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# *Town Of Plaistow*



## *2007 Annual Report*

## PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

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1979 Clifton E. Cook	1986 Helen A. Hart	1993 Lyman W. Hill	2000 Ruth E. Palmer
1980 John & Maude Duston	1987 Annie Mae Schwaner	1994 John McSheehy	2001 Donald E. Petzold
1981 John A. Palmer	1988 Ruth E. Jenne	1995 Don & Judy Sargent	2002 George & Eleanor Peabody
1982 LeRoy S. Dube	1989 Thomas H. Cullen	1996 Jerry Assad	2003 J. Alden Palmer, Jr.
1983 Irving S. Gilman	1990 Stanley T. Herrick	1997 Robert Chooljian	2004 Marilyn P. Senter
1984 George B. Peabody	1991 Norman L. Major	1998 Agnes Dube	2005 Plaistow Lions Club
1985 Mildred L. Palmer	1992 David C. Hart	1999 Volunteerism	2006 Bernadine A. FitzGerald



*T. Richard Latham (2<sup>nd</sup> from left).*



## DEDICATION

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### T. RICHARD LATHAM

Plaistow is a Town that prides itself on being a great community to call home. It is a community that celebrates with each other and assists each other in times of need. The small town atmosphere that is cherished by so many still lingers in Plaistow because of gentlemen like T. Richard "Dick" Latham. He exemplifies the spirit of this community.

Dick is a person that volunteers for events both large and small. He has served as a member of the Budget Committee, Master Plan Committee, Town Hall Renovation Committee Old Home Day Committee and Safety Complex Expansion Committee. He is a volunteer fireman, and served as the Fire Chief from 1972 through 1976.

In 1983, Dick helped select a site and acquire land for the current Public Safety Complex. He was a driving force that helped bring police, fire, emergency and rescue departments under one roof. He currently serves on a committee doing long range planning on improving the future service of the safety complex.

Dick has been active in developing and implementing plans for the extension of the Town waterline. He has worked closely with the Water Department and the Fire Chief to enhance the plans. Dick has also been involved in community cable shows educating the public on waterline issues. He continues to be a great resource for the Town about the history and operations of the system.

When the Town celebrated its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, he was on the Fireworks and First Aid Committees. During the preparations for the event, Dick chaired a committee that was appointed to study parking for the events that spanned several days. There was much concern on handling the mass volume of traffic this event would generate. Dick developed a plan to utilize town owned land as a temporary parking lot and worked with the police, fire and highway departments to determine what safety precautions would be needed. The plan was such a success that it is used every year during special events for the Town.

Dick worked for many years with the Old Home Day Committee, as safety consultant for the event. As if this was not responsibility enough, Dick also was a liaison to the Lions club and assisted in organizing their parade for the day. He also built a ramp to install into the viewing stand to make it accessible to all.

Not only has Dick volunteered for Town sponsored events, he is an active member of the Plaistow First Baptist Church. He has installed an accessible bathroom and worked on completely remodeling the kitchen of the church. He was a driving force behind insulation being installed in the Sanctuary ceiling. He cleaned the belfry and steeple of the church and thanks to Dick, the church bells can be heard ringing through Town. He is always available for the pre-school nursery or kindergarten whenever a problem may develop. During the summer months you can find Dick dishing out the ice cream at the weekly social.

Plaistow is fortunate to have Dick as a resident. He is a man that exemplifies volunteerism. He is thoughtful, hard working, generous, open minded, caring, responsible and an asset to every project he is involved in. Dick Latham has touched the lives of many people in Plaistow without them ever knowing it. He is the gracious, hard-working man behind the scenes and always available for another set of hands, sage advice or a different perspective. We believe it is time Dick stands in the spotlight and that is why the Board of Selectmen is pleased to dedicate the 2007 Plaistow Annual Town Report to T. Richard Latham.

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*Pollard Park.*



## THEME DESCRIPTION

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### Plaistow New Hampshire "Renewal"

The theme of this 2007 Town Report is "*Renewal*."

Renewal has occurred and will continue to occur throughout our community.

Reports throughout this book highlight renewal efforts that have been the focus of many of our efforts over the previous year.

From the visible physical projects such as Town Hall renovations, road reconstruction and building construction, to the less visible such as overhauling websites, rewriting policies and updating plans, this commitment to renewal lays the groundwork for a strong community in the future.

Boards and committees serve as the backbone of this Town. Renewal surged through Plaistow's boards and committees, with long-time members encouraging, mentoring and supporting new members and new leaders. This balance of longevity and new perspectives serves to make these boards and committees more effective and renews the sense of purpose felt by all participants.

Renewal is not an end unto itself, but rather an ongoing process. The following pages capture some of the stories of a year strongly focused on renewal. The story of renewal does not end as the year draws to a close, but needs the commitment of the entire community to sustain our Town and to move it to a secure and prosperous future

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason Hoch*

Town Manager



*Plaistow Town Hall.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2007. They have served the Town of Plaistow in an elected, appointed or volunteer capacity.

*Frances Bramley*

1911 - 2007

Plaistow Tax Collector

*George "Andy" Bourque*

1924 - 2007

Superintendent of the Checklist  
Census Taker

*Priscilla W. Currier*

1925 - 2007

Plaistow Public Library Trustee  
Pollard School Teacher

*Donald L. Durand*

1937 - 2007

Plaistow Conservation Commission

*Edward A. Ingalls, Jr.*

1924 - 2007

Industrial Commission

*Robert K. Lang, Sr.*

1923 - 2007

Plaistow Fire Department  
Plaistow Fire Association Life Member

*Kymberlee L. Lawton*

1967 - 2007

Plaistow Planning Board

*George B. Peabody*

1922 - 2007

Chief, Plaistow Fire Department  
Plaistow Fire Association Life Member  
Plaistow Municipal Budget Committee  
Plaistow Town Hall Green Committee  
Plaistow Conservation Commission  
Plaistow Fish & Game Club

*Charles W. Senter, Jr.*

1915 - 2007

Plaistow Fire Department



### An Update from Washington

Last year, the House of Representatives passed many important measures that affect our lives here in New Hampshire. From lowering the cost of student loans, to raising the minimum wage, to protecting middle-class families from the Alternative Minimum Tax, Congress addressed a wide range of issues that will benefit New Hampshire families.

To help families afford the rising costs of higher education, we passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which will cut interest rates in half for federal student loans, and save a typical student in New Hampshire \$4,430 over the life of a loan. The bill will also increase funding for Pell Grants for low-income students and provide loan-forgiveness for talented students who pursue public service fields like teaching or emergency response.

Congress passed legislation to protect 23 million families from a tax increase of up to several thousand dollars this year under the Alternative Minimum Tax. In July, we raised the federal minimum wage, increasing it from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour by 2009. At the same time, Congress also passed tax credits for small businesses. To find out how businesses can take advantage of the new tax benefits, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or contact my office at (603) 641-9536.

With energy prices rising, Congress increased the fuel efficiency standards for vehicles for the first time in thirty-two years. I'm also pleased that we passed an increase in funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which supports New Hampshire's Fuel Assistance Program. If you or someone you know needs help affording the cost of heating fuel this year, please contact the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning at (603) 271-8317.

It was a busy year in my New Hampshire offices in Manchester and Dover as well, where we assisted over 1,200 individuals with inquiries to federal agencies including the passport office, Social Security, Medicare, and the VA. To apply for a passport, visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) and follow the online instructions, or see the Frequently Asked Questions section of my website.

Representatives from my office regularly visit towns across the First District to assist constituents in working with the federal government. For more information about the services that my office provides, please visit: [www.shea-porter.house.gov](http://www.shea-porter.house.gov).

To keep up to date on the latest developments in Washington, you can also track legislation using the Thomas search engine provided by the Library of Congress at [www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov).

I am honored to serve you in Congress, and I wish you a happy and prosperous year in 2008.

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter represents the First Congressional District of New Hampshire, which includes communities from Manchester to the Seacoast and through the Lakes Region up to Conway. Her Manchester and Dover District Offices can be reached by calling (603) 641-9536.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol Shea -Porter*  
Congresswoman

## TOWN OFFICIALS

### 2007 ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>Term</b>
Michelle L. Curran, Chair.....	2008
Lawrence W. Gil, Vice Chair.....	2009
Charles L. Blinn, Jr.....	2010
Daniel J. Poliquin.....	2009
John A. Sherman.....	2010

#### **Moderator**

Barry A. Sargent.....	2008
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#### **Tax Collector**

Rosemarie L. Bayek.....	2009
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#### **Town Clerk**

Maryellen Pelletier.....	2010
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#### **Treasurer**

Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2010
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#### **Auditor**

Louis E. Drew.....	2008
Ronald J. Hayes.....	2008

#### **Conflict of Interest Committee**

Harry Birmingham.....	2008
Therese A. Chouinard.....	2009
Michael Allen.....	2008

#### **Municipal Budget Committee**

Janis S. Penta, Chair.....	2010
Ronald J. Hayes, Vice Chair.....	2010
Normand Bouchard.....	2009
Michele Conte.....	2008
Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2010
Robert J. Gray.....	2010
Daniel Hooper.....	2008
T. Richard Latham.....	2009
Brian Levasseur.....	2009
Kristin Lewis Savage.....	2008
Donna M. Luciano.....	2008
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.	

#### **Planning Board**

Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2008
Steven Ranlett, Vice Chair.....	2010
Barry Weymouth.....	2009
Robert J. Zukas.....	2008
Michelle L. Curran, Selectman Rep.	
Neal Morin, Alternate	
Merilyn Senter, Alternate	

#### **Supervisors of the Voter Checklist**

Nancy Jackman, Chair.....
Katherine Fitzpatrick.....
Martha L. Fowler.....

#### **Trustees of the Public Library**

Jennifer Kiarsus, Chair.....
Janet Davies.....
Scott Lane.....
Katherine Vavra.....
Catherine R. Willis.....
Elizabeth George, Alternate

#### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

B. Jill Senter, Chair.....
Phillis L. Carifio.....
Helen A. Hart.....

### 2007 APPOINTED OFFICIALS WITH TERMS

#### **Cable TV Advisory Committee**

Madeline Marcotte.....
Lorietta Shactman.....
Davena Szmyt.....

#### **Cemetery Advisory Committee**

Francis Berube.....
Bernadine FitzGerald.....
Dan Garlington.....
Eleanor Peabody.....

#### **Conservation Committee**

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

#### **Family Mediation**

Barbara Tavitian.....
Daniel J. Poliquin, Selectman Rep.

#### **Recreation Commission**

Greg Mason, Chair.....
Martha Sumner, Vice Chair.....
William Coye.....
Joe D'Arezzo.....
Kristin Lewis Savage.....
David Nye.....
Sue Sherman.....
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.



## TOWN OFFICIALS

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### 2007 APPOINTED OFFICIALS WITH TERMS

<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>Term</b>
Lawrence M. Ordway, Chair.....	2010
Julie Matthews, Vice Chair.....	2009
Peter Bealo.....	2010
Clifford Clark.....	2008
Robert Loeffler.....	2008
Roderick Cole, Alternate	
Daniel Lolyd, Alternate	

### 2007 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### **Assistant Moderator**

Norman Major

#### **Capital Improvement Committee**

Timothy E. Moore, Chair  
Ronald Hayes  
Janis Penta  
John A. Sherman

#### **Centennial Civil War Monument Committee**

Barry A. Sargent, Chair  
Bernadine A. FitzGerald, Vice Chair  
Brenda E. Major  
Norman L. Major  
Dianne Nye  
Martha L. Sumner

#### **Deputy Treasurers**

Ruth E. Jenne  
Brenda E. Major

#### **Historical Society**

Bob Carolan, President  
Michael Smith, Vice President  
Eleanor Peabody, Treasurer  
Nancy Marston, Corresponding Secretary  
Catherine O'Brien, Recording Secretary



*Front: Bernadine A. FitzGerald & Michelle L. Curran  
Back: Barry A. Sargent, Donald H. Sargent & John A. Sherman*

## GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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### *House District 8, Senate District 22, Governor's Executive Council District 3*

**Governor**  
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**County Commissioner**  
**Katharine "Kate" Pratt**

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### **Additional Local Representatives**

**Kevin L. Camm**

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Kingston  
Tel: (603) 642-4402

**John W. Flanders**

Kingston  
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**Roger G. Wells**

Hampstead  
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**Joseph A. Guthrie**

Hampstead  
Tel: (603) 489-1228

**Kenneth L. Weyler**

Kingston  
Tel: (603) 642-3518



## TOWN EMPLOYEES

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### 2007 EMPLOYEES

#### **Executive Department**

Town Manager.....Jason Hoch  
Assistant to the Town Manager....Nikki Carr  
BOS Executive Secretary.....Ruth E. Jenne  
Finance Director.....Lorice Sadewicz

#### **Town Hall Departments**

Assessing Clerk.....Selwa Moured  
Building Inspector.....P. Michael Dorman  
Building Secretary.....Dee Voss  
Cemetery Sexton.....Herbert Reed  
Code Enforcement.....P. Michael Dorman  
Deputy Tax Collector.....Nancy Bolduc  
Deputy Town Clerk.....Joyce Thurston  
Electrical Inspector.....Ken Ray  
Health Officer.....Dennise Horrocks  
Human Services.....Nikki Carr  
Planning Coordinator.....Leigh Komornick  
Plumbing Inspector.....Jim Flathers  
Recording Secretary/Budget..Selwa Moured  
Recording Secretary/Planning.....Dee Voss  
Recreation Director.....Carlene E. Malette  
ZBA Administrative Assistant.....Dee Voss

#### **Cable Department**

Cable Coordinator.....Robert Carolan  
Operator.....John DeRoche  
Operator.....Charles Manes  
Operator.....Florence Rullo

#### **Emergency Management Department**

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

#### **Highway Department**

Highway Supervisor.....Daniel Garlington  
Foreman.....Dana Rabito  
Laborer.....Aaron Shea  
Laborer.....Andy Jones  
Seasonal Laborer.....Floyd Gates

#### **Maintenance Department**

Supervisor.....David Bowles  
Custodian.....Mario Mejia  
Custodian.....Bob Mercier

#### **Public Library**

Director.....Laurie Houlihan  
Staff.....LuAnn Blair  
Staff.....Marjorie Knowles  
Staff.....Judith Meunier  
Staff.....Anita Micale  
Staff.....Florence Rullo  
Student Aide.....Danielle Dalton  
Student Aide.....Abigail O'Leary

#### **Police Department**

Chief.....Stephen C. Savage  
Deputy Chief.....Kathleen A. Jones  
Sergeant.....Patrick Caggiano  
Sergeant.....Scott Anderson  
Sergeant.....Glenn Miller  
Sergeant.....Thomas Hawthorne (retired)  
Master Patrol Officer.....Alec Porter  
Master Patrol Officer...Michael Beauchesne  
School Resource Officer.....Joan Marsilia  
Master Patrol Officer.....Valquerio Eiro, Jr.  
Master Patrol Officer.....Brett Morgan  
Officer.....George Wickson  
Officer.....Dorothy McGurren  
Officer.....Nicolas Fiset  
Officer.....Patrick Schiavone  
Officer.....Jason Mazza  
Officer.....Scott Naismith (resigned)  
PT Officer.....William Baldwin  
Executive Secretary.....Sarah Gibbs  
Secretary.....Jennifer Page  
Records Clerk.....Lana Miller  
Victim Witness Advocate.....April Aucoin  
Matron.....Margo Collins  
Crossing Guard.....Gilbert Brasil  
Animal Control Officer.....David Sargent  
K-9.....Stryker

