A.	Nadeau, Elaine D.	Plaistow	5/30/2005
Caverno, Albert D.	McDonough, Stephanie A.	Plaistow	4/23/2005
Cuevas, Victor F.	Jordan, Sheila L.	Plaistow	9/10/2005
DeRoche, John J.	Sherman, Kathleen S.	Plaistow	7/9/2005
Dirienzo, Frank J.	Peterson, Cheryl A.	Plaistow	6/4/2005
Feeley, Shawn E.	Hunter, Tracey L.	Plaistow	8/27/2005
Frye, Robert A.	Keller, Carol A.	Plaistow	8/6/2005
Gionet, James R.	Bunkartas, Erin E.	Plaistow	9/24/2005
Giordano, Benjamin F.	Thornton, Kathleen A.	Plaistow	11/20/2005
Hawes, Robert M.	Lewis, Cornelia A.	Plaistow	5/10/2005
Hewett, Daniel H.	Kainu, Kara L.	Derry	5/15/2005
Ingham, Thomas W.	Sumner, Heather L.	Plaistow	8/27/2005
Irwin, John M.	Cynewski, Marie G.	Plaistow	9/10/2005
LaCroix, Matthew S.	Symes, Katie A.	Plaistow	5/21/2005
Lord, Keith R.	Alex, Sophia S.	Plaistow	7/30/2005
Mejia, George M.	Betancur, Belza M.	Plaistow	8/28/2005
Nault, Nicholas S.	Bertoncini, Andrea L.	Kingston	1/11/2005
Oliver, Robert D.	Cunha, Maria F.	Plaistow	3/19/2005
Pevna, David M.	Garry, Joanne P.	Plaistow	7/17/2005
Pimentel, Jeffrey M.	Jagelavicius, Laura J.	Kingston	12/28/2005
Poliquin, Daniel J.	Holeckova, Lenka	Plaistow	10/8/2005
Reardon, Charles F.	Thompson, Evelyn A.	Plaistow	5/22/2005
Sarofian, Barry	Sauvan, Denise	Plaistow	9/24/2005
Silva, Rodrigo H.	Brown, Gennifer E.	Plaistow	10/16/2005
Watts, Donald L.	Gage, Marlene J.	Plaistow	1/23/2005
Wilson, Richard F.	Anderson, Pamela A.	Plaistow	10/21/2005
Zwahlen, Christian R.	Petrakis, Cassandra I.	Kingston	8/5/2005



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS CONTINUED:
Record of Resident Death in New Hampshire:

<u>Descendent</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Bouvier, Edward	Bouvier, Omer	Archambault, Adeline	12/14/2005
Codding, Elaine	Simpson, John	Daly, Helen	10/17/2005
Cotter, Arlene	Walters, Edwin	Grafton, Arline	1/1/2005
Crowe, Marilyn	McMannus, John	Hendey, Helen	7/18/2005
Jackman, Aldea	Martin, August	DuPont, Delia	12/1/2005
Maguire, William	Maguire, William	Lojko, Stefanya	6/20/2005
Marquis, Norman	Marquis, Abel	Cloutier, Gertrude	12/29/2005
McDonough, Catherine	McDonough, Stephen	Gynan, Stephanie	11/8/2005
Rennie, Malcolm	Rennie, Wallace	Cranton, Gladys	10/7/2005
Sabin, John	Sabin, Emery	Richardson, Thelma	7/10/2005
Semons, Frances	Sheehan, Andrew	Wentworth, Doris	4/15/2005
Sirois, Normand	Sirois, Eustache	Beaulieu, Blanche	1/18/2005
Sudano, Anthony	Sudano, Sebastiano	Sanseverino, Emmaculata	5/20/2005
Swanson, Donald	Swanson, Carl	Mullen, Ethel	5/9/2005

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Pelletier

Town Clerk



Plaistow Historical Society.



REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

In 2005, the Town Hall Renovation committee finished Phase 1 of a three phase project. Phase 1 included a four-stop elevator to make the Town Hall handicap accessible to the public, a fire suppression system, major electrical work to the building, upgrading the cable broadcast equipment, as well as minor office adjustments and painting. Phase 1 required the relocation of town offices during this construction. The committee would like to thank the residents of Plaistow and the town employees for your cooperation during this inconvenience. Especially the Safety Complex, Library and Historical Society for housing the temporary relocations of these offices. During the year the committee accepted the resignations of Alden Palmer, Richard Latham and Bernadine FitzGerald. We thank them for their service to this committee.

In 2006, the committee plans to finish Phase 2. Phase 2 includes heating and cooling upgrades. Selectmen have added additional money into the warrant for pointing, roof and gutter repairs. This was not a part of the initial renovation plans, but is work that needs to be done in Phase 2. Phase 2 will also see additional work with fireproof painting. We will also begin working with our Architect, MBA International, on plans for Phase 3.

Phase 3 will finish the Town Hall renovations and will include office/room/interior reconfigurations and address additional parking needs around Pollard Park. With the conclusion of Phase 3, tentatively set for 2007/2008, the committee will have addressed the charter/charge set forth by the Board of Selectmen in 2003, and will have delivered to the townspeople a fully functional town hall prepared to meet the needs of the growing population for an additional 25 years.

The committee continues to seek out new volunteers. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact the Selectmen's office. Please feel free to drop in anytime the town is open to see the work that has been completed thus far.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Gray

Chairman



QUESTION AND ANSWERS PROPOSED TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Q - What is the History of the Town Hall? A - The Town Hall was constructed in 1895, replacing the one built in 1831. It is one of the distinctive landmarks of the community. Over the years this Town Hall has been home to the police department, the library, town offices, the courthouse and a wide variety of civic functions. The second floor great hall and balcony have been used for plays, dances and meetings.

Q - What is the current use of the Town Hall? A - Sixteen employees work in Town Hall including administration, finance, assessing, vital records, vehicle registration, tax collection, planning, code enforcement, building inspection, health inspection, human services and recreation. Meetings are regularly held by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other boards and committees. Employees and the members of boards and committees are all cramped by lack of adequate file storage.

Q - What charge did the Board of Selectmen give to the Town Hall Building Committee? A - The Board of Selectmen appointed and charged this committee in 2003 to review the current use of the Town Hall, to analyze current and future needs, to examine all the building systems, to develop plans to make the second floor useful by coming into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to prepare cost estimates in conjunction with an architect.

Q - What did the committee recommend needed to be done? A - The committee recommended major renovations to be done in three phases totaling about \$750,000. Phase One was done in 2005.

Q. What was completed in Phase One? In 2005 the first phase was completed with the installation of a complete fire suppression system, bringing the entire electrical system up to code, construction of an elevator for four levels of Town Hall, creating a level fourth floor out of the balcony and changes in offices, the main hall and the balcony as a result of the elevator being constructed.

Q - What will be done in Phase Two for 2006 if the Town approves \$160,000 in the warrant article? A – Phase Two consists of work on the gutters and roof (\$13,000), pointing the exterior of the building (\$17,000), replacing the second floor electric heat and window air conditioners with central heating and cooling (\$100,000), fire protection in back hall and under stage (\$10,000), related expenses (\$10,000) and developing architectural plans for Phase Three (\$10,000).

Q. What will be left for work in Phase Three? Future work will include: parking improvements, flooring replacement, folding partitions, construction of offices on the balcony level, increasing storage space, bringing the stairs from the cellar and those to the mezzanine level into compliance, improving access to the stage and providing better access to the basement from outside.