#### **Communications Unit**

Supervisor.....Lucia Theberge  
Specialist.....Cherie Chevalier  
Specialist.....Joel Albair  
Dispatcher.....Michael Pauk  
Dispatcher.....Christina Cruz  
PT Dispatcher.....Jo-Ann Freeman  
PT Dispatcher.....Scott Lafrance(resigned)

## TOWN EMPLOYEES

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### 2007 EMPLOYEES CONTINUED

#### **Water Department**

Superintendent.....John McArdle  
Maintenance.....Shawn Feeley  
Technician.....Christopher Poliquin

#### **Fire Department**

Captain, EMT.....Michael Kennedy  
Captain, EMT.....Ernest Morin  
Lieutenant, EMT.....Christopher Poliquin  
Firefighter, EMT-P.....Jay Guzofski  
Lieutenant, EMT-I.....Anthony Alvino  
Firefighter.....Robert Agneta  
Firefighter, EMT.....Gary Carbonneau  
Firefighter.....Robert Chooljian  
Firefighter, EMT.....Richard Colcord  
Firefighter.....Christopher Coughlin  
Firefighter.....Shawn Feeley  
Assistant.....Seth Garon  
Firefighter.....Bruce Gusler, Sr.  
Firefighter.....Bruce Gusler, Jr.  
Firefighter.....Russell Hawkins  
Firefighter, EMT.....Donald Hutchinson

#### **Fire Department Continued**

Chief, EMT.....John McArdle  
Deputy Chief, EMT.....Jay Judson, III  
Deputy Chief, EMT-P.....Jon D. Lovett  
Firefighter.....Richard Johnston  
Firefighter, EMT.....Eric LaFrancis  
Firefighter, EMT-I.....Tamara LaFrancis  
Photographer.....Robert Lang, Jr.  
EMT-P.....Matt Lombardy  
Firefighter.....Michael Maynard  
Firefighter, EMT.....Paul McKendry  
Firefighter.....Pat Moynihan  
Firefighter, EMT.....Gardiner Owen  
Firefighter.....Donald Petzold  
Firefighter.....Daniel Poliquin  
Firefighter.....David Sargent  
Firefighter, EMT.....William Scully  
Firefighter.....John Stevens  
Firefighter, EMT.....Scott Vezina  
Firefighter.....Mark Ward  
Firefighter, EMT.....John Wood



*Ruth Jenne rides in the antique fire truck on Old Home Day.*



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The theme of the 2007 Town Report is Renewal. One of the most significant renewals this past year was our Town Hall. The offices of the Building Inspector & Town Planner are now on the third floor. Work was also done on the second floor offices and the Great Hall. This allowed the Health Officer and the Assessor's office to be relocated into a larger and more modern office space. This also made room for an additional meeting room. These renovations were made possible through the Town Meeting's support of the Town Hall Renovation fund as well as the very generous donations made by Donald H. Sargent, a former resident with fond memories of his time in Plaistow who wanted to give back something to the town. We are so grateful.

Also, work in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office on the first floor was completed. The area was expanded and revamped with more room for vital record storage. The Finance office also found a new home in the old Assessor's office and the Town Manager's office received a makeover as well. Thanks go out to all the Town Hall employees for their help and patience during all the renovations.

Another big change is the completion of the recreation fields and the construction of the new concession stand on Old County Road. After years of work, the fields should be open this spring. This will be a much need addition to our Recreation Department.

2007 also brought the finalization of the reclamation plans for the Beede Waste Oil site on Kelley Road. The site was a waste oil recycling plant that was heavily contaminated. It was placed on the federal superfund list in 1995 and after much work and many years, the EPA and the potentially responsible parties have agreed on a clean up plan. Initial clean up work has been going on at the site for some time. 2008 should see new work beginning in the clean up process for the location. This clean up will be ongoing for many years but renewal of this site will be a benefit for future generations of Plaistow.

State work on the southern portion of Rte 125 was completed in 2007. The road was widened; more turning lanes were added as well as medians in key spots. This should greatly improve the safety of the highway. Work on the northern section will be ongoing in the coming years with more improvements to assist in traffic and safety. Copies of the plans for this project are available in the Town Manager's and Planning Offices.

This year, the Town held a Special Town Meeting to vote on whether or not to repeal the new Elderly Housing Ordinance approved in March. Residents of Plaistow voted in favor of the repeal, taking the Elderly Housing Ordinance off the books all together. This has proven to be a very complex issue.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to thank all of the volunteers, elected officials, committee members and staff who have served our community over the past year. We are so fortunate to have so many people committed to making Plaistow a place we are proud to call our home. While we have made many steps toward renewal, it is a continuing effort that requires all of us to continue to be good stewards of our community now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Michelle Curran*  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

## EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS

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

### **PLAISTOW 50 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts for the 1957 Annual Town Report***

**Cover:** A sketch of Fire Building (current Historical Society) and Hills Insurance Agency.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Engineers to install a telephone fire-call system and to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to install and maintain the same.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Engineers to hire a permanent man to be at the Fire House at night and to raise the sum of Twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) to defray the cost. (DEFEATED).

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for cast iron wheels for 1 – Historic Cannon located in Pollard Park, said wheels to be purchased from Federal Penitentiary.

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) to widen the approaches and bridge on Westville Road over Pollard Brook. This sum to be supplemented by State Bridge Aid. (DEFEATED)

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1957** = \$15,491.20

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$4,298,709.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	226,525.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$4,072,184.00

**Some Departmental Budgets:** Library = \$2700, Fire Department = \$4800, Health = \$100

**From the Report of the Board of Selectmen:** The summer of 1957 being a dry season, it was necessary that the board supply hardship cases with water. This was done through the cooperation of the City of Haverhill, which furnished the town with water, which was delivered by our fire department tank truck. Fred C. Rand drove the truck and took charge of the cases. He was responsible for delivering 69,000 gallons.

...The board was also faced with the problem of relocating the town dump. Numerous complaints from citizens regarding the unsanitary and unsightly conditions of the location, plus the proximity of the heavily-traveled Route 125, forced the major move.

Several local areas were considered and reviewed. A decision to relocate was reached after public meetings were held. After sanction from the State Health Department and the State Fire Warden, the dump was moved to Greenough Road. ... An ordinance was enacted in the year 1957 prohibiting parking on the Town Hall side of Elm street and Main street. This was enacted because of a hazardous condition caused by the increased traffic at this location.

**From the Report of the Plaistow Fire Department:** It was apparent in the summer of 1956 that something would have to be done in regard to the housing of the new fire truck which was to be delivered in November... An addition of 36 feet by 28 was added to the rear of the building. It was discovered at that time the old building was unsafe. At the vote of Town



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Meeting of March 1957, an appropriation of thirty five hundred dollars was voted for the razing of the old building and construction of a new one.

The firemen have donated their time in rebuilding the structure. The building completed is 74 feet by 28 feet. All labor has been donated. The lower part of the building is of cement block and fire-proof construction. The upper floor consists of a kitchen, a meeting hall, a bedroom and office space. A new forced-air heating system was installed. A fire pole was donated to the department. A new fire sign for the outside of the building was given by Mrs. Carrie Merrick in memory of her late husband, Gordon F. Merrick. The paint for the inside walls of the building downstairs was contributed by Mr. Warren G. Leathe and his father. Mr. Henry Mann, a member of the association, painted the interior of the building absolutely free of charge... The total amount of money spent has been six thousand eight hundred and sixty eight dollars and fifty nine cents. Two thousand six hundred forty one dollars and fifty two cents was contributed by the Firemen's Association. The rest from the appropriation at Town Meeting. The value of the building as it now stands would be at least twenty five thousand dollars.

**From the Report of the Librarian:** The bookmobile visited the Plaistow Library four times during the year; and the local Library had constant exchange of books with the State Library... As the year ends, the library is endeavoring to supply its readers with science books and technological material to answer the demands of the "Space Age".

**From the Report of the Board of Health:** There were no Asiatic Flu, Influenza, Polio or Pneumonia cases reported to our town during the entire year despite the widespread respiratory conditions early in the Fall which required the closure of the school for a period of about a week due to the great number of school children so afflicted.

**From the Report of the Cemetery Trustees:** January 1, 1958 Total of invested funds \$23,200.00. We received this year 3 ½% the first six months of the year and 4 % for the second half due to the fact that some of the certificates were misplaced. ... The trustees have on order perpetual care markers which will be placed on all lots in the Spring.

### **PLAISTOW 40 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts for the 1967 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A sketch of major roads in the area between Reading, Mass and Exeter, NH.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be set aside in a Special Reserve Fund for the future purchase of new and improved equipment for the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for a study and survey of the functional use of the Town Hall. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Trustees of the Public Library to use a portion of the Fred Rand Hall, approximately eight feet wide, for the temporary expansion of the Public Library, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of erecting a partition and making an opening from this proposed room into the present quarters of the Public Library, and to install sufficient lights in this new room, and that this temporary expansion project be supervised by a committee consisting of one Selectman, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one Library Trustee, appointed by the Board of Library Trustees, the Judge of the



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Plaistow District Court and the Moderator of the Town of Plaistow, and that if the town grants permission and appropriates the funds for this project, that the Committee so named, after reviewing all the problems pertaining to the use of the space asked for, shall have the sole right to approve or disapprove the above named project. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$650.00, a part of the unexpended balance of the Cemetery Account, to a special account for cemetery improvements.

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1967** = \$42,899.96

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$11,165,624.00
Less: Veterans Exemptions	365,780.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$10,799,844.00

**Some Departmental Budgets:** Library = \$6,085, Fire Department = \$10,505, Health = \$300

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** Much time and effort was extended toward obtaining the grant for the overhead water tower and tank through the Economic Division Administration. We still have additional papers to submit to the Portland office to conform with the requirements before the grant can be realized. However, we have been assured the grant will be forthcoming as soon as these processes have been finalized. The land on which the water tower stands was deeded to the Town this year.

...For the past three years our tax rate has steadily increased in spite of more dollars of building and our additional valuations have not been great enough to keep up with the increase in educational costs. ...The town must give immediate consideration to additional police protection, the probability of another fire station in another part of town and we are also getting closer to a need for a water and sewerage system. The only way these services can be accomplished is by an increase in non-expense income from commercial and industrial enterprises. We welcome suggestions by all citizens and encourage the assistance of all townspeople in an effort to interest more industry in locating in Plaistow.

**From the Report of the Cemetery Trustees:** Jan 1, 1968 - Total invested funds \$34,275.00.

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** The new fire truck arrived and was commissioned on September 15, 1967. ...In looking to the future, I believe that serious consideration should be given to the thought of constructing a new fire station housing at least one piece of equipment to be built along Route 125 in order to respond more quickly to the shopping centers, businesses and Timberlane High School.

**From the Report of the Industrial Commission:** The year 1967 was good to the Town of Plaistow both industrially and commercially. The 100,000 gallon water tower has become a reality, as can be observed from most every corner in Plaistow. The Plaistow Bank and Trust Company was formed and together with the Plaistow Co-operative Bank built a beautiful modern facility on Route 125. Process Engineering, Inc. is working towards the completion of phase III of their plant. A modern gas compressor station is being built on Forrest Street. The new State Line Plaza opened this year and is growing rapidly.

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**From the Report of the Planning Board:** There were three major subdivisions started this year. Section #2 of Wildwood Park off Sweet Hill Road, 100 lots. Bernard Collins, Dundee Drive and Collins Avenue, off Sweet Hill Road, 22 lots. Forest Acres, off Forrest Street, 28 lots.

**From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health:** The District State nurse has been notified of premature births reported to this office. There were three such reports. Two beauty parlors were inspected by this board and two new ones rejected for many reasons such as location and objections from adjacent landowners.

Three sanitary complaints were received and inspected and all three were corrected with the cooperation of all involved. The new state law relative to pollution of water bodies has stimulated better sewerage disposal plans and a marked increase such installations.

### **PLAISTOW 30 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts for the 1977 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A photo of the gazebo behind Town Hall

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800.00) for the purchase of approximately one acre of land on Sweet Hill Road for future water resource needs (Map 71, Block 1, Lot 1). (Recommended by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,700.00) to conduct a Feasibility Study and Water Quality Testing Program to develop Kelly Brook Dam and Reservoir for a municipal water supply. (Recommended by the Planning Board). (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to defray the expense of Old Home Day for the citizens of Plaistow (RSA 31:4 XXI). (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the installation of a well, pump and drinking fountain at the public Recreation Field. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 40.** "Be it resolved by the Town of Plaistow that the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in the Town of Plaistow, in the State of New Hampshire, that said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project for the elderly/low income under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended, for any of the following accommodations; (a) existing standard housing 30 dwelling units; (b) rehabilitated housing 10 dwelling units. The Total number of Dwelling units authorized by this and all previous authorizations shall not exceed 40 dwelling units."

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1977 = \$136,293.00**

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$50,045,602.00
Less: Elderly and Blind Exemptions	704,250.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$49,341,352.00

**Some Departmental Budgets:** Library = \$24,100, Fire Department = \$40,809, Health = \$600



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**From the Report of the Selectmen:** The EDA Federal Water Main and Reservoir Project (\$352,000.00) has been completed from the Fire House to the Keezer Manufacturing Plant. Also from the Railroad tracks to the northern end of Maple Ave. and into the reservoir located N.W. of the Exeter-Hampton Electric Maintenance Building. It is hoped that we will have sufficient funds to bring the water line from Old Westville Road to the east side of the B & M Railroad tracks. ...The Library was moved to their new quarters on Elm Street by the Summer CETA youth and the Highway Department. The new quarters were dedicated October 9, 1977, thanks to the large gift from Mrs. Nelson in memory of her husband and for the many smaller gifts from others. Revenue Sharing funds on hand and anticipated during 1978 amount to \$90,000.00. The entire amount has been requested for purchase of the Lagasse Land and Building pending a decision of the townspeople whether or not to approve this purchase. Another request has been received to complete the second floor of the Library at a cost of \$25,000.00. ...The Band Stand presented by the Plaistow Lion's Club was completed and dedicated on November 13, 1977. Many thanks to the Lions and to the donors. This bandstand is a symbol of the generosity and the cooperative spirit which has been expressed by the citizens, businessmen, and Lions who joined together to unselfishly give of their time and money to complete this project.

**From the Report of the Cemetery Trustees:** Dec 31, 1976- Total invested funds \$51,694.04.

**From the Report of the Police Department:** This year is my fifth year as your Chief of Police. During this time the department has grown full a full-time chief and one full-time officer to the Chief and three full-time officers.

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** The new truck, a 1250 GPM pumper, was delivered in early December, and we expect it will be placed in service shortly. The station was completely painted inside and out by members of the department with some assistance from CETA employees. Again we have requested the inclusion of a section in the building code requiring smoke detectors in all new or extensively remodeled buildings. We request your support in this legislation. We also suggest that each home owner consider installing one or more in his home. They are very inexpensive, extremely reliable, and could save your life.

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

**From the Report of the Planning Board:** Proposals now under consideration include a subdivision in the Pine Street-Hilltop Road area creating 50 new lots and a development in the Sweet Hill Road-Newton Road area providing for a 400-unit mobile home park, a 120-bed nursing home and 50 units of elderly housing. The latter proposal will require amendments to several ordinances in order to be permitted and will therefore be presented at two statutory public hearings prior to calling a special town meeting. The citizen's group named Sounding Board has concluded its work of over one year and this board has approved the first four chapters of the Master Plan incorporating suggestions of the Sounding Board. We are currently working on the final chapter of the plan.



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

### **PLAISTOW 20 YEARS AGO** ***Excerpts for the 1987 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A copy of the proclamation naming Plaistow as a "Bicentennial Community".

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.) for expenses of hiring a town manager. Said sum includes salary for six months, and includes advertising, interviews, benefits, worker's compensation, taxes and relocation assistance. Starting date to be July 1, 1988. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety-four Dollars (\$5,194.) for a 1988 Ford Backhoe for the Highway Department and authorize the selectmen to withdraw Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$13,600.) from Capital Reserve; and further authorize the selectmen to withdraw Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.) from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, both to offset the purchase, and to authorize the selectmen to trade in the old backhoe for Twenty-two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.) towards the purchase. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.) to offset the expenses for Old Home Day. By Petition. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1987 = \$588,673.00**

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$481,355,870.00
Less: Exemptions	1,500,000.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$479,855,870.00

**Some Departmental Budgets:** Library = \$62,976, Fire Department = \$85,950, Health= \$5,060

**From the Board of Selectmen's Report:** ... Long range plans are being formulated for the disposal of all solid wastes. A septage committee has been formed to look into all alternatives to septic systems. Your selectmen are exploring a clean potable water source for future generations to enjoy, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is placing pressure on all cities and towns to solve the solid waste disposal problems. ... One unfavorable result of the town's growth has been the lack of affordable housing. Many new residents have been unable to secure affordable rental apartments in town. This is not just a local problem, but it is most prevalent in the southern part of the state. ... During 1987 we lost our longtime Fire Chief, John D. Fitzgerald. The new public safety complex has been named in his honor, recognizing the many years that John dedicated to the department as well as his efforts in securing larger quarters for the fire department.

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**From the Report of the Fire Department:** ... Two new pieces of apparatus placed into service, engine 7 as a replacement and snorkel 8, a used 75 ft. aerial tower that is Plaistow's first aerial apparatus, were welcome additions to the department.

**From the Report of the Chief of Police:** ... We added two full-time officers as approved by the voters as well as an additional full-time secretary and dispatcher. ... Budget year 1988 will be an important year for the Department and Town as far as the Communications Center is concerned. We will be budgeting for a 2 position radio console and reel-to-reel recorder and sufficient dispatchers in order to realize our goal of 24 hour dispatch, 7 days a week. The cost to implement is indeed expensive, however, if we delay another one or two years, I believe to costs become greater and more of a burden on taxpayers.

**From the Report of the Town Water Line:** The water lines in town proved that they are a must and certainly should be extended further up Route 125. The fire that destroyed the Agway shop and business on Route 125 was fed water from a hydrant located back at Westville Market. The fire that burned down the Little River complex on Route 125 in Kingston had water that was being shuttled from hydrants at the Plaistow line on Main Street.

**From the Report of the Highway Department:** DRAINAGE: the department installed two badly needed catch basins with the accompanying drainage last year. One was installed on Witch Lane and the second at Kelley Road. We used 1,300 feet of drainage piping on these projects.

**From the Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds:** Dec 31, 1987- Total invested funds \$70,083.99.

**From the Report of the Health Department:** 1987 was a busy year for the Health Department. It was the first year that someone was hired solely to deal with the health issues facing town residents.

**From the Report from Librarian:** Another year has passed and again, through the generosity of the townspeople, the library has grown and changed with the times. With the passage of Warrant Article #30 at the March 1987 Town Meeting, we were able to add an additional person to our staff and open another day, thus allowing the library to be open six days a week.

**From the Report of the Highway Safety Committee:** Probably the most important accomplishment for the town and for the Highway Safety Committee was the firming up of a reconstruction date for the Route 125 B&M Railroad overpass. If everything goes as scheduled, Plaistow will have more than one mile of four-lane highway, and a new bridge, along its busiest state street. The town owes a big thank you to its legislative delegation for the fight our senators and representatives, as well as our governor's councilor, fought to retain the overpass project in the 1989 TIP element.

### **PLAISTOW 10 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts for the 1997 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A drawing of Town Hall by A.J. DiPirro 8 years old.

**Article 5.** Shall the town vote to establish a paid water superintendent position and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,359 to fund the position for the first year. Said sum will



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cover the cost of wages and social security/medicare payments for the first year. The water department superintendent position will be established as a working supervisor position of approximately 5 hours per week. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

**Article 11.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for capital improvements to the town cemetery off Elm Street to include the paving of the interior roads. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

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

**Article 15.** Shall the town vote to establish a new full time police officer position and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,584 for the 1998 fiscal year to fund the position for the four month period of September 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 which follows the expiration of the Federal COPS FAST Police Hiring Grant. If approved, the cost of a new officer may have proposed funding entirely within the operating budget of the ensuing fiscal years beginning with an estimated 1999 fiscal year sum of approximately \$33,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

**Article 28.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$539 to increase the Tax Collector's salary by \$500 from \$18,000 to \$18,500. The additional \$39 is to cover town payments to social security and medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1997** = \$885,441.00

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$433,159,935.00
Less: Exemptions	4,484,150.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$428,675,785.00

**Some Departmental Budgets:** Library = \$164,141, Fire Dept = \$165,107, Health = \$22,142

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** ... The future of Plaistow looks brighter as we continue to work together. Officials from Plaistow, New Hampshire and Haverhill, Massachusetts held a joint meeting and formed committees that are working for the betterment of both communities and the region by addressing the traffic problems on Route 125. This type of coexistence can only benefit us all and is a positive trend.

**From the Report of the Cemetery Sexton:** The big news of 1997! We finally addressed the drainage problems at the Plaistow Cemetery. This problem has been with us for several years and it looks as though we can put this behind us now and move on.

**From the Report of Fire Department:** During this past year, we replaced the breathing air compressor, used to replenish our SCBA units. This was done in cooperation with 4 other



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towns that share that piece of equipment. In the fall, we took responsibility for one of our Hazardous Material District emergency response trailers. This is a storage trailer that contains supplies and materials to be used in response to a Hazardous Material spill anywhere in the 14 towns that make up the District. So far, we have responded to 2 situations, out of town, requiring the trailer.

**From the Report of the Health Department:** This past June we presented the ServSafe Food Safety of the National Restaurant Association to participants. This course was made possible through a Public Health Grant from the State of New Hampshire. It was offered to State Health Officers as a Municipal Block Grant Funding. Funding was in the amount of \$3,879.00. This amount paid all expenses associated with this class.

**From the Report of the Highway Department:** The Highway Department and Senter Brothers Construction combined forces to install some much needed drainage structures at the Plaistow Cemetery, located off Elm Street. We installed four complete catch basin structures, 520 feet of pipe and a detention pond. We also brought in some fill to bring up the elevation in the middle section of the cemetery. All this in hopes of eliminating the water problems that have existed for some time. With help from the voters, we plan to hot top the access roads in and out of the cemetery next year.

**From the Report of the Highway Safety Committee:** Among the projects we addressed during 1997 were: the intersection of Elm and Main Streets; an industrial complex off Old County Road; worked with the City of Haverhill, Mass., to get Haynes Boulevard made one way; a large subdivision on Greenough Road; drafted criteria to recommendations for lowering speed on town roads; succeeded in getting the intersection of Routes 121A and 125 on the State Transportation Improvement Plan for fiscal year 1999 (with great help from the Rockingham Planning Commission); met with residents of Auburn Street about speeding vehicles and vehicles not stopping at intersections in the area; dedicated the new Michael C. Weston Memorial Park and Ride on Westville Road; and addressed new changes at State Line Plaza.

**From the Report of the Water Department:** In June of this year I had the water tower inspected, as it must be done every 5 years according to the specs. When it was done we found out that we have a very big problem inside the tower. The pipes that heat the tower are all broken away and ready to fall from the rust. This was done in 1985 with all new pipes and 12 years later they are gone again. Also, the inside will need painting again and the outside will need painting soon at a large cost to the taxpayers of the town.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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A commitment to renewal recognizes that a strong community requires effective review and updating of its actions, practices and assets. The Town of Plaistow undertook a number of renewal projects during 2007, some apparent to the general public and others in operations. These have aided the Town to move forward in a productive and re-energized direction for the future.

Most visibly, we continued the renovations of Town Hall. Building on the structural work completed several years ago, this year's work focused on the finishing touches of paint, carpet, lighting and furnishings. Staff and the public benefit from professional workspaces that are both visually appealing and productively organized. I appreciate the patience of both staff and the public as we moved things around and temporarily relocated offices during the work.

Our digital "Town Hall" underwent a major overhaul during the past year, too. The Town's updated website is intended to be easier for users to find things and is much easier for staff to update. As the project goes forward, the plan is to continue to make useful information readily available to the public. Please advise any of the staff if there is something that you would like to see on the website. In the coming year, we expect to dramatically increase what is on the site, including easy to use on-line mapping building on the Town's Geographic Information Systems databases.

With the support of Town Meeting voters, we continued to make responsible deposits to various equipment capital reserve funds in order to prepare for future equipment replacement. This year, reserves were used for replacement of a Highway Department truck. Additionally, we continue to expand the fire suppression water line, with this year's work occurring in the vicinity of the Old County Road/Route 125 intersection. Impact fees from development were used for improvements on Wentworth Avenue, continued planning for Safety Complex expansion and a mobile office trailer to handle growth of the Police Department. The Fire Department secured grant funding and matching donations through the Fireman's Association that allowed installation of a new cascade system that allows for onsite refilling of oxygen tanks used by firefighters. Finally, funds raised this year, as well as reserves from previous years, brought the new recreation fields off Old County Road to completion for opening in the spring of 2008.

Behind the scenes, several renewal efforts also occurred. With the help of the Planning Department and the CIP Committee, the Capital Improvement Plan was completely overhauled and updated. Many Town departments participated in a comprehensive review of all document storage requirements in an effort to better manage Town records. New policies were written in a number of areas including donations, credit card use and internal controls. All departments were involved in a GIS needs assessment that identified enhanced ways to use technology to improve operations and service to the public. A full review of equipment for cable program production and distribution occurred, with new equipment planned for installation at the end of 2007 and beginning of 2008. The Town's mosquito control program, developed by the Health Officer, continues to serve as a model for other towns as the region seeks to educate its residents and to protect, where possible, from the threat of EEE.

Lastly, we undertook, with the assistance of an engineer, a full assessment of the water line to develop strategies for future maintenance and renewal.

Within the community, development projects at State Line Plaza, a proposed Starbucks and extensive widening and median work on Route 125, prepared our retail corridor for future growth. At the same time, plans were finalized for the upcoming replacement of the Garden



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Road Bridge. This year also marked the first year of road improvements based on detailed planning from a pavement management program. In addition to road work, major drainage improvements also were installed on Duston and Stanwood Avenues. Other proposed developments raised more challenges for boards and staff, notably plans for elderly housing that generated significant discussion and a special town meeting to repeal the article enabling these projects.

Financially, the Town saw several positive developments. First, with the support of department heads carefully monitoring spending and adjustments to tax billing, the Town's cash flow management program allowed avoidance of all tax anticipation borrowing. At the end of 2006, the Town borrowed in advance of taxes and avoiding that was a key goal for 2007, requiring weekly monitoring and strategizing with the Finance office and Treasurer. Additionally, the Town benefits from a decision of the Library Trustees to advance payment of the library bond, which will result in lower debt service payments in 2008 and 2009. Finally, in the area of assessing, a review of commercial values along Route 125 occurred this year, as the ratio of sales to assessed value did not meet the same level of targets as other property in town.

The Town benefits from the active participation of its citizens in various boards and committees. These committees are a vital part of town operations, from planning and zoning to events like Old Home Day. Maintaining momentum for renewal relies on input from many sources. An informed citizenry is vital for future success. One tool the Town uses for such information is the Town Report. The 2006 Town Report was recognized by the Local Government Center as the First Place report in the state.

Finally, the Town is blessed with a smart, creative and dedicated staff. Working with these people on a daily basis, I see their commitment to public service and to improving our community. Many of their actions go unrecognized or unheralded because they are just "doing their job." I am grateful to all Town staff for their support over the past year and their service to our community. It is an honor to work with these professionals as well as the dedicated citizens that populate our boards and committees as well as those residents who simply drop in to offer advice, make a phone call or send an e-mail. With all of these people working together, Plaistow will continue renewal, growth and change into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason Hoch*  
Town Manager



## FEBRUARY 3, 2007 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

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The meeting was opened at 10:02AM by Barry Sargent with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

He spoke about his attire, which was a Civil War officer's uniform. He was going to be speaking about the article concerning a celebration of our Civil War Monument and the opening of the time capsule.

Bob Carolan handed out some tips for being understood, which Barry Sargent read aloud to the general audience.

A vote was taken to allow three non-residents to speak about several warrant articles. They were Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor, Mr. Charles Coaker, former Timberlane High School Principal, and Nicole Carr, Human Services Coordinator. A motion was taken to allow a vote by Selectmen, John Sherman and seconded by Budget Committee Chairperson, Kristin Lewis-Savage. A vote was taken and passed unanimously to allow all three persons to speak on their various articles.

B. Sargent then explained that he would be using "Roberts Rules" as a guide to run the meeting. He further explained that the body would explain, debate, and amend articles at the meeting.

Next B. Sargent stated that Articles P-07-26 thru 34, are planning and zoning articles and they cannot be changed by law. He opened the floor for questions on any of those articles.

Robert Loeffler asked about Article P-07-29, wanting to know how it affects the home owners affected by the change. Tim Moore of the Planning Board explained the intent of the change is to make lots affected all one zone. Further explaining that if the front of the lot was C2 and another part of the lot was LDR or MDR, then they would make the whole lot into one designation.

With no further questions, B. Sargent moved on to the regular articles.

### ARTICLE P-07-02: OPERATING BUDGET

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by John Sherman, 2nd by Kristin Lewis Savage.

J. Sherman asked that a copy of the MS7 be distributed before the Budget was explained. An incorrect copy was passed out and after a brief delay the correct copy was passed out to the body in attendance.

K. Lewis Savage, Budget Committee Chairperson, explained the budget line by line after first explaining that the overall budget will increase by \$41,000.00 which is less than 1%. The amount raised by taxes in 2007 will be less than 2006 by \$112,046.00.

J. Sherman spoke to the fact that the increase in the budget would be offset by an increase in revenue. Tax payers should see a drop of about 3%.

Eleanor Peabody questioned the RTCA/CART money and why we give a for profit organization money. Explanations and comments were made by Michelle Curran, Bernadine Fitzgerald, John Sherman, Marilyn Senter and Buzzy Blinn until everything was explained to E. Pe, abody.

K. Lewis Savage reminded people to vote on the total budget, CART is only \$6,700.00, which is 1/10 of 1%.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-02 will appear on the ballot as written.

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### ARTICLE P-07-03 HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT

Read by B.Sargent.

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lawrence Gil.

Article was presented by D. Poliquin and the use of the funds was explained by D. Garlington.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-03 will appear on the ballot as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-04 ROAD PAVING

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by D. Poliquin.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-03 will appear on the ballot as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-05 DRAINAGE

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Lawrence Gil, 2nd by Dan Poliquin.

Presented by L. Gil.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-05 will appear on the ballot as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-06 ROADS IN BUDGET

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Lawrence Gil, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by L. Gil.

L. Gil explained that we vote in the monies from Articles 3, 4 and 5 every year in order to maintain our roads. An Engineer stated that without these preventative amounts we could need as much as \$600,000.00 in any given year.

D. Hooper, H.Szmyt, J. Sherman and M. Curran spoke to moving the money into the budget as a good idea as it has been a constant amount for several years.