Q – How will this impact taxes? A- The \$160,000 will be coming from fund balance that the Town already has in the bank, so there will be no impact on taxes.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Each year at Town Meeting warrant articles are passed by the voters and, as Trustees, we work toward preserving the integrity of those articles. We strive to make sure each fund that is created by the voters is managed and spent according to the intent of each article. During 2005 the Trustees have been preparing for the Town's future by managing the funds entrusted to us by the people of Plaistow.

One way in which we prepare for the future is to keep an ever-diligent eye on current interest rates and make sure we are keeping the funds in the safest and most profitable investments allowable by the laws of the State of New Hampshire governing Trust Funds.

The year 2005 has been a profitable year with interest rates continuing to climb at a steady pace. The majority of our funds are still invested and managed by New Hampshire Public Pool (NHPDIP). However, during 2004, the Trustees transferred one account to an alternative investment institution for a one-year trial period in hopes of receiving a higher rate of return as well as user-friendly services. After the yearlong trial, this account has shown a profit; however, the Trustees have been disappointed with the year-end yield. Currently the Trustees are reviewing other options.

In closing, the Trustees pledge to continue to prepare for the future by managing the accounts created by the Town for the sole purpose of financial preparedness.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Jill Senter

Chairperson



Officer Alec Porter & K-9 Partner Stryker.



REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

The Town maintains an underground fire suppression system that is fairly unique. It was planned and developed approximately 30 years ago in a collaborative effort between the Town and three of the largest employers in the community at the time - Process Engineering, Westville Homes and Keezer Manufacturing. A very limited system was installed consisting of a diesel powered fire pump and a 90,000 gallon storage tower and a 300,000 gallon reservoir to provide fire suppression capabilities in these manufacturing facilities, as well as several fire hydrants along the streets where the line was installed. The system was not designed for use as a source of potable water. The original pumping facility is still intact on the property currently occupied by Chart Industries. The water tower has been taken out of service, but still serves the Town in another capacity as a foundation for cellular communications antennas. The system was expanded to include a second pumping station and reservoir on town land near the end of Maple Avenue. This facility has both electric and diesel fire pumps. The source of water for this facility is a 1,000,000 gallon above ground earthen reservoir. For various reasons, this facility has become our primary pumping station.

Over the course of time, the system has been expanded to provide additional coverage to the community. Most notably, the line was extended south along Plaistow Road from Westville Road when the Shaw's Plaza was constructed. At about the same time, the line was extended into the Pentucket Plaza to provide fire suppression to that facility as well. During the renovation by Home Depot, this portion of the water line was tied into the segment at Westville Road, providing a redundant supply path to that facility should a line break occur.

Modifications to the system have taken place as new businesses have replaced old. The line was extended into Kohl's, tying into an existing suppression system that had been fed from a fire pond behind the plaza. With the water on the southbound side of Route 125, we have recently extended this segment southward to the current Ethan Allen mall that is currently under construction. The majority of these additions were done at minimal cost to the Town. The construction projects, due to changes in fire codes, were required to install sprinklers in the buildings.

The Town has embarked on several projects to enhance the reliability of the system. As part of the Kingston Road bridge project, the line was extended from Arbor Lane to Main Street. Part of this project was funded by the State and part by the Town. During this project, we established a loop between the two main portions of the line. Loops are established to ensure redundant sources of water, should a portion of the line need to be shut down. In addition, we were able to branch into both the Safety Complex and the Town Hall in anticipation of future installation of sprinklers for those facilities. As part of the Town Hall renovations, a fully automatic sprinkler system was installed in this historic building during the past year.

This year brought an extension to the system as we work towards bringing the line to Route 125. The latest addition added several hydrants along Main Street from Maple



Avenue to Route 125. We also installed service connections for future expansion along Jesse George/Old Road area. This plan is currently being looked at for the coming year. As with any construction project, it brought some disruption in the area of the project. Although the use of Main Street was temporarily impacted, the end result brings significant benefit to the community as a whole as we continue to establish an infrastructure that makes Plaistow an attractive community for continued commercial growth. For residences, nearby locations of the water line should allow for a reduction in your fire insurance costs.

From a financial standpoint, the system does provide a source of revenue to the community. Facilities that are protected by the system (i.e. they have a sprinkler system supplied by our Water Department) are assessed a nominal fee based on the size of the area protected. Including an increase in this fee was approved by the Board of Selectmen last year. Generally speaking, these fees cover the cost of system maintenance and operation.

This is my first year as your Water Superintendent. I am still getting my feet wet, so to speak, but have the availability of two former Water Superintendents who have offered their experience and knowledge to assist me. Both Dick Latham and Don Petzold have come forward to offer their services to the Town to ensure the continued operation and growth of this system serves the community for years to come.

I am also acknowledging the efforts of the most recent Water Superintendent, Don Sargent, who retired in September of this year. Don maintained the system for many years and provided oversight of many of the most recent construction projects.

We continue to prepare for the future by placing funds in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), to allow for future expansion of the water line along Route 125 to be coordinated with the State of New Hampshire's plan for widening that highway.

Respectfully submitted,

John McArdle

Water Superintendent



REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board has had another busy year hearing 56 cases in the 2005 year. There continues to be a steady flow of applications for home occupations, in-law apartments and requests for assorted setback and sign variances.

The Board is in the process of reviewing our Rules of Procedure to see if they are in step with not only State of New Hampshire RSAs, but also with any changes that may come from decisions made in the higher courts. We continue to communicate through our Administrative Assistant, Dee Voss, to other boards, particularly the Planning Board, as well as other committees, to make them aware of different trends in what applications are being made and making suggestions for review of zoning.

We bid a sad farewell to long-time board member, Guy Sawyer, who retired from the Board after many years of tireless service to the residents of Plaistow. We welcome some new blood to the Board when Cliff Clark became an alternate. Cliff was pressed into fulltime service when Guy had to leave us. I would like to recognize the rest of the Board, Peter Bealo, Robert "Hardware Bob" Loeffler, Julie Matthews and Barbara Burri. I continue to be impressed with their careful, thoughtful consideration of all matters that come before this Board.

I would also like to thank Mike Dorman, Chief Building Official, for his continued support of the Board. The depth of information that he is able to provide the Board during hearings facilitates our being able to make what we feel are fair and equitable decisions in the best interests of all the residents and future of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Ordway

Chairman



Santa Claus visits Plaistow.