M.Curran asked why no results of the Selectmen's vote was listed in this Article?

L. Gil put forth an amendment to add the results of the Selectmen's vote, with a second by K. Lewis-Savage. A vote to accept the Amended Article was taken and passed.

J. Penta asked if the Highway Block Grant will be part of the budget line if this article passes. John Sherman explained that yes, it would. C. Blinn stated that voters lose control of the money but sometimes it's necessary and needed. G. Peabody felt that it will keep people from being confused and sometime, voting no, not to accept state money into the town.

Article P-07-06 will appear with the Amendment: Adding at the end of the Article "Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)."



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### ARTICLE P-07-07 TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Read by N. Major as B. Sargent is a member of the Town Hall Renovations Committee and would be speaking on the article.

Motion by John Sherman, 2nd by Robert Gray.

Presented by J. Sherman.

J. Sherman stated that this is the third and final stage to finish the Town Hall Renovations. He also gave thanks to the time and efforts of the Committee. J. Sherman also invited the public to take time and view the completed offices now located on the third floor and explained the final plans for the monies in Article 07.

G. Peabody spoke of his memories of all the changes and uses of Town Hall in past years and stated that he is pleased with the top notch job that has been done so far in Phase 1 and 2.

R. Gray addressed the money and mentioned the gift of \$25,000.00, which came in 2006. He noted that passing this Article would add \$.175 to a home valued at 200,000.00.

B. Sargent told the body that the committee is trying to balance the historical aspect with the functional use of the building.

L. Withee asked if we have received any rebates for using more economical electrical lights. She was told yes by Town Manager, J. Hoch.

More discussion and comments where made and answered by H. Szmyt, B. Sargent, C. Blinn, J. Sherman, and M. Curran; Explaining that built into the funds is the possibility of a lift up onto the stage area, new carpet, moving some offices around blinds, and drapes. They also explained that space needs and feasibility would be looked at as a whole project before deciding on when the total project would begin.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-07 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-08 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Michelle Curran, 2nd by Dan Hooper.

Presented by M. Curran with no questions or discussion.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-08 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-09 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Michelle Curran, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by M. Curran.

L. Gil and R. Loeffler asked about the \$16,000.00 trade in amount and were told, by J.Hoch, that we have a guarantee of at least that amount in writing.

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C. Blinn asked if we would be buying a new plow and wing as well, and if so, is the old plow and wing also getting too old to reuse on the new truck. D. Garlington explained that it would be costly to refit the old plow because of the loss in trade-in value it makes sense financially to go completely new.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-09 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-10 HIGHWAY GARAGE CAPITAL RESERVE

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Lawrence Gil, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by L. Gil and explained further by C. Blinn.

No questions or discussion.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-10 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-11 BUILDINGS CAPITAL RESERVE

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Charles Blinn, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by C. Blinn.

H. Szmyt asked if this Article will have a cap or will the money repeat itself each year. John Sherman stated that the Board of Selectmen will revisit the article each year and that the intent is for the money to build up to cover emergency expenses and repairs on all town buildings.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-11 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-12 FIRE CAPITAL RESERVE

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Michelle Curran, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by M. Curran.

H. Szmyt asked what piece of Fire Equipment was purchased in 2006 and the cost. Fire Chief J. McArdle responded that they bought a Rescue Ambulance and without the Capital Reserve funds a Main Engine could cost the Town upwards of \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-12 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-13 WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

Read by Barry Sargent.

Motion by John Sherman, 2nd by Lawrence Gil.

Presented by J. Sherman



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M. Curran stated that the water line is a service to the town and helps to bring in business as it serves them for water suppression. She also noted that when businesses hook into the water line it generates revenue for the town. J. McArdle stated that without the water line some business would be eliminated from moving into our town.

T. Moore told the body that developers will be asked to make contributions to the fund if they develop any land along Route 125.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-13 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-14 RECREATION FIELDS

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Charles Blinn, 2nd by George Peabody.

Presented by C. Blinn, who thanked the commission for their work and reminded the body that we are very close to finishing this Recreation Field for our children.

C. Malette and J. Sherman spoke about the fact that the fields are complete and that the grass is growing. They will be ready to open for spring of 2008 if the Article passes and the final touches can be completed.

L. Gil and B. Lavasser asked about security. Carlene told them that the police do patrol the fields, there are fences around the complex and they also rely on the neighbors for telling the PD that there is activity at the field that needs to be check on.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-14 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-15 CONSERVATION FUND

Read by B. Sargent

Motion by Michelle Curran, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by M. Curran.

E. Peabody asked why the \$47,000.00 which was recently paid for taking the Goudreault property out of current use was not reflected in the balance for this account. She also wanted to know if the Conservation Commission is looking at any property to buy.

J. Hoch explained that current use funds are held in a different account which is held by the Treasurer and that the balance is at \$63,279.17.

L. Gil answered that at present time the commission is not looking at any.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-15 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-16 MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Lawrence Gil, 2nd John Sherman.

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Presented by L. Gil.

Explained by S. Savage, Plaistow Police Chief, that this is a second effort to pass this Article and the Resource Office is really needed at the Middle School. He also stated that because of that the High School Resource Officer, there was no need to pull a cruiser off the street.

J. Penta, H. Szmyt, J. McArdle, C. Coaker, J. Sherman, L. Withee and D. Poliquin spoke for the article. They spoke of added respect seen in the high school children, about the school population being up as well as assaults and bullying being factors that the Resource Office could address.

A vote was taken to allow Officer Joan Marsilia to speak as the High School Resource Officer.

Motion by John Sherman, 2nd by Dan Poliquin.

Vote passed.

Officer J. Marsilia stated that incidents went up the first year but now, five years later, that number is down by 20%. She said we can only wonder what the numbers might be without the officer at the high school.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-16 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-17 SELECTMEN SALARY

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by L. Gil, 2nd by K. Lewis Savage.

Presented by L. Gil.

R. Gray stated that he felt that the current salary is too low to attract quality people. The money does help offset the time and work the selectmen put in.

D. Hooper asked if the board could tell him why they are asking for this raise. John Sherman said that he voted against the article. M. Curran stated that although she didn't become a selectperson for her \$1000/year, the money would help towards offsetting the cost of gas and other expenses. D. Poliquin said that passing the article would be recognition of a job well done. M. Sumner, former selectmen, stated that they all give up a lot of family time. L. Gil told the body that the board checked the fees paid by other town to their selectmen.

B. Levasser felt that if the article doesn't pass then maybe the public felt that it was too large an increase at one time. N. Major said that he has been a selectman at five different times and we should vote for the raise just as a matter of good government. Steve Savage stated that they are employees too and it has been 30 years since the position has had raise. R. Gray added that the impact to the tax payer is less than \$.02. C. Blinn stated that the money will help with their expenses and that the job puts them in touch with the towns-people always bouncing things off them for thought.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-17 will appear as written.



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### ARTICLE P-07-18 TOWN CLERK SALARY

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by D. Poliquin.

C. Blinn stated he feels it is fair to pay the position a 2% increase as all the other Town Employees will be getting a 2% cost of living increase.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-18 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-19 TAX COLLECTOR SALARY

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by D. Poliquin, who stated this is the same issue as Article 18.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-19 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-20 SPECIAL DETAIL TRUST FUND

Read by B. Sargent

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by M. Curran.

No questions or discussion.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-20 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-21 AIDS RESPONSE SEACOAST

Read by B. Sargent

Motion by Michelle Curran, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by M. Curran, explained by N. Carr.

D. Hooper questioned how and why this fund works and it was explained further by N. Carr.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-21 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-22 CENTENNIAL AND CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

Read by M. Dorman as both B. Sargent (Moderator) and N. Major (Deputy Moderator) are on the planning committee for this article.

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by Michelle Curran.

Presented by B. Sargent and N. Major.

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B. Sargent told of the plans for the celebration and N. Major spoke of finances using the handout. They also spoke of opening the time capsule and of putting a new capsule into the base of the monument. They hope that all organizations will put in a letter explaining how things are in 2008 so that in 2108 the people in the same organization can see how things have changed.

B. Fitzgerald spoke of Mr. Pollard, of how he left the land, statue and cannons to the town. She also spoke of the celebration when the statue was erected.

N. Major presented an Amendment to add an intent to the Article, which was 2nd by B.Sargent.

D. Hooper asked if the \$10,500.00 show as revenue on the handout would be returned to the Town Budget or used to fund the celebration in addition to the \$25,000.00. Barry explained that it would be returned to the budget and in the end the celebration would not cost the full amount.

J. Sherman reminded people that the celebration is for the year 2008 but the money is needed now to get the plans in motion.

A vote to accept the Amendment was taken and passed without any no votes.

The Amendment will add:

[Intent: "It is anticipated that approximately \$10,500.00 will be raised by sale of dinner tickets, souvenirs, program ads and donations to help defray the costs of this Centennial & Civil War Celebration. It is also anticipated that all costs associated with this event will be paid by the end of 2008."]

A vote was taken and Article P-07-22 will appear with the amendment.

### ARTICLE P-07-23 FIRE WARDS

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by John Sherman.

Presented by D. Poliquin, explained by J. McArdle.

G. Peabody spoke of the fact that the fire engineers help in directing and leading other firemen at a fire. He wondered if this would hinder the Fire Chief. He also felt that passing this article would prohibit new residents from joining the force. Chief McArdle explained that neither issue is correct. He has Assistants to help at fires and the volunteer fire department would still accept newcomers.

D. Poliquin also explained the changes.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-23 will appear as written.

### ARTICLE P-07-24 HAYNES BOULEVARD

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Charles Blinn, 2nd by Michelle Curran.

Presented by K. Lewis Savage.



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H. Szmyt thought the article seemed straight forward. B. Fitzgerald asked if the former Spencer land is still owned by the Spencers and was told no that it's owned by the Plaza. R. Hayes spoke to the fact that he has never seen any trash on that road. B. Levasser spoke against the article as a resident of Le Perle Avenue and a daily user of the property.

D. Poliquin spoke of losing tax revenue if Maplewood Cemetery took over the Spencer property. Chief Savage stated that there is dumping of trash along that street and his officers can't patrol every where all the time.

J. Sherman asked what the advantage is to the shopping mall if the street was closed and about the water source as a benefit to the cemetery. L. Gil wondered if we can table the article based on the fact that police, fire and selectmen had no prior discussion on the warrant article. M. Curran asked if a Petition Article can be changed and was told by J. Hoch, yes, but not until the deliberative session. She also wondered about the fact that the Spencer land was part of the green space required by the plans for the Plaza. She wondered if that fact would make the plaza plans void.

T. Moore reminded the body that the Spencer land is no longer a separate lot and would need to be separated to give it away.

Brian Levasser proposed an Amendment, 2nd by Michelle Curran.

AMENDMENT: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to determine the final disposition of Haynes Boulevard which may include the discontinuance of Haynes Boulevard pursuant to NH RSA 231:43 if the Board of Selectmen determines it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Plaistow?

[Intent: This will allow the Selectmen time to further investigate the use of Haynes Boulevard and does not bind the Selectmen to discontinue the road.]

J. Sherman asked if the intent was that the Amendment will give the power to the Selectmen to decide – if so the public may want to know the Selectmen's stand on the Amendment. H. Szmyt wanted to know the result of the Selectmen's vote. D. Poliquin didn't feel that the Board's opinion would matter at that point in time. J. Sherman and M. Curran are against the land swap.

D. Hooper supports the Amendment, but J. Senter was against it and felt the decision should be made by the people and that they should see it as written.

Selectmen's vote will be added to the article. (5 – yes, 0 – no)

A vote was taken to accept the Amendment and Article P-07-24 will appear with the Amendment and the Selectmen's vote.

### ARTICLE P-07-25 CARBON COALITION

Read by B. Sargent.

Motion by Lawrence Gil, 2nd John Sherman.

Presented by L. Gil.

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R. Gray asked if this is a Petition Article and was told no, it is submitted by the Board of Selectman. H. Szmyt asked who submitted the info to the Selectmen. He was told that this will be appearing on many NH ballots this year.

Robert Gray submitted and Amendment, 2nd by Henry Szmyt.

R. Gray explained that he feels that we don't need a National program to tell us, as a community, to work to change the environment. We also don't need a no vote being known at a National level, if a no vote ended up being the result.

H. Szmyt spoke for the Amendment. J. Sherman did research and found that the group is environmental not big business. He is against the Amendment as many other towns will be voting on the same original article. M. Curran is in favor of the Amendment and agrees that we don't need to make the results know at the Federal level, but to keep them local.

A vote was taken on the Amendment: 10 – yes, 21 – no

Amendment failed and was taken off the floor.

A vote was taken and Article P-07-25 will appear as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20PM by B. Sargent.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Plaistow Town Clerk



## MARCH 13, 2007 TOWN MEETING RESULTS

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Voter turnout was about 32%, due to a warm and sunny day, with temperatures reaching into the 60's.

We reconfigured the layout at the polls for this election, trying to develop a smooth flow of voters. It seemed to work well and we will use it again for the Presidential Primary Election in early 2008.

Moderator, Barry Sargent opened the polls at 8:00AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and the swearing in of all the ballot clerks. We expected a low turnout as there were no big races on the ballot except for Kindergarten. There were 1247 votes cast.

Below are the statistics and results:

### Election Day Registrations

Democrats	4
Republicans	3
Undeclared	<u>31</u>
Totals	38

### Registered Voters

1039
1539
<u>3410</u>
5988

### 2007 WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

Article	Description	Result	Article	Description	Result
P-07-01	Elected Officers		P-07-18	Town Clerk Salary	Passed
P-07-02	Operating Budget	Passed	P-07-19	Tax Collector Salary	Passed
P-07-03	Highway Block Grant	Passed	P-07-20	Special Detail Fund	Passed
P-07-04	Road Paving	Passed	P-07-21	Aids Response	Passed
P-07-05	Drainage	Passed	P-07-22	Civil War Monument	Failed
P-07-06	Roads in Budget	Passed	P-07-23	Fire Wards	Passed
P-07-07	Renovations	Passed	P-07-24	Haynes Boulevard	Passed
P-07-08	Equipment Trust Fund	Passed	P-07-25	Carbon Coalition	Passed
P-07-09	Department Truck	Passed	P-07-26	Eliminate Text	Passed
P-07-10	HW Capital Reserve	Failed	P-07-27	Regulations	Passed
P-07-11	BLD Capital Reserve	Passed	P-07-28	Parcel Zones	Passed
P-07-12	Fire Capital Reserve	Passed	P-07-29	Parcel Zones	Passed
P-07-13	Water Capital Reserve	Passed	P-07-30	Village District	Passed
P-07-14	Recreation Fields	Passed	P-07-31	Wildlife Habitats	Passed
P-07-15	Conservation Funds	Passed	P-07-32	Particular Uses	Passed
P-07-16	Middle School SRO	Failed	P-07-33	AEHC Ordinance	Passed
P-07-17	Selectmen Salary	Failed	P-07-34	Permit Clarifications	Passed

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk

## SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Article STM-07-01: Elderly Housing District:

The polls where open AT 8:00AM by Barry Sargent, Moderator, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the swearing in of the ballot clerks.

Our first voter, David Sargent, verified that the ballot box was empty.

The weather was great but voter turn out was slow. Results are as listed below, which includes the 3 cast absentee votes:

407 yes

Total votes:     27 no  
                         434

The check in count as well as the number of used ballots count was 436, but the check out count and actual cast ballot count was 434. Due to the results the moderator elected not to spend the time verifying that every voter checked out.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town clerk



*Renovated Town Clerk & Tax Collector Office.*



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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**BALANCE FORWARD JANUARY 1, 2007**

**7,479,153.54**

<b>RECEIPTS :</b>	<b><u>DEBITS</u></b>	<b><u>CREDITS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
<b><i>Town Clerk:</i></b>			
Withholding State of NH		8,023.00	
Dogs Withheld State of NH		2,628.00	
UCC Fees		3,305.00	
E Reg Interware Liability		1,154.90	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		1,292,813.67	
E Reg Mail In Fees		664.00	
Mail In Fees		7,375.00	
Miscellaneous		295.50	
Dog Licenses		6,470.50	
Dog Pick Up Fines		4,030.00	
Marriage Licenses		441.00	
Certified Copies		3,139.00	
Municipal Agent Program		23,872.50	
Voter Checklist		54.00	
Boat Registrations		6,762.81	
Recordings		10.00	
Filing Fees		11.00	
Town Title Fees		3,572.00	
Pole Licenses		30.00	
Returned Check Charges		600.00	
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Subtotal Town Clerk			<b>1,370,251.88</b>
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		221.00	
Returned Checks 2007	4,103.85		
Returned Checks Paid		4,051.85	
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			<b>1,370,420.88</b>
<b><i>Tax Warrant Copies</i></b>			<b>357.00</b>
<b><i>Welfare Assistance Liens</i></b>			<b>7,304.06</b>
<b><i>Planning Board</i></b>			<b>19,629.56</b>
<b><i>Zoning Board of Adjustment</i></b>			<b>4,606.54</b>
<b><i>Health</i></b>			<b>8,750.00</b>
<b><i>Highway Miscellaneous</i></b>			<b>2,842.00</b>
<b><i>Witness Fess</i></b>			<b>2,990.02</b>

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<b>Fire Department:</b>			
Ambulance		8,150.06	
Insurance Reports		135.00	
General Revenue		3,071.82	
Court Ordered Reimbursements		36.52	
			11,393.40
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Special Events		356.75	
Summer Recreation Registrations		40,952.50	
Summer Recreation Trips		9,504.00	
Baseball/Softball Registrations		19,427.50	
Community Trips		7,631.00	
Senior Trips		10,841.50	
Returned Checks 2007	228.00		
Returned Checks Paid		38.00	
Returned Check Fines		50.00	
			88,573.25
<b>Tax Collector:</b>			
Previous Year Taxes		533,215.88	
2007 Taxes		17,953,866.34	
Property Tax Interest		35,359.92	
Yield Taxes		641.73	
Redemptions		275,299.99	
Redemptions/Interest/Costs		26,688.36	
Mortgage Notice Costs		3,720.00	
Returned Checks 2007	22,006.38		
Returned Check Paid		22,006.38	
Returned Checks Fines		150.00	
			18,828,942.22
<b>Building &amp; Code Enforcement Office:</b>			
Inspections		113,200.75	
Returned Checks 2007	210.00		
Prior Year Checks Paid		50.00	
Returned Checks Paid		210.00	
Returned Checks Fines		50.00	
			113,300.75
<b>Police:</b>			
Gun Permits		600.00	
Licenses to Sell Pistols		75.00	
Hawkers & Peddlers		60.00	
Pawn & Second Hand Dealers		2,250.00	



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<b><i>Police Continued:</i></b>			
Finger Printing		147.00	
Parking Violations		4,845.00	
False Alarms		1,525.00	
Insurance Requests Report		7,910.00	
Recruiting		140.00	
Outside Details		8,624.50	
Court Ordered Reimbursement		800.01	
			26,976.51
<b><i>Federal Governments:</i></b>			
O.J.P. Grant		32.00	
Witness Advocate		34,687.45	
			34,719.45
<b><i>State of New Hampshire:</i></b>			
Shared Revenue		75,483.00	
Rooms & Meals Taxes		326,309.57	
Highway Block Grant		126,465.67	
Grants from the State		526.13	
District Court Rent		47,777.62	
NH Fuel Tax		1,034.10	
			577,596.09
<b><i>Other Government :</i></b>			
Police Dispatch		33,075.00	
Library		234,119.01	
School Crossing Guard		10,551.18	
School Resource Officer		38,347.01	
			316,092.20
<b><i>Miscellaneous Sources:</i></b>			
Cable Franchise Fee		93,207.88	
Cemetery Lot Sales		2,850.00	
Cemetery Interments		2,000.00	
Veteran Markers		400.00	
Sale Surplus Property		25,659.00	
Leased Land		103,800.00	
Court Fines – Town Portion		3,665.00	
Group Health Insurance Reimbursement		26,321.62	
Miscellaneous		125.00	
Copy Machine Income		173.75	
Assessor Copies		132.50	
Pentucket Plaza Police Agreement		28,697.86	
Plaistow Memorabilia		102.65	
Enterprise - Water		76,131.22	
Museum Lease		1.00	
			363,267.48

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS:			
General Accounts		683,705.21	683,705.21
INTEREST			
<i>Bank:</i>			
Bank of America		517.16	
MBIA		14,113.63	
TD Banknorth		99,105.46	113,736.25
2007 Total Receipts:			22,575,202.87

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DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Library	387,495.00		
County	896,658.00		
Timberlane School District	13,404,506.00		
Town	7,823,002.60		
Property Lien	284,156.12		
2007 Total Disbursements	22,795,817.72		

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### CASH BALANCE - December 31, 2007:

<i>Bank:</i>	
TD Banknorth	6,512,274.01
MBIA	291,388.82

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,803,662.83</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

*Bernadine A. FitzGerald*

Treasurer



# IMPACT FEES, MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS & BONDED DEBT STATEMENT

REPORT OF THE IMPACT FEES & FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER					
Title	Balance 12/31/2006	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/2007
<b>Impact Fees</b>					
Water Line	\$623.89	\$5,2146.00	\$58.70	\$0.00	\$52,828.59
School	\$4,979.57	\$2,916.00	\$15.88	\$0.00	\$7,911.45
Route 125	\$122,582.78	\$0.00	\$303.37	\$4,970.00	\$117,916.15
Recreation	\$4,975.34	\$1,408.62	\$14.10	\$0.00	\$6,398.06
Public Safety	\$56,340.00	\$28,755.64	\$136.11	\$34,582.29	\$50,649.46
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$189,501.58</b>	<b>\$85,6516.64</b>	<b>\$528.16</b>	<b>\$39,552.29</b>	<b>\$235,703.71</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>					
Home Depot Study	\$15,525.19	\$0.00	\$38.86	\$0.00	\$15,564.05
Accident Recon. Study	\$4,680.76	\$0.00	\$11.71	\$0.00	\$4,692.47
Fire Command Vehicle	\$1,287.84	\$0.00	\$3.23	\$0.00	\$1,291.07
Cannon & Statue	\$6,527.07	\$0.00	\$14.50	\$2,500.00	\$4,041.57
Conservation	\$39,278.84	\$5,000.00	\$98.31	\$0.00	\$44,377.15
Current Use	\$63,279.17	\$5,255.00	\$163.31	\$0.00	\$68,697.48
Forrest Fund	\$33,697.10	\$0.00	\$84.34	\$0.00	\$33,781.44
PARC	\$18,993.94	\$0.00	\$47.54	\$0.00	\$19,041.48
Recreation Revolving	\$13,526.84	\$21,191.00	\$44.11	\$24,516.00	\$10,245.95
Water Suppression Line	\$99,802.02	\$78,057.02	\$125.51	\$173,912.50	\$4,072.09
World War II Monument	\$84.88	\$0.00	\$0.22	\$0.00	\$85.10
Special Detail	\$210.84	\$121,389.65	\$32.07	\$121,351.45	\$281.11
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>296,894.49</b>	<b>230,892.67</b>	<b>\$663.71</b>	<b>\$322,279.95</b>	<b>\$206,170.96</b>

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
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
	12/27/07	\$84,119.01*			\$84,119.01
2008	01/01/08		4.47	\$8,255.84	\$8,500.60
	07/01/08	\$190,000.00	4.47	\$6,738.17	\$196,738.17
2009	01/01/09		4.47	\$2,368.56	\$2,368.56
	07/01/09	\$105,880.99	4.47	\$2,368.56	\$108,249.56
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$570,000.00</b>		<b>\$45,232.93</b>	<b>\$615,477.70</b>
*Public Library: Original Amount: \$1,900,000 in 2000. Library provided \$164,119.01 in advance payment this year. \$84,119.01 applied as extra 2007 principal payment; \$80,000 to be applied to 2008 payment.					

## IMPACT FEE DEFINITION & 2007 FEE SCHEDULE

### 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.

#### 1. School District Impact Fees

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

#### 2. Recreation Impact Fees

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

#### 3. Public Safety Impact Fees

<i>Type of Land Use</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Unit</i>
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
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#### 5. Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fees

\$2.00 Per Square Foot of Commercial, Industrial, Multifamily, PRD Residential Development Projects
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#### 6. New Road Impact Fees

This has been eliminated per 2006 March Town Meeting
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## INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION SUMMARY 2007

	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<b>LAND SECTION:</b>			
Current Use	788.84	83,737	
Conservation	28.00	2,570.00	
Residential Land	2996.27	296,259,690	
Commercial/Industrial Land	<u>1048.46</u>	<u>105,946,240</u>	
<b>Sub-Total Taxable Land</b>	<b>4,861.57</b>		<b>402,292,237</b>
<i>Tax Exempt &amp; Non-Taxable Land</i>	<u>1157.07</u>	29,352,207	
<b>Total Land</b>	<b>6018.64</b>		
<b>BUILDING SECTION:</b>			
Residential		437,357,900	
Manufactured Housing		370,300	
Commercial/Industrial		<u>144,607,550</u>	
<b>Sub-Total Taxable Buildings</b>			<b>582,335,750</b>
<i>Tax Exempt &amp; Non – Taxable Buildings</i>		440,036,780	
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES SECTION:</b>			
<b>Sub-Total Public Utilities</b>			<b><u>23,280,525</u></b>
<b>Total Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			<b>1,007,908,512</b>
<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b><u>13,152,900</u></b>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED:</b>			<b>994,755,612</b>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION IS COMPUTED:</b>			<b>971,481,219</b>

Note: The figures in this chart are taken from NHDRA MS-1 report.

## TAX RATE CALCULATION 2007

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**TOWN PORTION:**

Gross Appropriations	7,500,287
Less Revenues	(3,101,970)
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)
Add Overlay	90,766
War Service Credits	88,800
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**Approved Town Tax Effort****4,568,607****Town Rate:  
\$4.60****SCHOOL PORTION:**

Regional School Appropriation	15,250,955
Less Adequate Education Grant	(1,862,214)
Less State Education Taxes	(2,326,452)
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**Approved School Tax Effort****11,062,289****Local School Rate:  
\$11.12****STATE EDUCATION TAXES:**

State-wide Education Tax Rate	2.24
Equalized Valuation	1,038,594,684
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Divided by Local Assessed Valuation 971,481,219

**State Education Tax For Plaistow****2,326,452****State School Rate:  
\$2.39****COUNTY PORTION:**

Due to County	898,658
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)
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**Approved County Tax Effort:****887,382****County Rate:  
\$0.89**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	73018,844
Less War Service Credits	(88,800)
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**Total Property Tax Commitment:****18,755,930****Total Rate:  
\$19.00****PROOF OF RATE****Net Assessed Valuation**State Education Tax (no utilities)  
All other Taxes

971,481,219

994,755,612

**Tax Rate**

2.39

16.61

**Assessment**

2,326,452

16,518,278

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18,844,730



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	0	951,936	0
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	18,755,645	0	0
Yield Taxes	642	0	0
<b>Overpayment:</b>			
Property Taxes	29,536	33,077	0
Collect Interest - Late Taxes	11,930	43,592	0
Penalties - Returned Check	100	50	0
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>18,797,853</b>	<b>1,028,655</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>CREDITS:</b>			
* Property Taxes	17,490,576	693,504	0
* Yield Taxes	642	0	0
* Interest	11,930	43,592	0
* Penalties - Return Check	100	50	0
* Conversion to Lien	0	284,156	0
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer			

<b>Abatements Made:</b>			
Property Taxes	2,348	134	0

<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	1,292,257	7,219	0
2006	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0

<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>18,797,853</b>	<b>1,028,655</b>	<b>0</b>
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	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>DEBITS:</b>			
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning Year	0	101,801	43,792
Liens Executed During Year	284,156	0	0
Interest & Costs Collected	8,378	12,071	6,239
Mortgage Notice Costs	1,530	585	260
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>294,064</b>	<b>114,457</b>	<b>50,291</b>

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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### Report of the Tax Collector Continued:

<b>CREDITS:</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
* Redemptions	192,972	63,192	19,135
* Interest & Costs Collected	8,378	12,071	6,239
* Mortgage Notice Costs	1,530	585	260
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer	0	0	0
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens Balance	91,184	38,609	24,657
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>294,064</b>	<b>114,457</b>	<b>50,291</b>

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*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

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	
Property Taxes	18,468,236
Yield Tax	642
Interest	55,672
Land Use Change	0
Redemptions	275,299
Interest & Costs Collected	29,063
Penalty & Mortgage Notice Costs	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18,828,912</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemarie L. Bayek*

Tax Collector



## CURRENT USE DESCRIPTION

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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 \$68,697 attributed to land use change tax in this fund as of December 31, 2007.

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%, or 816.84 acres are in the Current Use program. Many towns report 20 to 30 % in Current Use.