TOWN OF PLAISTOW NEW HAMPSHIRE



2006 CANDIDATES & BALLOT QUESTIONS
Warrant as amended by Deliberative Session February 4, 2006

2006 Plaistow Town Warrant State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street, in said Plaistow on Saturday, February 4, 2006 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 at the Plaistow Town Hall on Monday, February 6, 2006, starting at 6:30 PM. 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 14, 2006, 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 To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

SELECTMAN – THREE YEAR TERM

LAWRENCE W. GIL
DANIEL J. POLIQUIN

VOTE FOR TWO

TAX COLLECTOR – THREE YEAR TERM

ROSEMARIE L. BAYEK

VOTE FOR ONE

FIRST FIRE ENGINEER – ONE YEAR TERM

JOHN W. JUDSON III

VOTE FOR ONE

SECOND FIRE ENGINEER – ONE YEAR TERM

MICHAEL "JAKE" KENNEDY

VOTE FOR ONE

THIRD FIRE ENGINEER – ONE YEAR TERM

ERNEST A. MORIN

VOTE FOR ONE

FORTH FIRE ENGINEER – ONE YEAR TERM
CHRIS POLIQUIN

VOTE FOR ONE

BUDGET COMMITTEE – ONE YEAR TERM
BERNADINE A. FITZGERALD

VOTE FOR ONE

BUDGET COMMITTEE – TWO YEAR TERM
KRISTEB LEWIS SAVAGE

VOTE FOR ONE

BUDGET COMMITTEE – THREE YEAR TERM
T. RICHARD LATHAM
HENRY SZMYT
GEORGE PEABODY

VOTE FOR FOUR

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – THREE YEAR TERM
THERESE A. CHOUNIARD

VOTE FOR TWO

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – TWO YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST – SIX YEAR TERM
NANCY J. JACKMAN
DONNA H. SULLIVAN

VOTE FOR ONE

PLANNING BOARD – THREE YEAR TERM
BARRY WEYMOUTH

VOTE FOR ONE

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS – THREE YEAR TERM
PAT MACOMBER
B. JILL SENTER

VOTE FOR ONE

MODERATOR – TWO YEAR TERM
BARRY SARGENT

VOTE FOR ONE

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – THREE YEAR TERM
MARY ANN GEORGE
CATHERINE WILLIS

VOTE FOR TWO

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – TWO YEAR TERM
SCOTT LANE
NIKKI PENTA

VOTE FOR ONE

AUDITORS -- ONE YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR TWO

Copies of all zoning ordinances in their entirety may be found at the Town Clerk's office and at the public posting locations throughout Town.

Article P-2 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 XIV, Impact Fees, Section 220-100, by eliminating letter A., Imposition of Route125 Improvement Impact Fee.

The purpose of this amendment is to cease collection of the Route 125 Impact Fee due to imminent completion of the proposed projects associated with the collection of such funds.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-3 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 VII, Affordable Elderly Housing Community (AEHC), Section 220-54., Letter C. by stating that minimum lot size will be based on septic loading, but cannot be smaller than 40,000 square feet.

The purpose of this amendment is to specify a minimum lot size for AEHC developments.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Chapter 220, Article VII, Affordable Elderly Housing Community (AEHC), Sections 220-51 and 220-52, by changing the references from tenants (62 years or older) to tenant's (55 years or older).

The purpose of this amendment is to lower the age requirement for the AEHC to allow more opportunities for this type of housing.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 of the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition pursuant to RSA 675:4 as follows:

An amendment to § 220-16 (B) Ref. Motor Vehicle and Trailer Sales. (Page 22014), which currently reads:

"No lot used for a vehicular dealership in a Commercial I District may be located any closer than 1,000 feet in any direction to any other lot used for a vehicular dealership."

If this amendment passes it will allow for an exception to the above Rule, as follows:

1. Exception: Upon application of the owner of a non-conforming dealership, the Planning Board may grant a conditional use permit pursuant to RSA 674:21 to allow the relocation of the dealership license to another location that does not conform, by reason of the 1,000 foot restriction, providing the Board finds on the evidence presented that relocation of the dealership to the new location will better protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Plaistow. Any applicant who is granted such a conditional use permit must give up all rights in and to the existing non-conforming use at the original site as an automatic condition of approval.

(NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.5 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Wetlands by rewriting it as follows:

220-18. Authority and Purpose.

By the authority granted in New Hampshire RSA 674:16 to 17 and RSA 674:20 to 21 and in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare, the Plaistow Wetlands Ordinance is hereby enacted to regulate the uses of a Wetlands District. The regulations are intended to:

- A. Protect persons and properties from danger of floods by preserving natural floodwater storage areas.
- B. Prevent the Town of Plaistow from incurring the costs of constructing sewer lines and treatment facilities which will be necessitated by the unwise use of [or] development of unsuitable areas.
- C. Prevent development on soils which will contribute to the pollution of surface and ground waters necessary to supply domestic needs.

D. Preserve recharge areas necessary to regulate groundwater supply and augment stream flow during dry periods.

E. Protect existing water quality.

F. Protect existing natural wildlife habitats.

G. Discourage chronic stress on wetlands environments contributed by modification of water flow patterns and rates.

H. Encourage uses that can be safely and appropriately located in wetland areas.

I. Encourage uses that can be safely and appropriately located in green spaces and open spaces.

220-19. Wetlands District.

A. A Wetlands District is an overlay district that may occur in any zone as defined by the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance.

B. A Wetlands District contains all wetlands areas as defined in Section 220-19.B and all wetlands buffers as defined in Section 220-20.

C. Where a Wetlands District overlays another zone or district the more restrictive regulations shall apply.

220-20. Wetlands and wetlands boundaries.

A. "Wetlands" means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

B. The Wetlands boundary shall circumscribe the wetlands area as defined in Section 220-19.A.

C. Saturated soil conditions shall be as defined by the High Intensity Soil Survey (HIS) Standards. The HIS Standards define soil types by 6 drainage classes; 2 of those classes, 5 and 6, define saturated soil conditions. Class 5 soils are poorly drained soils and Class 6 soils are very poorly drained soils. All soil surveys for determining saturated soil conditions shall be performed in adherence with HIS standards.

D. Vernal pools shall be considered wetlands areas for the purpose of this ordinance. Vernal pools have either bedrock or a hard clay layer in the soil that helps to keep water in the pool. They are covered by shallow water for variable periods from winter to spring but may be completely dry for most of the summer and fall.

E. Wetlands vegetation shall be defined as vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. For those areas where wetland vegetation comprises 50% or more of the total vegetation shall be considered wetlands regardless of soil classification boundaries.

220-21. Wetlands buffers.

Wetland buffers shall exist adjacent to all wetlands areas to protect wetlands and the surrounding vegetation and wildlife habitats. Wetlands buffers shall include the following:

A. No cut, no disturb buffer

There shall be a 25-foot buffer immediately adjacent to all wetlands areas that shall be left in its naturally vegetated state. No cutting of vegetation shall be permitted unless a study (approved by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission) is done that shows the existing vegetation as having a negative impact on the wetlands areas, vegetation or wildlife supported by the wetlands areas.

No additional plantings are allowed and no fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides may be applied in wetlands buffers. Town, State and Federal regulated mosquito and pest control are exempt from this restriction.

B. 25-foot no construction buffer

1. There shall be a 25-foot buffer immediately adjacent to the "No cut, no disturb" buffer (total of 50 feet from the outer edge of the wetlands boundary as determined herein). No buildings, structures, driveways, roads or paved surfaces are allowed in the "25-foot no construction buffer."
2. This buffer shall apply only in those cases where the wetlands areas are defined by poorly drained soils and/or by wetlands vegetation.

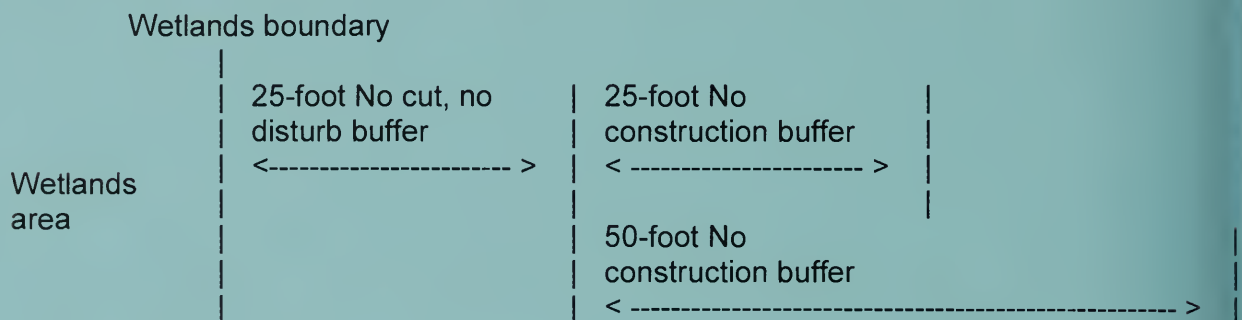
C. 50-foot no construction buffer

1. There shall be a 50-foot buffer immediately adjacent to the "No cut, no disturb" buffer (total of 75 feet from the outer edge of the buffer to the

wetlands boundary). No buildings, structures, driveways, roads or paved surfaces are allowed in the "50-foot no construction buffer."

2. This buffer shall apply only in those cases where the wetlands areas are defined by very poorly drained soils and/or by vernal pools.

D. Wetlands buffers diagram.



220-22. Boundary appeals.

In the event that the Code Enforcement Officer, the Conservation Commission or the Planning Board questions the validity of a wetlands boundary, or a wetlands buffer on a specific parcel of land, the Board may call upon the services of a qualified wetlands scientist, biologist or botanist, as applicable, to examine and report the findings to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for determination of the boundary. Any necessary soil testing procedures or vegetation determination procedures shall be conducted at the expense of the applicant. Any costs associated with such an appeal shall be borne by the applicant.

220-23. Permitted uses in a Wetlands District.

All uses not specifically mentioned in this article are not permitted. Permitted uses are those compatible with the purposes specified in Section 220-18 of this article, those in compliance with other municipal and state regulations and those which do not involve significant altering of the wetlands including:

- A. Forestry and tree farming in accordance with a certified professional forester.

B. Water supply sources.

C. Wildlife habitat and habitat development.

D. Conservation areas, passive recreational uses, and nature trails providing the activity has not significantly altered any part of the district or wildlife habitat.

E. Agriculture, including grazing, hay production, truck gardening and silage production, providing that such uses are shown not to cause increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such uses will not cause the soil to erode.

220-24. Prohibitions in a Wetlands District.

A. Septic systems and waste disposal systems

1. No new septic system or waste disposal system shall be allowed within 100 feet of a wetlands boundary.
2. No replacement septic system or waste disposal system on an existing lot of record shall be allowed within 100 feet of a wetlands boundary unless the new design has been approved by state and municipal authorities.

B. Building activity includes but is not limited to all buildings, structures, driveways, roads and paved surfaces.

C. Deposits of fill unless approved by state and municipal authorities. A conditional use permit may also be necessary; see Section 220-26 for the conditional use permit requirements.

D. Deposits of hazardous materials regardless of state or municipal approval.

E. Relocation or disturbance of a wetlands area.

Proposing to move this section (220-25) to 220-34.A. Add a new paragraph.

220-25. Conditional uses.

A. A conditional use permit may be granted by the Planning Board (RSA 674:21, II) for the construction of roads and other access ways and for pipelines, power lines and other types of transmission lines provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within a Wetlands District.
- (2) Design and construction methods will be such as to minimize detrimental impact upon a Wetlands District and will include restoration of the site as nearly as possible to its original grade and condition.
- (3) No feasible alternative route avoids crossing a Wetlands District or has less detrimental impact on a Wetlands District is feasible.
- (4) Economic advantage alone is not the reason for the proposed construction.
- (5) A written report from the Conservation Commission regarding the Conditional Use permit is received by the Planning Board.

B. Prior to the granting of a conditional permit under this section, the applicant shall agree to submit a performance security as determined by the Planning Board. The security shall be submitted in a form and amount with surety and conditions satisfactory to the Planning Board to ensure that the construction has been carried out in accordance with the approved design. The security shall be submitted and approved by the Planning Board prior to the issuance of any permit authorizing construction.

C. The Planning Board, with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission, may require the applicant to submit an environmental impact assessment when necessary to evaluate an application made under this section. The cost of this assessment shall be borne by the applicant. The Planning Board may also assess the applicant reasonable fees to cover the costs of other special investigative studies and for the review of documents required by particular applications.

The purpose of this amendment is to better define the boundaries of the wetlands and their buffers.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-7 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 V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-34. Dimensional requirements as follows:

220-34. Dimensional requirements.

The following dimensional standards shall apply:

A. Minimum lot area.

1. For any main use the minimum lot size shall be specified in Section 220-32 and measured as provided for in the definitions for lot measurement. Compliance with minimum lot size requirements shall be based on on-site soils survey analysis conducted by a qualified soils scientist using the High Intensity Soil Map Standards developed by the Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England, 1986. With the

exception of lot lines that must merge to meet the geometric configuration of an adjacent existing lot, opposing lot lines which define the perimeter of a subject lot shall be a distance of at least 50 feet apart.

2. Wetland areas, defined in Section 220-19, may not be used to satisfy minimum lot size requirements.

3. Upland areas being used to satisfy minimum lot size must be contiguous.

The purpose of this amendment is to list the required lot dimensions and criteria in one place in the ordinance that were previously scattered throughout the ordinance.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-8 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 X, Home Occupation, Section 220-66., Letter A. by adding "Personal Service Business" after the word consultant.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow personal services, as already defined in the ordinance, be listed as a permitted home occupation.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-9 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 III., General Provisions, Section 220-8. Use of nonconforming lot, Letter C. as follows:

§ 220-8. Use of nonconforming lot.

C. Any building or structure on a non-conforming lot may not be extended except by a special exception.

Exception: *In the MDR, LDR and residential uses in the CII and ICR, the principal structure may be expanded and/or an accessory structure may be*

added, without special exception, provided it complies with all current zoning for that district.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow non-conforming residential lots the ability to expand without a special exception, provided they can meet all other requirements.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-10 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.9 as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III., General Provisions, Section 220-17.1., Conditions to Approvals.,

Letter A., Number 2 as follows:

Conditions to approvals.

A. All conditions described in the motion to approve a subdivision, lot line adjustment, site plan review, wetlands conditional use permit and/or hazardous material review must be met within **45 days** unless one or more of the following is true:

- (1) A specific time limit was made as part of the motion to conditionally approve; or
- (2) The applicant has applied for and the Planning Board has approved a request to extend the time limit for a specified period of time not to exceed **45 days**. The applicant may apply for one **forty-five day** extension.

B. Failure to meet all conditions within the time prescribed results in automatic disapproval and the plan is required to be resubmitted.

The purpose of this amendment is to lessen the time for compliance from 90 to 45 days in order to avoid plans remaining in a state of conditional approval for too long.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-11 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, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32C, "CII" -Commercial II, as follows:

Table 220-32C
"CII" – Commercial II

A. Objectives and characteristics. The area encompasses that portion referred to as "Town Center" of the "older" Plaistow. It has all the characteristics of a rural New England Town through much of its area, which is to be preserved. To that extent, exterior changes on properties should be held to a minimum, yet allow for uses compatible with the existing residential character of the area.