## CURRENT USE PROPERTIES

<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>TAX PAYER NAME</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
Mount Misery	Andrews, Eleanor	21-5	12.60
310 Main Street	Baribeau, Roger	21-2	14.00
43 Forrest Street	Bartlett, William	48-39	0.50
Forrest Street Rear	Bartlett, William	48-40	12.34
93 Old County Road	Collins Jr, John	20-35	17.40
34 Newton Road	Corso-Upton Family Trust	67-1	16.10
30 Crane Crossing Road	Cox, Charles & Douglas	56-3	17.61
29 Crane Crossing Road	Cox Tr, Eunice	55-9	8.89
Westville Road Rear	Dickey, Richard	40-9	7.45
27 Westville Road	Dickey, Richard	40-10	4.55
6 Woodland Drive	Dougherty, William	37-35	11.53
7 Hill Haven Road	Embrey-Rooke, Mona	53-28	28.00
Atkinson Line	Emerson III, Robert	7-3	21.00
23 Hickory Ridge Road	Gallant, Michael	8-27	15.47
43 Crane Crossing Road	Gattineri Tr, Daniel	55-5	19.06
82 Newton Road	Goudreaault, Richard	68-8	22.62
93 Forrest Street	Haverhill Golf /Country Club	66-17	156.00
44 Sweet Hill Road	Herrick, Stanley	62-29	17.65
17 Harriman Road	Holt, Gerald	50-78	52.10
18 Chandler Ave	Hoyt Tr, David	38-4	16.08
63 Forrest Street	Hoyt, David	48-32	15.35
67 Kingston Road	James Tr, Bruce & Barbara	44-50	47.00
Old County Road Rear	KNP Land Associates, LLC	33-1	62.00
School and Back Land	Leavitt, Anne E	47-3	41.00
31 Forrest Street	LeBlanc Tr, M G	49-3	10.70
1 Major Lane	Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	42-62	4.08
12 Kingston Road	Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	53-13	7.31
Frog Pond Woods	McGirr Tr, Robert Rudolph	6-15	43.80
244 Main Street	One Twenty One A Realty	18-10	14.60
Main Street /Mt. Misery	Paul, Richard E	22-15	4.00
Main Steet Rear/Mt. Misery	Paul, Richard E	22-1	6.00
Atkinson Depot Road Rear	Post, David F	12-1	9.40
19 Atkinson Depot Road	Post, David F	11-6	2.40
Atkinson Depot Road Rear	Post, David F	99-7	0.00
2B Newton Road	Riley, Richard	65-2	11.53
1 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-01	2.50
2 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-15	3.50
3 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-02	2.50
4 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-14	2.50
5 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-03	5.10
6 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-13	2.50
7 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-04	4.00
8 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-12	2.50
9 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-05	3.00
10 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-11	3.40
12 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-10	3.40
13 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-07	2.80
15 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-08	3.00
17 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-09	2.90
49 Forrest Street	Saracusa, Marion	48-33	18.20
90 Newton Road	St. Matthews United M	68-08-A	5.48



## 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	\$20,220.00	\$0.00	\$20,220.00
6-6	Atkinson Line	185,200.00	0.00	185,200.00
6-8	Formerly JA Noyes Land	59,500.00	0.00	59,500.00
7-1	Atkinson Line	420,300.00	0.00	420,300.00
7-4	Frog Pond Woods	280,600.00	0.00	280,600.00
7-5	Frog Pond Woods	101,800.00	0.00	101,800.00
8-22	Main Street	56,600.00	0.00	56,600.00
8-23	Main Street Rear Kelley	71,700.00	0.00	71,700.00
9-11	Old Stage Coach Road	63,500.00	0.00	63,500.00
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	113,400.00	0.00	113,400.00
17-6	Frog Pond Woods	168,700.00	0.00	168,700.00
17-7	Frog Pond Woods	33,600.00	0.00	33,600.00
17-29	16 Culver Street	120,400.00	0.00	120,400.00
17-30	15 Lower road	126,800.00	0.00	126,800.00
17-31	13 Lower Road	126,100.00	0.00	126,100.00
17-32	11 Lower Road	121,800.00	0.00	121,800.00
18-2	Frog Pond Woods	71,200.00	0.00	71,200.00
18-3	Frog Pond Woods	87,000.00	0.00	87,000.00
18-4	Frog Pond Woods	30,500.00	0.00	30,500.00
18-14	Main St. Near Rear	138,800.00	0.00	138,800.00
18-15	14 Culver Street	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
19-5	266 Main Sreet	744,500.00	0.00	744,500.00
19-6	280 Main Street	776,900.00	0.00	776,900.00
20-12	1 Hickory Ridge Road	700.00	0.00	700.00
20-37	Old County Road Rear	54,500.00	0.00	54,500.00
20-38	Mt. Misery	290,800.00	0.00	290,800.00
21-7	307 Main Street	433,100.00	0.00	433,100.00
21-8	Mt. Misery Rear	22,600.00	0.00	22,600.00
21-9	Mt. Misery	105,800.00	0.00	105,800.00
21-10	Mt. Misery	132,200.00	0.00	132,200.00
21-11	Main Street Rear	28,300.00	0.00	28,300.00
21-12	Main Street Rear	38,800.00	0.00	38,800.00
21-13	Main Street Rear	41,900.00	0.00	41,900.00
21-14	Main Street Rear	16,400.00	0.00	16,400.00
21-17	Main Street Rear	140,700.00	0.00	140,700.00
22-5	Main Street Rear	32,300.00	0.00	32,300.00
22-7	Mt. Misery Center	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
22-8	Mt. Misery Center	74,900.00	0.00	74,900.00
22-9	Mt. Misery Center	43,600.00	0.00	43,600.00
22-10	Kingston Line	10,600.00	0.00	10,600.00
22-11	Mt. Misery Ledge	82,000.00	0.00	82,000.00
22-12	Rear Land	21,500.00	0.00	21,500.00
22-14	Main Street Rear	24,800.00	0.00	24,800.00
25-15	35 West Pine Street	161,200.00	0.00	161,200.00

## TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
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	118,500.00	0.00	118,500.00
30-65	163 Plaistow Road	1,026,700.00	0.00	1,026,700.00
31-5	Brentwood	12,900.00	0.00	12,900.00
31-68	169 Plaistow Road	471,800.00	0.00	471,800.00
32-25	N/S Old County Road	144,000.00	0.00	144,000.00
32-29	Old County Rear	160,000.00	0.00	160,000.00
32-32	Town Landfill	630,230.00	63,300.00	693,530.00
37-36	2A Woodland Drive	900.00	0.00	900.00
37-51	North Ave Rear	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
38-20	7 Massassoit Blvd.	112,100.00	0.00	112,100.00
39-47	4 Bittersweet Drive	109,500.00	0.00	109,500.00
39-50-21-3	87 Main Street	303,160.00	2,110,400.00	2,413,560.00
40-1	7 Whiton Place	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00
40-7	26 A Westville Road	19,300.00	0.00	19,300.00
40-34	120 Main St./ Pollard	1,354,370.00	5,956,000.00	7,310,370.00
40-60	Davis Park Rear	261,560.00	7,500.00	269,060.00
40-67	127 Main Street	119,780.00	249,000.00	368,780.00
41-11	144 Main Street	557,010.00	15,000.00	572,010.00
41-63	145 Main Street	244,350.00	665,900.00	910,250.00
41-67	14 Elm Street	217,070.00	379,900.00	596,970.00
41-77	27 Elm Street	421,740.00	2,334,700.00	2,756,440.00
41-82	17 Elm Street	608,850.00	0.00	608,850.00
42-43	5 Ingalls Terrace	153,790.00	79,700.00	233,490.00
42-57	Arbor Lane	147,510.00	22,100.00	169,610.00
43-12	Plaistow Road Rear	74,500.00	0.00	74,500.00
44-52	Old County Road Rear	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
44-61	Plaistow Road Rear	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
45-8	215 Plaistow Road	147,000.00	0.00	147,000.00
48-26	Autumn Circle	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00
49-35	17 Canterbury Forest	51,700.00	0.00	51,700.00
50-70	10 Harriman Road	98,100.00	0.00	98,100.00
53-27	Town Road	67,600.00	0.00	67,600.00
59-8	Autumn Circle Rear	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
60-28	Timberlane Road Rear	73,200.00	0.00	73,200.00
62-18	41 A Sweet Hill Road	42,700.00	0.00	42,700.00
66-24	23 Newton Road	27,300.00	0.00	27,300.00
69-21	3A Dundee Drive	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00
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
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS:</b>		<b>13,723,240.00</b>	<b>11,883,500.00</b>	<b>25,606,750.00</b>

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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### 2006 REVENUES:

Withholding State of NH Marriages Certified Copies	8,023.00
Interware Liability W/H = E-Reg	1,154.90
Dogs Withheld State of NH	2,636.00
UCC Fees	3,305.00
Autos (10,504)	1,298,139.67
E-Reg Fee	664.00
Mail In Registration Fee	7,375.00
Miscellaneous (copies, dog lists, postage & vital change)	295.50
Dog Licenses (1064)	6,462.50
Dog Pickup Fines	4,030.00
Marriage Licenses (78)	441.00
Certified Copies	3,139.00
Returned Check Charges	600.00
Municipal Agent Program	23,875.00
Voter Check List	54.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	0.00
Boat Registration (498)	6,762.81
Recordings	10.00
Filing Fees	11.00
Voter Registration Cards	0.00
Title Fees	3,572.00
Pole Licenses	30.00
Recount Fees	0.00
Sub Total	1,370,580.83
 Prior Year Returned Checks Collected	 486.00
Outstanding Checks 2007	<u>(52.50)</u>

### TOTAL:

**Remitted to Treasurer:**

**1,371,013.88**

Respectively submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees began 2007 with a New Trustee: Phyllis Carifio who replaced Susan Drew our bookkeeper who had resigned in the fall of 2006. The following positions of the Trustees are as follows: B. Jill Senter, Chair, Helen Hart, Secretary, and Phyllis Carifio, Bookkeeper.

During the year, we continued to see a profit on our investments; the return has been much smaller than in the previous years, due to the inconsistency of the market. In 2005, the Trustees moved one account to an alternative lending institution for a trial period. This change has not produced the results we had anticipated. Therefore, the coming year will see a change in investment houses. The majority of the accounts will continue to be invested and managed by New Hampshire Public Pool (NH PDIP) until a satisfactory yielding profit has been established with a new institution. As directed by the 2007 Town Meeting, warrant article P-07-08 the Building Capital Reserve fund was established with a beginning balance of \$20,000. No other new accounts were created. The Trustees currently oversee 12 accounts with a total balance of \$760,661.08. As always, the Trustees will continue to manage the Trust Funds entrusted to the Board to the best of our abilities in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b><i>Citizen's Bank</i></b>					
Plaistow Cemetery	\$95,009.74	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,337.68	\$103,914.13
North Parish Cemetery	<u>\$6,198.43</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$606.82</u>	<u>\$213.04</u>	<u>\$5,737.94</u>
<b><i>Citizen's Bank Totals</i></b>	<b><i>\$101,208.17</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,500.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$606.82</i></b>	<b><i>\$3,550.72</i></b>	<b><i>\$109,652.07</i></b>
<b><i>MBIA - NH Public Investment Pool</i></b>					
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$113,037.92	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$7823.15	\$200,861.07
Recreation Commission	\$1,283.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.82	\$1,349.54
P.E.G. Cable Access	\$130,294.62	\$0.00	\$9,528.59	\$6,384.22	\$127,150.25
Recreation Field	\$1,244.48	\$0.00	\$9,549.59	\$62.97	\$1,307.45
Internet Expendable	\$20,517.82	\$0.00	\$7,521.84	\$1,040.24	\$14,036.22
Fire Sup. Capital Reserve	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,034.67	41,034.67
Town Hall Expendable	\$37,147.32	\$113,147.15	\$51,973.45	\$3,503.08	\$101,824.10
Accrued Leave Expendable	\$11,609.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590.84	\$12,200.52
Outside Detail Expendable	\$35,467.77	\$0.00	\$36,083.03	\$615.26	\$0.00
Highway Capital Reserve	\$60,743.42	\$59,000.00	\$0.00	\$4617.54	\$124,351.96
Third Floor Renovations	\$28,025.88	\$0.00	\$22,110.00	\$460.05	\$6,375.93
Buildings Capital Reserve	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$517.30</u>	<u>\$20,517.30</u>
<b><i>NHPDIP Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$439,372.63</i></b>	<b><i>\$312,147.15</i></b>	<b><i>\$136,766.50</i></b>	<b><i>\$26,715.14</i></b>	<b><i>\$651,009.01</i></b>
<b>Total Invested Funds</b>	<b>\$540,580.80</b>	<b>\$317,647.15</b>	<b>\$137,373.32</b>	<b>\$30,265.86</b>	<b>\$760,661.08</b>

*Note: This is an un-audited report.*

Respectfully submitted,

*B. Jill Senter*

Chairman

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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### INCOME:

Town of Plaistow	425,086.00
Donations	1,120.00
Grants	798.00
Reimbursements	68.00
Fines, Lost Books, Book Sales	4,004.00
Fees: Copier, Non-Residents	3,369.00
Interest on Deposits	9,766.00
Mary Nelson Trust Fund	<u>234,119.00</u>

**TOTAL:** **678,330.00**

### EXPENSES:

Bond Payment:	234,119.00
Building Insurance	2,625.00
Continuing Education	2,411.00
Salaries & Benefits	263,073.00
Janitor Service	34,966.00
Bookkeeping	2,758.00
Material Acquisitions	50,947.00
Postage	235.00
Professional Dues	515.00
Programming	4,025.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Landscaping	20,834.00
Supplies	6,510.00
Technology	11,364.00
Utilities	<u>43,478.00</u>

**TOTAL:** **677,860.00**

### ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/2007:

Atty. & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	681.27
Fines/Lost Book Account	21,889.60
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	14,067.34
Memorial Funds	10,344.35
Memorial 2 Fund	20,063.30
Special Projects Fund	49,872.70
Technology Fund	27,526.63
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	1,111.93

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine Willis*

Library Treasurer

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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### **Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC**

*Certified Public Accountants*

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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, 2006, 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, 2006 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.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages i-vi and 21-22, 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.

*Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC*



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Statement of Net Assets  
December 31, 2006

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,595,050
Investments	1,088,911
Taxes receivable, net	1,043,843
Accounts receivable, net	94,223
Unbilled charges for service	78,032
Due from other governments	77,136
Prepaid expenses	14,860
Total Current Assets	<u>9,992,055</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable capital assets	4,276,078
Depreciable capital assets, net	5,719,397
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>9,995,475</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,987,530</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 184,202
Accrued expenses	92,508
Due to other governments	6,386,504
Current portion of bonds payable	190,000
Current portion of compensated absences	9,175
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,862,389</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds payable	380,000
Compensated absences	74,860
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>454,860</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,317,249</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	9,425,475
Restricted	859,604
Unrestricted	2,385,202
Total Net Assets	<u>12,670,281</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,987,530</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**EXHIBIT B**  
**TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

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	\$ 2,071,035	\$ 23,033	\$ 47,003	\$ 27,958	\$ (1,973,041)
Public safety	2,202,968	234,361	182,067	54,145	(1,732,395)
Highways and streets	539,501		132,870	29,639	(376,992)
Health and welfare	209,043	7,025			(202,018)
Sanitation	683,472				(683,472)
Water distribution and treatment	46,623	78,455			31,832
Culture and recreation	624,155	99,801	932		(523,422)
Interest and fiscal charges	33,888				(33,888)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,410,685</u>	<u>\$ 442,675</u>	<u>\$ 362,872</u>	<u>\$ 111,742</u>	<u>\$(5,493,396)</u>
General revenues:					
Property and other taxes					4,232,864
Licenses and permits					1,534,521
Grants and contributions:					
State shared revenues					66,207
Rooms and meals tax distribution					302,543
Interest and investment earnings					148,905
Miscellaneous					276,153
Contributions to permanent fund principal					4,750
Total general revenues and contributions to permanent fund principal					<u>6,565,943</u>
Change in net assets					1,072,547
Net assets - beginning					<u>11,597,734</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 12,670,281</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

EXHIBIT C  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2006

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,198,140	\$ 396,910	\$ 7,595,050
Investments	277,275	811,636	1,088,911
Taxes receivable, net	1,043,843		1,043,843
Accounts receivable, net	94,223		94,223
Unbilled charges for service		78,032	78,032
Due from other governments	77,136		77,136
Due from other funds	131,749	1,131	132,880
Prepaid expenses		14,860	14,860
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,822,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,302,569</u>	<u>\$ 10,124,935</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 162,202	\$ 22,000	\$ 184,202
Accrued expenses	79,757		79,757
Deferred revenue	500,916		500,916
Due to other governments	6,386,504		6,386,504
Due to other funds	1,131	131,749	132,880
Total Liabilities	<u>7,130,510</u>	<u>153,749</u>	<u>7,284,259</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Reserved for encumbrances	27,930		27,930
Reserved for prepaid expenses		14,860	14,860
Reserved for endowments		77,083	77,083
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	1,663,926		1,663,926
Special revenue funds		1,038,154	1,038,154
Permanent funds		18,723	18,723
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,691,856</u>	<u>1,148,820</u>	<u>2,840,676</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,822,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,302,569</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

9,995,475

Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis

500,916

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

(570,000)

Accrued interest on long-term obligations

(12,751)

Compensated absences

(84,035)

Net assets of governmental activities

\$ 12,670,281

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## EXHIBIT D

### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

#### Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 4,248,042	\$ 47,137	\$ 4,295,179
Licenses and permits	1,534,521		1,534,521
Intergovernmental	791,094	24,312	815,406
Charges for services	342,213	91,962	434,175
Interest and investment income	104,285	44,620	148,905
Miscellaneous	271,389	45,972	317,361
Total Revenues	<u>7,291,544</u>	<u>254,003</u>	<u>7,545,547</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government	2,003,406	27,382	2,030,788
Public safety	2,118,770	13,490	2,132,260
Highways and streets	501,970		501,970
Health and welfare	209,043		209,043
Sanitation	683,472		683,472
Water distribution and treatment	245,805		245,805
Culture and recreation	244,142	406,299	650,441
Capital outlay	648,958	150,720	799,678
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	190,000		190,000
Interest and fiscal charges	38,138		38,138
Total Expenditures	<u>6,883,704</u>	<u>597,891</u>	<u>7,481,595</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>407,840</u>	<u>(343,888)</u>	<u>63,952</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	308,876	695,049	1,003,925
Operating transfers out	(695,049)	(308,876)	(1,003,925)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(386,173)</u>	<u>386,173</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	21,667	42,285	63,952
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,670,189</u>	<u>1,106,535</u>	<u>2,776,724</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 1,691,856</u>	<u>\$ 1,148,820</u>	<u>\$ 2,840,676</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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### 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, 2006

Net Change in Fund Balances--Total Governmental Funds	\$ 63,952
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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.	871,368
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(62,315)
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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
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In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	4,250
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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.	<u>5,292</u>
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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,072,547</u>
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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

EXHIBIT E  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets  
Fiduciary Funds  
December 31, 2006

	Private- Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,132	\$ 499,593
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,132</u>	<u>\$ 499,593</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 607	
Deposits		\$ 499,593
Total liabilities	<u>607</u>	<u>\$ 499,593</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Held in trust	<u>5,525</u>	
Total net assets	<u>5,525</u>	
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 6,132</u>	

EXHIBIT F  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets  
Fiduciary Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Private- Purpose Trust Funds
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 189
Total Additions	<u>189</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>	
Benefits	189
Total Deductions	<u>189</u>
Change in Net Assets	-
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>5,525</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 5,525</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*



## REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

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The responsibilities of the Assessor's Office include keeping information about all properties current. Ownership changes, property sales, property data, tax maps and other property information are 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.