B. Uses

Permitted Uses

1. Retail business (maximum 2,000 square feet per lot)
2. Place of worship
3. Business/professional office
4. Funeral establishment
5. Public use, limited to public safety and service
6. Single-family residence/**Duplex**
7. Accessory use
8. Essential services
- 8.1 AEHC (Affordable Elderly Housing Community)
- 8.2 Multifamily**

Allowed by Special Exception

9. Day-care center
10. Home occupation
- 11. In-Law Apt (owner occupied only)**

C. Areas and dimension.

(1) Minimum lot size:

(a) Area: 40,000 square feet. (*per family*)

(b) Frontage: 150 feet.

Exception: Duplex uses require 200 feet of frontage

The purpose of this amendment is to allow in-law apartments by special exception and multifamily uses by right in the CII district. This would allow for many existing conditions to become legal. It is also to clarify the minimum lot size and frontage requirements.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-12 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, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32E, "MDR" – Medium Density Residential, by adding the requirement for 200 feet of frontage for duplexes as follows:

Table 220-32E
"MDR" – Medium Density Residential

C. Areas and dimensions

(1) Minimum lot size:

(a) Area: 40,000 square feet.

(b) Frontage: 150 feet

Exception: Duplex uses require 200 feet of frontage

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the frontage requirement for the MDR district.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-13 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, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32G, "ICR" – Integrated Commercial-Residential, Letter C., Number 1 by adding the words "per family" as follows:

Table 220-32G

"ICR" – Integrated Commercial-Residential

C. Areas and dimensions

(1) Minimum lot size (area) ***per family***: 110,000 square feet (all uses)

The purpose of this amendment is to make frontage and lot sizing for a duplex consistent in all districts.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-14 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 IX, Signs, Section 220-58., All Districts, Letters A. and C. as follows:

A. Signs may be erected for the following purposes:

(1) Nameplates and identification signs.

(2) Property sale or rental signs.

(a) Real estate signs shall pay a one-time fee of \$50 per sale, per **unit**.

(b) Sign shall indicate the street address and unit number and must be displayed in front of the unit

C. Identification signs for shopping centers and industrial parks

a. A shopping center or industrial park may have one common sign containing a registry of all tenants/occupants provided the following requirements are met:

i. It is a freestanding sign.

ii. The names of individual tenants/occupants shall appear in letters of uniform style and size.

iii. It shall not exceed 25 feet in height, inclusive of the structure supporting the sign.

iv. The total area of the sign and structure shall not exceed 150 square feet, with the air space below the sign calculated as part of the 150 square feet.

v. It shall be located ***within the front buffer and 100% on the property to which it pertains*** and constructed so as not to impair ***site distance or*** traffic safety.

vi. Illumination of the sign, whether internal or external, shall not create conditions that are dangerous to the comfort, peace, enjoyment, health or safety of the community or lend to its disturbance or annoyance.

b. Attached signs shall conform to Subsection A above.

The purpose of this amendment is to better define where a commercial freestanding sign can be placed on a lot. It also clarifies that the requirements for a real estate sign permit applies to commercial as well as residential.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-15 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 Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32I, Minimum Dimensions for All Districts, as follows:

Table 220-32I Minimum Dimensions for All Districts (feet)		
	Side/ Rear	Front
Where land used industrially abuts residential	100	50
Where land used industrially abut commercial	50	50
Where industrial use abuts industrial use	35	50
Where Commercial I land abuts industrial land use	35	50
Where Commercial II land abuts industrial land use	20	30
Where land used commercially abuts a residential usage	50	50
Where Commercial I land use abuts any other commercial land use	35	50
Where Commercial II land use abuts any other commercial land use	20	30
Where Commercial or Mixed Use in the ICR Abuts any other land use	35	50
Where manufactured housing subdivision	25	35

land use abuts any other land use

Where AEHC land use abuts any other land use and a fence is provided	25	35
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Where AEHC land use abuts any other land use and trees and shrubs are provided	25	35
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Where Medium Density Residential abuts any other land use	15	35
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Where Low Density Residential abuts any other land use	25	35
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Where Residential Conservation abuts any other land use	25	50
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Where Residential Use in the ICR abuts any other land use	25	50
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The purpose of this amendment is to update Article V, Table 220-32I to show setbacks for ICR District uses.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand dollars (\$ 679,000) for the construction of a Highway Garage and Salt Shed; Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand dollars (\$ 679,000) 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: To build a new highway garage and salt shed on town-owned land. There is no tax impact in 2006. It is estimated the tax impact will be about \$9 per \$100,000 of evaluation in 2007 and decline each year thereafter. The plan is to obtain a bond for 10 years and use the funds to replace the existing garage (which was built in 1976) by building a new facility at the Penn Box site off Main Street

near the railroad tracks. Based on current estimated costs, the proposed garage will be 100 by 80 feet. A decision has been made by the Town that it will not be able to use the Cash Oil (Beede) Superfund site for a highway garage. There is no room to expand on the current site. There are three basic reasons for proposing this project now. First, the current garage is too small. Since the current garage was built, the department has doubled the number of vehicles and has twice as many full-time employees and has outgrown the old facility. The Department also has 31 more roads to maintain than in 1976. The proposed garage contains enough space for parking the town's highway vehicles indoors, office space, repair facilities, storage for parts and equipment and bathrooms. Second, the current garage has a problem with explosive methane landfill gas seeping into it, thereby setting off alarms numerous times. This creates an unhealthy situation for employees and puts the Town's equipment at risk. Third, a larger salt shed will be built at the new site that will meet EPA requirements and protect against salt contamination of the ground water. This will enable the town to save money on salt by buying more at the lower summer rates and house a larger reserve in the event the salt becomes unavailable during the winter. For example, having a larger salt shed last year would have saved the town \$13,000. Based on current estimated costs, the proposed salt dome will be 50 feet in diameter and hold approximately 1300 yards of material. This project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.]

Article P-17 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 seven hundred nineteen thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$6,719,861)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be six million six hundred forty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$6,645,867), 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 the Budget Committee.)

Article P-18 Shall the town vote to accept the NH Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$ 131,395 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, said fund not to lapse until December 31, 2007?

Appropriation	\$ 131,395
<u>Revenue from Grant</u>	<u>\$- 131,395</u>

Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes \$ 00

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

[Intent: To accept and spend a grant the town receives from the state every year. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. This money pays for Highway Department projects such as drainage, paving and road repair.]

Article P-19 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) 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, exterior repairs, roof and gutter repairs, renovation of the interior and improvements to the heating and cooling systems, with said sums to come from the December 31, 2005, unreserved fund balance?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 160,000
Revenue from Fund Balance	\$-160,000
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00

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

[Intent: To fund the continued renovation of the Town Hall. This is funding for Phase 2 of a 3-phase plan. Phase 2 includes replacing the heating and cooling to the upper floors, repairing and improving the Great Hall, pointing the exterior brickwork, repairing the roof and gutters and replacing the electric heat with natural gas. Phase 3 is scheduled for 2007 and includes creation of office space on the third floor, bringing the stairs into compliance and project closure. Phase 1, completed in 2005, included the installation of an elevator, bringing the wiring up to code and installation of a fire suppression system.]

Article P-20 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand six hundred five dollars (\$9,605) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Internet use, said sums to come from the December 31, 2005, unreserved fund balance and represents revenue received from the Comcast franchise agreement for Internet use?

Appropriation to Trust	\$
9,605	
Revenue from Cable Company in Fund Balance	\$-9,605
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00

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

[Intent: To move the cable franchise revenue into a fund for use by the Town. 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. These funds would be put in an interest bearing account]

Article P-21 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for purchase of a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Appropriation for Rescue vehicle	\$ 150,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$-150,000
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00

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

[Intent: To replace the Town's frontline rescue vehicle to the Fire Department fleet. It can be used, if needed, to transport patients in an emergency if our contracted service is not available. The current rescue truck will remain in the fleet in a back-up role. There was \$166,662.22 in the fund as of December 15, 2005.]

Article P-22 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)*

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchases of Fire Department vehicles. A financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needs to spend \$1,600,000 over the next 20 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$80,000 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of fire vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at town meeting.]

Article P-23 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty one thousand dollars (\$181,000) for road paving projects? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)*

[Intent: To follow the Town's long term pavement management plan that involves paving streets on a regular basis to prevent the road system from becoming substandard. This money, combined with \$60,000 from the Highway Block Grant, will be used to pave approximately 16 town roads totaling approximately 3 miles.]

Article P-24 Shall the town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for Purchase of Highway Equipment, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000 for deposit into this fund? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)*

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchases of Highway Department vehicles. A financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needs to spend \$590,000 over the next 10 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$59,000 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles, by leveling the yearly tax impact. This is similar to the process already in place for the Fire Department. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. This money would be invested into an interest bearing account. NOTE: The next vehicle planned for replacement is a dump truck in 2007.]

Article P-25 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars (\$36,874) for hiring one additional entry-level police officer, said sum to cover the base salary, fringe benefits, training and one-time purchase of uniforms/equipment for said officer, thereby enabling the Plaistow Police Department to assign a more experienced officer to Timberlane Regional Middle School as a School Resource Officer with a start date of July 1, 2006. This would be dependent upon funding by the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD).

Appropriation for Officer	\$ 36,874
Revenue from TRSD	<u>\$-25,872</u>
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 11,002

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

[Intent: To place a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Timberlane Regional Middle School (TRMS). This SRO will be a member of the Plaistow Police Department on assignment to TRMS on school days and available to the Town of

Plaistow on non-school days. The plan is to transfer an existing, experienced officer from the Plaistow Police Department to become the SRO. This transferred officer would be replaced by the hiring of an entry-level officer. For the start-up year the town bears more training and equipment costs, but for each year thereafter the school district will pay 82% (representing the school year) of the ongoing cost of the experienced officer and the Town will pay the remaining 18%. This 82% from the school district will cover part of the cost of the replacement, entry-level officer. The annual cost of an entry level officer is \$50,748 and the anticipated annual revenue for 82% of an experienced officer is projected at \$51,744. An SRO is already in place at the Timberlane Regional High School.]

Article P-26 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Fund? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)*

[Intent: To provide additional funding to the Plaistow Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission intends to purchase land, easements and/or other land rights to preserve the natural environment. There is approximately \$ 34,178.89 in the fund as of December 14, 2005.]

Article P-27 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,051 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$ 1,792 from \$ 35,138 to \$ 36,930 ? The additional \$ 259 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)*

[Intent: To increase the salary of the Town Clerk. The Town did a survey of salaries in 2005 and found the current Town Clerk salary substantially below that of most other comparable communities and below other Town Employees with equivalent responsibilities. The proposed raise is the same as the average proposed increase for nonunion Town employees for 2006.]

Article P-28 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,422 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$ 1,242 from \$ 24,346 to \$ 25,588? The additional \$ 180 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)*

[Intent: To increase the salary of the Tax Collector. The Town did a survey of salaries in 2005 and found the current Tax Collector salary below that of other comparable communities and below other Town Employees with equivalent responsibilities. The proposed raise is the same as the average proposed increase for nonunion Town employees for 2006.]

Article P-29 Shall the town vote to establish a revolving fund for public safety service details (police and fire) as allowed pursuant to RSA 31:95-h? Pursuant to RSA 31:95-h all revenues received for public safety service details will be deposited into the fund, will be allowed to accumulate from year to year, will not be part of the Town's general surplus and may only be expended for public safety service details. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)*

[Intent: To simplify the budgeting process for Police and Fire "outside" details. Police and Fire details regularly generate money that covers the expenses, but are unpredictable from year to year. If this passes, the plan is to remove the \$95,000 from the 2007 budget.]

Article P-30 Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve the Police Department's future plan to implement motorcycle patrols in a continuing effort to provide speed enforcement, accident investigation and general traffic enforcement in all neighborhoods, including Routes 125, 121A and 108? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)*

[Intent: There is no cost in FY2006. The Police Department will pursue non-budget, alternative funding through possible grants and donations in future years in an ongoing effort at finding solutions to traffic woes currently existing. It is the intent that, if approved, the plan is to annually fund these patrols by non-tax revenues.]

Article P-31 Shall the Town vote to enter into the second year of a two year lease with the State of New Hampshire to allow use of the old library on Elm Street as a Courthouse? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

[Intent: To continue to allow the court to use the current building on Elm Street into January 2008. Under the new contract the state court system will increase the base rent by 2.5% to \$40,716 per year, will pay all the utilities and will increase the reimbursement paid the town for custodial help.]

Article P-32 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the unnamed road being the former Route 108 that runs from the intersection of Brandy Brow Road and Old Newton Road to its intersection with Route 108 and Old Newton Road to the north. *(By Petition)*

As amended at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, February 4, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier
Town Clerk

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	17	264,729	239,996	266,873		266,873	
4140-4149	Election Registration & Vital Statistics	17	94,149	98,300	116,576		116,576	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	17	211,252	198,719	220,778		220,778	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense	17	32,500	16,489	32,500		32,500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	17	834,771	908,895	932,504		932,504	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	17	77,630	77,611	73,468		73,468	
4194	General government Buildings	17	201,752	250,600	223,292		223,292	
4195	Cemetenes	17	12,347	6,780	12,897		12,897	
4196	Insurance	17	55,000	54,692	59,580		59,580	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc							
4199	Other General Government	17	44,011	40,510	45,571		45,571	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police	17	1,505,808	1,411,008	1,587,152		1,587,152	
4215-4219	Ambulance	17	201	-	201		201	
4220-4229	Fire	17	386,643	372,900	404,609		404,609	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	17	105,015	106,567	100,991		100,991	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	17	7,605	4,020	5,859		5,859	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER							
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
4311	Administration	17	272,752	271,190	234,011		234,011	
4312	Highways & Streets	17	188,812	136,651	230,602		230,602	
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting	17	63,629	63,629	73,173		73,173	
4319	Other							
	SANITATION							
4321	Administration Solid Waste							
4323	Solid Waste Collection	17	646,150	639,244	650,617		650,617	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	17	34,391	42,605	45,390		45,390	
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services	17	260,939	291,048	268,139		268,139	
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	17	51,073	51,111	72,720		72,720	
4414	Pest Control	17	12,192	10,940	12,999		12,999	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	17	62,074	51,494	65,780		65,780	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	17	54,277	80,125	68,423		68,423	
4444	Intergov Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	17	177,564	169,936	188,539		188,539	
4550-4559	Library	17	404,444	359,478	459,934		459,934	
4583	Patrotic Purposes	17	1,100	1,014	1,300		1,300	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	17	36,079	35,863	36,079		36,079	
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources	17	7,000	4,126	5,301		5,301	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Pnnc - Long Term Bonds & Notes	17	190,000	190,000	190,000		190,000	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	17	42,503	42,503	34,002		34,002	
4723	Interest on TANs	17	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	17	6,338,393	6,228,044	6,719,861	-	6,719,861	-

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
	Highway Garage/Salt Shed bond	16			679,000		679,000	
	Highway Block Grant	18	136,157	136,157	115,733		115,733	
	Rescue Vehicle	21			150,000		150,000	
	Outside Detail Trust		20,000	20,000				
	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	22	80,000	80,000	80,000		80,000	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Trust Internet	20	8,888	8,888	9,605		9,605	
	Highway Equipment Trust	24			59,000		59,000	
	Garden Road Bridge		85,000	85,000				
	Conservation Fund	26	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	
	Town Hall	19	250,000	250,000	160,000		160,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		585,045	xxxxxxxxxxxx	1,258,338	xxxxxxxxxx	1,258,338	xxxxxxxxxxxx

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.