Legislation resulting from the 'Sirrell' v. Portsmouth decision (State School Tax) has dramatically changed the assessing environment around the State. Specifically, three State agencies now have a direct impact on how and when assessing is performed, with the Department of Revenue Administration performing an oversight role to ensure compliance to State standards.

A major part of the new legislation has been to establish 5-year 'assessment reviews' by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). 2006 was Plaistow's 'assessment review' year. The report addressed all facets of the assessing office from assessment equity to the way in which we address requests for abatements, veterans credits and many other assessment functions. The DRA measured our performance against standards developed by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and the Equalization Standards Board (ESB). The report found that the Town met or exceeded all standards and requirements.

In preparation for this 'assessment review' the assessing office reviewed and 'recertified' all exemptions, credits, current use lands for compliance to current standards. This required us to ask taxpayers for their assistance in producing documentation. We thank all taxpayers who assisted us in his endeavor for their patience and cooperation. Our next 'certification' year is in 2012.

We also reviewed all current use files, veterans' credit files, elderly exemption files and other tax exempt properties such as churches and Town owned properties. We were required to re-certify all these classifications at no little inconvenience to some taxpayers. We appreciate the assistance and patience of all those taxpayers who were required to re-certify this year.

### Assessment Updates:

Over the past 5 years, Plaistow has experienced 3 assessment updates. These updates are performed to bring all assessments to market value in accordance with State Standards. Plaistow performs these updates in order to prevent the drastic shifts in value and taxes experienced during a typical 'full revaluation' by making incremental changes over a 5-year period. All Towns are now required to bring assessments to current market value at least once in every five years. Plaistow's policy is to perform these more often in order to soften the impact to individual taxpayers.

It is important that taxpayers understand that increasing assessments does not generate additional revenues to the Town. In the same manner, decreasing assessments will not result in less revenue to the Town. This is because the Town must raise the revenues approved by the taxpayers, neither more nor less. If the overall assessments are higher than the previous year, the tax rate will be less, and if the overall assessments are lower than the previous year, the tax rate will be higher. In each case the same amount of overall revenue will be raised to cover

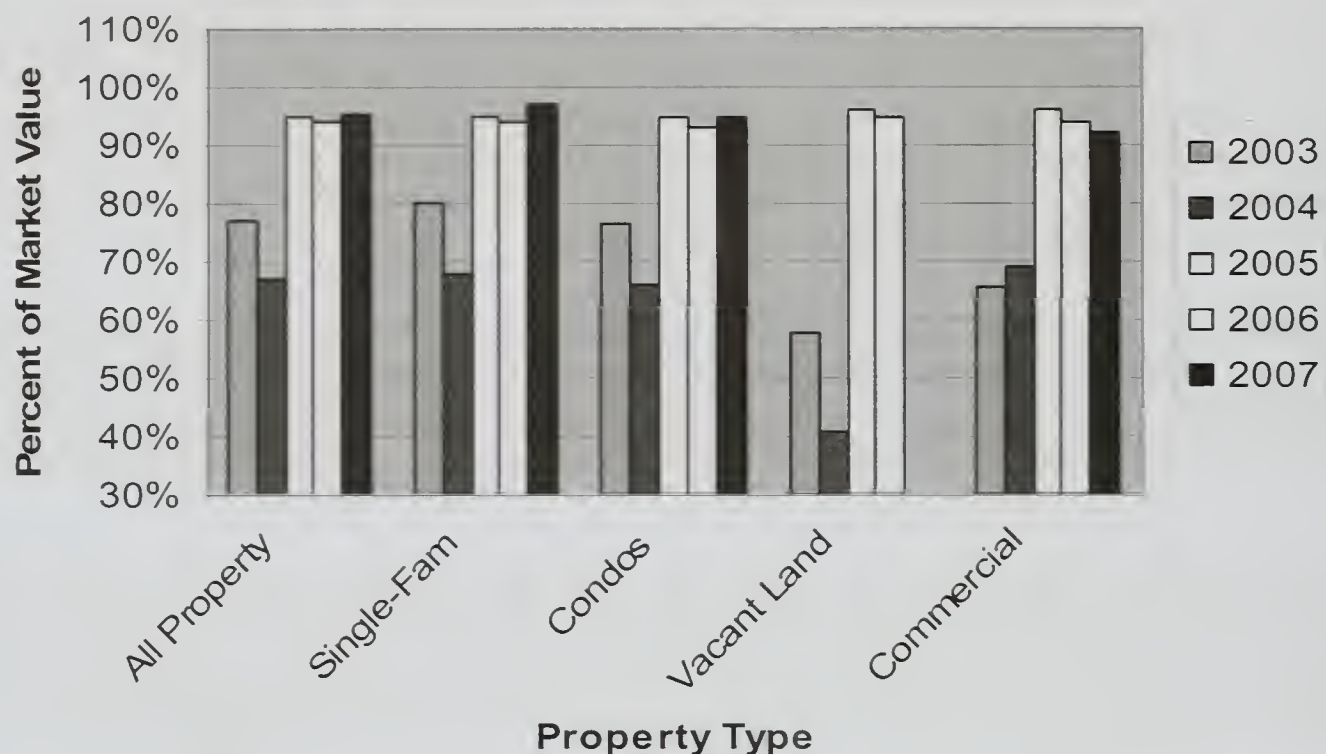
## REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

essential municipal services approved by the taxpayers during Town Meetings or deliberative sessions (one for the Town, and another for the School District).

Assessments for all properties are determined by the analysis of sales of generally similar properties over the past year. Market value as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 determined the assessed value for each property for this most recent tax bill.

The real estate market has softened significantly from the dramatic increases in value experienced during the 2002-2005 period. As a result, changes in assessed value for the 2006 and 2007 assessment updates were comparatively moderate. (assessment updates were not performed for 2003 & 2004).

### Assessment to Sales History



While no assessment update was scheduled for 2007, the Selectmen were committed to responding to dramatic changes in the real estate market if required. In 2007 there were indications that some property types were losing market value and some commercial sectors were increasing in value. Accordingly, the Selectmen authorized a partial update of values to those property sectors that were falling out of line with their assessments.

Beyond these changes, the assessments remained the same in 2007 as they were in 2006. Currently the market appears to be softening for residential properties in general. If this trend continues a recommendation will be made to the Selectmen in the summer of 2008 to allow an update of values consistent with the emerging market of 2008. Taxpayers will be informed ahead of time of any pending changes to their 2008 assessments.

This past year the administration embarked upon a project to centralize our municipal data and to put it into a format that can be accessed by the public. While these projects are highly



## REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

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technical, and take time to fully develop, we expect that we will have assessing and mapping data online for this year. When ready, links will be posted to the Town website @ <http://plaistownh.virtualltownhall.net>.

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> in the year they're applying.
- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year 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.

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

To qualify, applicant must:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Wil Corcoran*

Assessor's Agent

## ASSESSMENT UPDATE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY SELECTMEN

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1. The Board will determine a budget necessary to do the work needed for the *certification year* and make that a request as part of the budget process in the fall of the year.
2. The Assessing Firm will do the sales analysis and measurement each year as part of its regular duties. All work will be done in compliance with state laws and enforceable Administrative rules that are based upon the latest changes to the state laws.
3. The Board of Selectmen will proceed with an update based upon measurements that fall outside of recommendations for good assessing practices in the median values, stratification and/or Coefficient of Dispersion.
4. The Board of Selectmen will make the public aware of the planned process and hold a public hearing to explain the rationale for undertaking such a process. When there is a mass update, the database for taxes will not be changed for those updates until the Board agrees upon the proposed numbers.
5. The Board of Selectmen will make available speakers for groups who wish to hear about the subject, e.g. PACE, Lions, etc. Announcements will go on 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.



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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Well we've been in our new office on the third floor of the Town Hall for a year now and that year has flown past us. It's been an amazing sight to observe the renovations of the Town Hall from up in our "penthouse suite." Once again, many thanks to Donald Sargent for providing the funds to bring life to the third floor, turning it from storage and remnants of the former balcony into the wonderful functional space that it is. Over and over we still hear positive comments even a year later. How many residents even remembered that there was a third floor to the Town Hall?

Speaking of renovations, the Stateline Plaza redevelopment is nearly completed. The moving of Shaw's across the street and all the improvements that were made helped to breathe a new life into an old, run-down plaza bringing it up to a level that we hope other commercial property owners will follow.

The residents also were patient with the improvements made to the Route 125 corridor. Turning lanes and a median strip were added to increase the safety of our ever-improving commercial district. It's been a bit of a learning curve adapting to some of the changes, but it has made for a safer situation for those visiting Plaistow's businesses.

Stateline plaza is not the only place in town where there is renewal and redevelopment. Many homeowners have chosen to put their money into improving their homes and staying in Plaistow rather than building new and relocating. Proving once again that Plaistow is the kind of town people want to live and raise their families in.

Below is a synopsis of the building permits issued in 2007.

Building Improvement Type	# of Permits	Value
Residential New Construction	1	\$176,000
Garage/Barn	7	\$171,799
Shed	10	\$27,289
Other Accessory Structure	10	\$183,700
Residential Addition	21	\$617,255
Commercial New Construction	9	\$790,000
Commercial Addition	1	\$100,000
Pool	12	\$103,295
Residential Remodel	48	\$427,551
Commercial Remodel	27	\$3,861,549
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>\$6,278,438</b>

The Department of Building Safety is committed to always being informed about the latest happenings in the building safety area. Staff is always renewing its commitment to education. Both Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector and Jim Flathers, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, are leaders in their fields and possess a depth of knowledge that is second to none. They continue to keep themselves up-to-date regarding changes in the codes in their respective area. Dee Voss, our office manager and the "Radar O'Reilly" (just ask her a map and lot number some day – sometimes we think she knows them all) of our team continues her commitment to service to the Town and is a great resource in the Building, Planning and Zoning areas.

For 2008 the Department of Building Safety renews its commitment to be a team player for the benefit of the Plaistow Community. We work very closely with many departments including, but



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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not limited to, Planning, Zoning, Police, Fire and Highway, to make sure that change is approached in a "big picture" fashion and in the best interests of the Plaistow residents.

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 tax payers too. I am pleased to report that our revenue for 2007 was \$113,776.75. This office continues to generate revenue that completely subsidizes our operational budget requests every year and making us a "user-fee" instead of a "tax-payer" based department. We are pretty proud of this and we renew that fiscal commitment to the residents for 2008.

In 2008 we look forward to seeing continued renovations to the commercial community in Plaistow. The renewal and rebirth of some of the older commercial plazas and the never-ending commitment of the residents to improve their own properties continue to make Plaistow the best place to live, work, shop and play.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*P. Michael Dorman*

Chief Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer



*Police Chief Stephen Savage & P. Michael Dorman, Building Inspector review plans.*

## REPORT OF THE CABLE COMMITTEE

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Renewal could not be a more appropriate theme for Channel 17, at this time. New people, new projects and direction and new capabilities are the order of the day. The Co Chairs of the Cable Committee are Lori Shactman and Maddy Marcotte. Others that we expect to be soon added are Mickie Conte, Dan Bush and Dave Cantone. We might even have the luxury of a few alternates. Currently our prayers are going out to Lori Shactman, who is bravely fighting cancer. Lori is the Director of The Night Joint.

New programming is anticipated from Sue Sherman and Mickie Conte. More programming is anticipated from Dr. Kevin Greene, Linda Heminway, The Rockingham Church, Dave Cantone, Dan Bush and the gang at The Sad Cafe.

New capabilities include a more comprehensive and powerful system to play back existing programs as well as new programs. During the past year we experienced failure of all of our playback VCR's as well as malfunction of the robotic playback controller. An additional disappointment was the breakdown of the Community Message Board character generator. We ran the message board off of our editing Macintosh, while the character generator was out for repair, for a week. Our inability to automate playback led to our having to discontinue placing our weekly listings in the Carriage Towne News. The new equipment will bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We are deeply grateful for all the support we have gotten while going through our equipment problems. We are especially grateful to our representative from the Board of Selectmen, Buzzy Blinn. Through his assistance we got approval to record Town meetings so that they can be repeated. This will make for a more informed citizenry. We plan to initiate this new service in March, when the new equipment is fully functional.

Improvements at the Town Hall include a new public address system, with a feedback eliminator. Another addition will be an Assisted Listening Device for the hearing impaired. All the wiring for the many microphones, is being re-located to the front of the stage. Access to the LCD projector will be available at the public presentation desk. A VCR will be installed in the control room to tape meetings directly. Currently, we can only record the TV signal that we get back from Comcast. During and after winter ice and snow storms, we have lost the unique fiber optic connection that we have for Channel 17.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Carolan*

Coordinator



## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

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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 to present to the Planning Board for approval and then to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to aid them in preparing the annual budget. The CIP committee is made up of members from the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and the Budget Committee. The Planning Board chairman also serves as the CIP committee chairman. The Planning Coordinator and Town Manager support the CIP committee in preparation of the plan.

The CIP has estimates of capital expenditures over a 6 year period; the plan prepared in calendar year 2007 has estimates for 2008 through 2013 and is used to help preparing the 2008 budget that is prepared for calendar year 2008 and voted on at the March, 2008 Town Meeting. The CIP committee also reviews the capital reserve accounts set up for the purchase of large expense items such as fire apparatus, highway department vehicles, and long term building maintenance. The purpose of the review is to make sure the balances in the accounts are sufficient to cover the planned expenses in the 6-year planning period.