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	Police Officer	25			36,874		36,874	
	Paving Project	23			181,000		181,000	
	Union Contract		33,732	33,732				
	Cable Conduit							
	Town Clerk Salary	27	1,773	1,773	2,051		2,051	
	Treasurer Salary		345	345				
	Tax Collector Salary	28	1,229	1,229	1,422		1,422	
	Emergency Communication System		81,485	81,485				
	Derry-Salem Regional Transportation		2,000	2,000				
	SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended		120,564	xxxxxxxxxxxx	221,347		221,347	

TOTALS

Section 2 warrant articles total		585,045	585,045	1,258,338		1,258,338
Section 3 warrant articles total		120,564	120,564	221,347		221,347
Section 1		6,338,393	6,228,044	6,719,861		6,719,861
Total		7,044,002	6,933,653	8,199,546		8,199,546

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year 2005 (from MS-4)	Actual Revenue Prior Year 2005	Estimated Revenue for Ensuing Year 2006
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		\$ -		
3180	Resident Taxes		\$ -		
3185	Yield Taxes		\$ 3,300	3,630	3,300
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 22,000	23,101	22,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cu yd)				
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		\$ 3,500	3,913	4,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$ 1,405,000	1,379,401	1,405,400
3230	Building Permits		\$ 113,470	101,089	121,988
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		\$ 65,109	66,632	65,113
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 146,049	17,750	16,000
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 56,931	75,483	56,931
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		\$ 284,315	284,315	284,315
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$ 136,157	136,157	115,733
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)		\$ 124,353	55,781	47,967
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		\$ 125,250	233,608	157,123
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 70,397	83,105	\$ 70,397
3409	Other Charges (cable TV, outside detl, Water)		\$ 222,388	172,072	\$ 228,831
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property (tower leases)		\$ 81,350	103,083	\$ 80,350
3502	Interest on Investments		\$ 40,000	72,721	40,000
3503-3509	Other (Gifts, Misc., Store paid Police)		\$ 62,951	181,903	\$ 83,951
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	Special Revenue Funds				

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year 2005 (from MS-4)	Actual Revenue Prior Year 2005	Estimated Revenue for Ensuing Year 2006
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport-(Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Fund				150,000
3916	Trust & Agency Funds (Library Trust Funds)		70,000	70,000	70,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				679,000
	Amounts Voted from F/B "Surplus"		278,888	278,888	169,605
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes		335,846	335,846	150,448
	TOTAL REVENUES		3,647,254	3,678,478	4,022,452

	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
BUDGET SUMMARY		
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	6,719,861	6,719,861
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	1,258,338	1,258,338
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	221,347	221,347
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	8,199,546	8,199,546
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	4,022,452	4,022,452
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	4,177,094	4,177,094
Estimated Fund Balance January 1, 2006	1,797,863	
Maximum allowable increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18		8,929,200

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VOTER'S NOTES

		Yes	No
P-1	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-2	Impact Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-3	Affordable Elderly Housing Community Section 220-54	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-4	Affordable Elderly Housing Community Section 220-51 & 52	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-5	Motor Vehicle and Trailer Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-6	Wetlands District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-7	Dimensional Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-8	Home Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-9	Use of Nonconforming Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10	Conditions of Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-11	Establishment of Districts – Commercial II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-12	Medium Density Residential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-13	Integrated Commercial-Residential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-14	Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-15	Minimum Dimensions for All Districts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-16	Highway Garage and Salt Shed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-17	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-18	Highway Block Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-19	Town Hall Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-20	Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-21	Fire Department Rescue Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-22	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

P-23	Road Paving Projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-24	Highway Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-25	School Resource Police Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-26	Conservation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-27	Town Clerk Salary Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-28	Tax Collector Salary Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-29	Public Safety Service Details	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-30	Motorcycle Patrols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-31	Courthouse Lease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-32	Discontinue Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Plaistow is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the Town to continue this tradition.

Boards, commissions and committees are made up of volunteers. Recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Plaistow residents.

If you are a registered voter of Plaistow and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectman's Office. Thank you.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Needs Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Safety Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____ | |

Special Qualifications: _____

Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT WHILE MAINTAINING A LAWN OR GARDEN

Lawn and garden activities can result in contamination of storm water through pesticide, soil and fertilizer runoff. Proper landscape management, however, can effectively reduce water use and contaminant runoff and enhance the aesthetics of a property. Environmentally friendly landscape management can protect the environment through careful planning and design, routine soil analysis, appropriate plant selection, use of practical turf areas, water use efficiency, use of mulches, integrated pest management planting indigenous species, soil testing, reduction, elimination or judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides and appropriate maintenance. Protecting from erosion of exposed soils by use of vegetation and mulches is of particular importance in areas with slopes and a lot of rainfall.

Additional activities that benefit water resources include maintaining healthy plants and lawns and composting lawn wastes. Healthy plants are less susceptible to diseases and insects and therefore require minimal use of pest control measures. To promote healthy plants, it is often beneficial to till composted material into the soil. Recycling of garden wastes by composting is also effective at reducing waste, although compost bins and piles should not be located next to waterways or storm drains because leachate from compost materials can cause contamination. Composting is an inexpensive way to generate a high quality organic soil additive. Composted organic material can also help reduce the need for commercial fertilizer.



A typical composting bin (Source: Alameda County Waste Management Authority, 2001)

Residents and Commercial owners are encouraged to test soils every 3 to 4 years to determine the amount of nutrients necessary to maintain a healthy lawn. The Town suggests owners obtain soil test kits from either the local cooperative extension service **1-877-398-4769** or a home and garden center. Representatives from each of these can then provide suggestions for improving the soil's ability to support specific types of vegetation and retain water at a specific site without putting on too much fertilizer. The goal is to both save money and reduce the amount of fertilizer entering runoff.

Another way to reduce water pollution is the use of slow-release organic fertilizers, which are less likely to enter storm water. Application techniques, such as tilling fertilizers into moist soil to move the chemicals directly into the root zone, reduce the likelihood that the chemicals will be mobilized in storm water. Timing is also important: Warm season grasses should be fertilized in the summer, in frequent and small doses, while cool season grasses should be fertilized in the fall. Also, fertilizer should not be applied on a windy day or immediately before a heavy rain. While using no fertilizer is best for the environment, the second best option is application of the right amount of fertilizer in the right way at the right time based on the vegetation and particular soil (as determined by a soil test). Please dispose of excess fertilizer and containers safely.



Like fertilizers, pesticides should be used on lawns and gardens only when absolutely necessary. Pesticide use can be avoided entirely by selecting hearty plants that are native to the area and by keeping them healthy. It is also important to identify any potential pests to determine if they are truly harmful to the plant. The pests should always be removed by hand if possible—chemical pest control should be used only if other approaches fail. If it is necessary to use chemical pesticides, the least toxic pesticide that targets the specific pest in question should be chosen (i.e., boric acid, garlic, insects, etc). If a pesticide is labeled with the word "caution," it is less toxic than one labeled "warning," which is, in turn, less toxic than one that is labeled "danger/poison."

It is also important to follow the label directions on the pesticide. Please wear the appropriate protective equipment listed on the label when working with organophosphate insecticides or concentrated sprays or dusts. Also be sure to read and follow all safety precautions listed on pesticide labels and to wash your hands and face before smoking or eating. Tools or equipment that were used to apply or incorporate pesticides should always be rinsed in a bucket and the rinse water applied as if it were full-strength pesticide. Any unused pesticide can be saved and disposed of at the twice-annual local household hazardous waste collection.

Proper landscape activities are very cost effective. Promoting the growth of healthy plants that require less fertilizer and pesticide applications minimizes labor and maintenance costs of lawn and garden care. Using water, pesticides and fertilizers only when necessary and replacing store-bought fertilizers with compost material can increase the savings for a property owner as well as benefit the environment.

One other important caution relates to gasoline used in lawnmowers and other yard equipment. A small amount of gasoline pollutes a large amount of water. Prevent spills of gasoline by

- Using a gasoline container size you can handle easily and hold securely so you can pour slowly and smoothly while filling the equipment gasoline tank;
- Using a spout or funnel when pouring gasoline into the equipment to avoid overfilling or allowing fuel to run over;
- Closing the cap on the equipment and the cap or spout and vent hole on the gasoline container tightly after filling the gasoline tank;
- Considering alternative fuel options such as propane and electric options; and
- Using manual tools. Tools that don't require electric or gasoline engines are especially handy for small yards or small jobs.

References: This information is copied from the following three sources, which have many more valuable pointers and tips: The US Environmental Protection Agency. <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/UNH> Cooperative Extension 1-877-398-4769 or www.ceinfo.unh.edu NH Department of Environmental Services (603) 271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us



TRASH, RECYCLING & LANDFILL INFORMATION

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

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: is easy, economical and environmentally necessary. Your efforts save natural resources. Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash collection weekday.

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.

2006 WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

BULK ITEMS: collection is done 1 week in the Spring and 1 week in the Fall. Watch Channel 17 for dates.

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 May thru November. 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 weather and facility conditions. Below is a list of tentative dates:

- May 6, 13, & 20
- June 3 & 17
- July 8 & 15
- August 5 & 19
- September 9 & 16
- October 14, 21 & 28
- November 4 & 18

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: is a program to properly dispose of common household products such as lawn and garden pesticides, automotive fluids, leftover paint and other potentially harmful chemicals. The Household Hazardous Waste Days will be held on May 13 & October 28, 2006.



WHERE PLAISTOW RESIDENTS CAN CALL FOR HELP...

<u>PROBLEM/QUESTION</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
AIDS Hotline	Aids Response Seacoast	433-5377
Animal Problems	Plaistow Animal Control Officer	382-1200
After School Program	Sad Café	382-8893
Assessments	Plaistow Assessing Department	382-8469 X11
Auto & Boat Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Battered Women Shelter	A Safe Place	1-800-852-3388
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
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	362-9957
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 382-6816
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 X25
	Rockingham Community Action Program	893-9172
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

**PROBLEM/QUESTION****CALL****PHONE NUMBER**

Human Service Department	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X25
	Help Line	1-800-852-3388
Humane Society	NH SPCA	772-2921
Hunting License	Walmart	382-2839
	Animal Control Officer	382-1200
Landfill	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
Legal Assistance	Legal Advice & Referral Center	1-800-639-5290
Library	Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
Marriage License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Meals on Wheels	Vic Geary Senior Center	382-5995
Mental Health	CLM Behavioral Health	893-3548
Notary	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10 and X16
Off Road Vehicle Registration	Gilly's or DaSilva	382-4334 or 382-1515
Parenting Problems	Parents Anonymous	1-800-750-4494
Passport	Federal Building	666-7568
Planning Board	Plaistow Planning Office	382-7371 X14
Plumbing Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Police Station (non-emergency)	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-6816
Post Office	U.S. Post Office	382-8529
Property Taxes	Plaistow Tax Collector	382-8611 X17
Recreation & Parks	Plaistow Recreation Department	382-5200 X18
Recycling & Curbside Removal	Waste Management	1-800-443-5515
Red Cross	Merrimack Valley Chapter	978-683-2465
Roads & Streets	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
School Administration Unit	Timberlane Regional School District	382-6119
School –Elementary	Pollard Elementary School	382-7146
School – Middle	Timberlane Regional Middle School	382-7131
School – High	Timberlane Regional High School	382-6541
Secretary of State	Office of Secretary of State	271-3242
Senior Citizen Center	Vic Geary Drop In Center	382-5995
Senior Services	Elderly & Adult Services	1-800-852-7492
Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Support Service 24 hr.	436-4107
Sheriff	Rockingham County	772-4716
Social Security	Social Security Administration	978-374-1960
Superior Court	Rockingham Clerk of Courts	642-5256
Teen Pregnancy	Pregnancy Care Center	978-373-5700
Town Ordinances	Plaistow Code Enforcement Officer	382-1191 X20
Transportation:	Greater Derry/Salem Transportation	1-888-941-3674
	Special Transit Service	668-8603
	Retired Sr. Volunteer Program	436-4310
Unemployment Comp.	NH Dept. of Employment Security	893-9185
Veterans	Veterans Administration	1-800-562-5260
Visiting Nurses	Rockingham VNA	772-2981
Voter Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Welfare	NH Dept. of Human Services	1-800-821-0326



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SCHEDULE OF TOWN OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Meeting Schedules:

GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
Board of Selectmen	Mondays	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Planning Board	First & Third Wednesdays	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Conservations Commission	First & Third Thursdays	6:00PM	Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Last Thursday of Month	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Recreation Commission	Third Sundays	6:00 PM	Town Hall

2006 Holiday Schedule:

HOLIDAY	DATE
New Year's Day	January 1 st
President's Day	February 20 th
Memorial Day	May 29 th
Independence Day	July 4 th
Labor Day	September 4 th
Columbus Day	October 9 th
Veterans' Day	November 11 th
Thanksgiving (2 days)	November 23 rd & 24 th
Christmas (2 days)	December 25 th & 26 th

Town Hall Department Schedules:

TOWN OFFICE	HOURS
Assessing Office	Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Building Safety Department	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Finance Department	Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00PM
Health Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Human Services Department	Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Planning Department	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Recreation Department	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Selectmen's Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Tax Collector Office	Monday – Wednesday 8:00AM – 4:30PM
Town Clerk Office	Monday 8:00AM – 7:00 PM & Tuesday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Town Manager Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Zoning Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TOWN HALL - 145 Main Street

Animal Control Officer	382-1200
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 25
Planning Department	382-7371 X 14
Recreation Director	382-5200 X 18
Selectmen's Office	382-5200 X 10
Tax Collector	382-8611 X 17
Town Clerk	382-8129 X 16
Town Manager	382-7106 X 13
Zoning Board of Adjustment	382-8420 X 20

DISTRICT COURT - 17 Elm Street

Clerk of Courts	382-4651
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FIRE DEPARTMENT - 27 Elm Street

Emergency	911
All other calls	382-5012

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 27 Elm Street

Emergency	911
All other calls	382-6816

PUBLIC LIBRARY - 85 Main Street

Plaistow Public Library	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

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Assessing: Mon thru Fri 9:00am – 3:00pm

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

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

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