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

Year/Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
CIP Total	\$1091	\$1103	\$1081	\$1105	\$1350	\$957
Budget Total	\$6080	\$8022	\$7068	\$7521	\$7644	\$7479
Percent of CIP Total to Budget Total	17.94%	13.74%	15.36%	14.69%	17.66%	12.80%

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Chairman



## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PLAISTOW PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2007 – 2013 Approved by the Planning Board December 2007							
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Westville Road Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Garden Road Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Capital Projects/Drainage	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Road Surface Management Projects	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,00
Building Inspector's Truck	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Maint./Safety/Rec. Truck	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) – DPW Vehicles	\$59,000	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$354,000</b>	<b>\$357,500</b>	<b>\$857,500</b>	<b>\$464,500</b>	<b>\$357,500</b>	<b>\$357,500</b>	<b>\$857,500</b>
<b>Revenues</b>							
Sale of Vehicles	\$16,000		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Highway Rev. Block Grant	\$126,466	\$126,466	\$126,466	\$126,466	\$126,466	\$126,466	\$126,466
State Bridge Aid	\$0	\$0	\$468,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$468,000
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$142,466</b>	<b>\$126,466</b>	<b>\$599,466</b>	<b>\$129,466</b>	<b>\$129,466</b>	<b>\$129,466</b>	<b>\$597,466</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$211,534</b>	<b>\$231,034</b>	<b>\$258,034</b>	<b>\$335,034</b>	<b>\$228,034</b>	<b>\$228,034</b>	<b>\$260,034</b>
<i>Town Buildings</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
TH Parking	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TH Tractor/Snow Blower	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PSC Architect (net of impact fee use of \$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PSC Expansion	\$0	*\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bond PSC Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Resurface Parking Lot	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Bond (Final pay 2009)	\$215,502	\$122,000	\$122,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cable Set-up & Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salt Shed	\$0	\$0	*\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Garage	\$0	\$0	*\$580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bond HW Garage & Salt Shed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103,000	\$99,000	\$95,000	\$91,000
Highway Office Trailer	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Courthouse Heating	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreation/Community Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) - Town Hall Renov.	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposits) - Building Systems	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$301,502</b>	<b>\$227,000</b>	<b>\$642,000</b>	<b>\$923,000</b>	<b>\$469,000</b>	<b>\$465,000</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>
<b>Revenues</b>							
Library Revenue	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cable Revenue for Cable Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$231,502</b>	<b>\$227,000</b>	<b>\$642,000</b>	<b>\$923,000</b>	<b>\$469,000</b>	<b>\$465,000</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>
<i>Town Hall Services</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Records Management	\$5,750	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Copier	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200
Phone System – Town Hall	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Surveillance Video	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Computers/Software	\$2,600	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$7,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
GIS	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$21,380</b>	<b>\$43,030</b>	<b>\$18,030</b>	<b>\$30,030</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>\$14,200</b>	<b>\$14,200</b>



## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

<i>Fire Suppression Water</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
System Expansion – Main, Old, Jesse George, Old County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) - 125 System Expansion	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
System Study	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) Pump Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$100,00	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) Tower Decommissioning	\$0	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Process Pump House pump removal	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Truck Replacement	\$0	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$261,000</b>	<b>\$223,000</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<i>Fire/Rescue</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
(Reserve Deposit) – Fire Equipment	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<i>Natural Resources and Recreation</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Conservation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Recreation Projects	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Drinking Water Source	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchase of Open Space	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<i>Police</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Cruiser Replacement	\$60,500	\$28,000	\$56,000	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000
Add 1 New Cruiser to Fleet of 10	\$0	\$37,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Replace Management Information System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Mobile Data Terminal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fingerprint Identification System	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Communications Monitoring/Recording	\$0	\$20,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposits) – Communications	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Communications Radio Repeater Enhance.	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reverse 911	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
ACO Vehicle	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Record Retention	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Replacement of Computer/Software	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$70,500</b>	<b>\$136,000</b>	<b>\$128,500</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$166,500</b>	<b>\$226,500</b>	<b>\$126,500</b>
<b>Revenues</b>							
Revenue Offset of Sale of Used Cruisers	\$5,700	\$2,850	\$5,700	\$8,550	\$8,550	\$8,550	\$8,550
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>\$2,85</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$64,800</b>	<b>\$133,150</b>	<b>\$122,800</b>	<b>\$131,450</b>	<b>\$157,950</b>	<b>\$217,950</b>	<b>\$117,950</b>
<b>TOTAL CIP EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,025,216</b>	<b>\$957,214</b>	<b>\$1,355,864</b>	<b>\$1,704,514</b>	<b>\$1,158,184</b>	<b>\$1,210,184</b>	<b>\$1,138,184</b>

## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

<i>Reserve Withdrawal</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Highway Dept. Trucks	\$114,531	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$0
Backhoe	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Hall Renovations	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Department Rescue 2(in 06) 6(in 09)	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<i>Reserve Withdrawal</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Fire Suppression – Rte 125 Old Rd to Walton Rd	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression – Rte 125, Danville Rd, Jesse George, 121A & Walton Rd	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
Fire Suppression – Rte 125 East Rd. to Old Rd. (2014 - \$388,050)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression – Rte 125, Old County, Roadstone (2015 \$332,640)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression – Looping System off 125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression – Ladder System on 125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS</b>	<b>\$194,531</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$365,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<i>Impact Fee Usage</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Public Safety - Architect	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety – Complex Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Public Safety – Fire Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety – Concrete Apron	\$0	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



*Routine Waterline Maintenance*



## REPORT OF THE CEMETARY SEXTON

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I wish to thank all those involved in the care and running of the cemetery in 2007. It is with great pleasure that I report that there were a minimum of complaints and many compliments for the year.

Many lots were sold on a pre-need basis and I wish to thank those people who were thoughtful enough to plan ahead. Also in 2007, we replaced a large section of chain link fence at the entrance of the new section running parallel to the driveway.

Projects that we contemplate for the coming years will include expansion along with tree pruning and planting, which will keep our beautiful trees alive and well.

Also roadway improvements and repairs are necessary as a cost prohibitive issue, along with a new Plaistow Cemetery sign at the entrance. We will also look at new plantings and fencing where necessary.

Again, I wish to thank all of those involved and all those people that use our cemetery and take pride in its appearance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Herbert "Topper" Reed*

Cemetery Sexton



*Pollard Park War Memorials.*

## REPORT OF THE CENTINNIAL & CIVIL WAR COMMITTEE

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The Centennial & Civil War Committee which was organized in the fall of 2006 is still going strong. The committee has been meeting every other month.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will take place on the Town Hall Green, Pollard Park, and will include rededicating the refurbished Civil War Monument and Cannons on Saturday, September 13, 2008. The program for the day will be similar to the program used in 1908. The day will begin 10:00 AM with Abe and Mary Lincoln giving a talk. A 40 foot by 100 foot tent has been rented for the celebration to accommodate the dinner dance and other festivities. Part of the ceremony will be to place a new time capsule near or in the statue base. The time capsule will contain letters to be read in 2108 to the counterparts of the local school children, Selectmen, dignitaries, town committees and organizations, and families and businesses. A militia encampment will be set up on the Elm Street side of the Town Green. The children of Pollard School and Timberlane Middle School will be involved with the celebration. We are hoping to have members of the Arthur G. Pollard family there. The event will also consist of band performances. People can bring picnic lunches and there will be food for sale on the Town Green.

The evening program will begin with Cocktails from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Dinner Buffet will be served by Sawyer's Catering from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Dancing will be from 8:00 PM – Midnight. We will have a live band playing through out the evening... Tickets for the event will go on sale starting in March. We are encouraging people to dress in period costumes.

Souvenirs will go on sale in March at our Town Elections and on Old Home Day in June... We will have Civil War Hats, Hot Plates and Souvenir glasses.

The Plaistow Historical Society will be preparing booklets to be available on the history of Arthur G. Pollard.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barry A. Sargent*

Chairman



*Barry A. and Donal H. Sargent*



## REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

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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.

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

Copies of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws and the Petition of Alleged Violations Form are available to be printed at the COI Committee's e-mail address at [townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com](mailto:townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com), or by writing to the Committee at PO Box 903, Plaistow NH 03865. This PO Box and e-mail address go directly to the COI Committee. Forms may also be obtained at the Committee's regular meetings. Petitions of Alleged Violations forms must only be mailed to the COI Committee at the above PO Box.

The Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws, Petition of Alleged Violations Form can also be obtained at the Town Hall or can be printed from the Town of Plaistow web site at [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com). Also, the Plaistow Public Library has a copy of each that can be photocopied.

The Committee is still interested in forming a NH Conflict of Interest Group of area Towns who have a Conflict of Interest Ordinance or who would like to adopt an Ordinance of their own. Committees would share ideas and information on Conflict of Interest Ordinances and possible ways to make them better.

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 the Plaistow Public Library. All regular meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

If interested in being on the Committee, please refer to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance and Bylaws for requirements of members and who can be a Member.

Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee in 2007 are Harry Birmingham, Chairman/Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary; and Michael Allen. There are two vacant positions this year. All have given of their time on this Committee for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

*Therese A. Chouinard*

Secretary



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Highlights for 2007:

- Change in Commission officers
- Review Rockingham County Conservation District's report of their annual Cox Farm conservation easement monitoring.
- Continue to work with the Boy Scouts from Troop 18 to make improvements to the Town Forest.
- Meet briefly with Kevin Flanders from PeopleGIS to make better use of the internet to obtain and share information about conservation efforts in Plaistow.
- Continue the annual water sampling program.

At the first meeting after the March Town Meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to elect Jill Senter as Chairman and Tim Moore as Secretary.

The easement monitoring report received from the Rockingham County Conservation District stated that no easement encroachments were observed and that the current owners of the property are maintaining their status as good care-takers of the land by observing all of the stipulations of the easements. Great job for all involved! The Cox Farm is an excellent example of how well-maintained open space can contribute to the quality of life for all residents and why it is so crucial to preserve all forest and open space that we can afford.

Troop 18 continues to have a very successful program of encouraging its member scouts to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. One requirement for obtaining this rank is the completion of an Eagle Scout project. This project must be planned and carried out by the Eagle Scout candidate. The project also involves the supervision of other scouts and volunteers to complete the work as planned. This year William Horton's project was the construction of trail signs for trails in the Town Forest. These signs will add to the enjoyment of the Town Forest. Hikers will be able to plan their routes in advance and can easily follow the color-coded trail makers. So, whether you are looking for a short walk or a long walk, the trail signs will let you select a route that is just right for you. Please remember the motto from our National Parks, "Take only pictures, leave only footprints!"

Like all town departments, the Conservation Commission met with Kevin Flanders from PeopleGIS, a software company contracted by the Town to make better use of GIS (Graphical Information System) to both make the day-to-day task easier and more efficient as well as to provide internet interfaces so that much more information can be shared with the town residents on the Town's web site ([www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com)). Our first task will be to make available all of the data points we have collected over the last 2 decades of water sampling. We will also be providing various water quality standards including drinking water standards.

We continued our annual sampling of the streams, brooks, and rivers in Plaistow at 17 different points. Below are the results of the testing for nitrates and nitrites over the past 20+ years:

Sample Point	Test Type (mg/l)	1983 (mg/l)	1993 (mg/l)	2003 (mg/l)	2004 (mg/l)	2005 (mg/l)	2006 (mg/l)	2007 (mg/l)
Little River at the intersection of Old County Rd and Kingston Rd	Nitrates	< 0.10	0.5	0.56	0.7	0.20	0.34	< 0.20
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Little River at the Atkinson / Plaistow Town Line	Nitrates	0.14	0.5	1.34	0.59	0.24	0.53	0.59
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

The unit of measure for both nitrates and nitrites is milligrams per liter (mg/l). Drinking water standards require less than 10 mg/l for nitrates.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Secretary



*Town Forest.*



## REPORT OF COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

The Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation CART, is a regional public transportation agency established by act of the NH state legislature. CART provides public, demand-response transportation to residents of nine member communities in the Greater Derry-Salem region of Southern New Hampshire including the towns of Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown and Windham.

CART was formed as the result of a critical need for transportation in the Derry-Salem area, as identified by a regional transit study funded by the NH Department of Transportation in 2001-2003 and began operations in October 2006.

CART is a shared-ride service that is available to any resident of the nine service towns including seniors and others in the community who need transportation. Wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles are available to accommodate the needs of the individuals with disabilities. The fare of \$2.00 per one-way trip allows travel anywhere within the nine (9) community service area and to the established out-of-service area destinations to medical facilities.

Scheduling a ride is done through a call center by calling (603) 434-3569, at least 24 hours in advance of travel. Since this is a new pilot system, with no defined travel patterns, transportation service is limited to weekdays during the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00pm. CART does not operate on weekends or holidays.

### **CART Service Summary**

In June 2007 CART expanded its service to provide rides to seven out of the region medical facilities on the following days of the week:

- Mondays – Haverhill to Pentucket Medical Center and Merrimack Valley Hospital;
- Tuesdays & Thursdays – Manchester to Catholic Medical Center, Elliot Hospital and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center;
- Fridays - Methuen to Holy Family Hospital; Lawrence to Lawrence General Hospital.

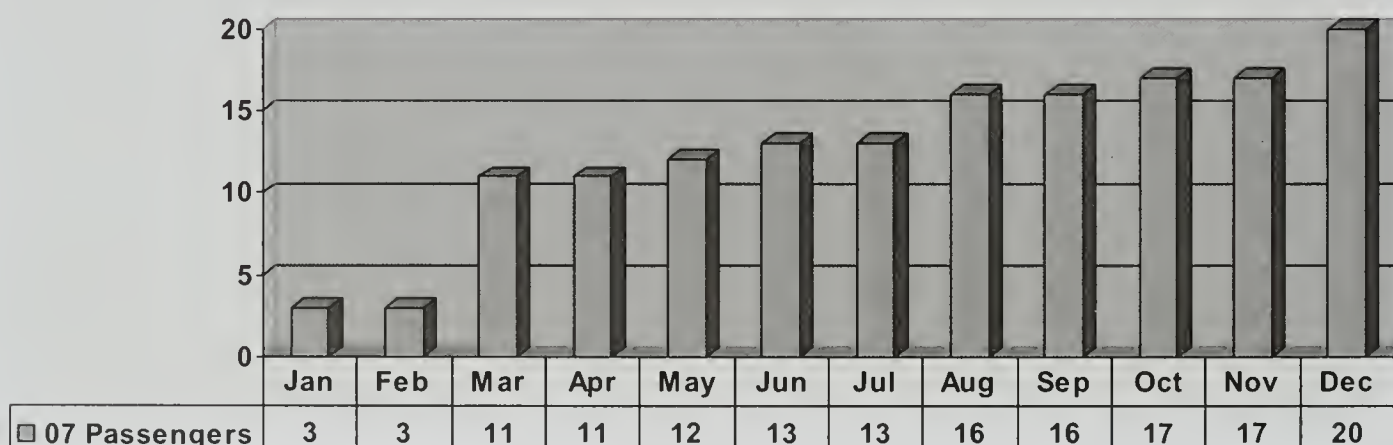
### **Ridership growth**

System wide: 145%

Start: January '07 723 riders and ending December '07 723

Plaistow: 566%

Start: January '07 3 riders and ending December '07 20



## REPORT OF COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

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### Trips Provided

System wide: 12,914

Plaistow: 153

Plaistow as a percent of total: 1.2%

### Trip Purpose

System: Medical 7,070 (55%); Work 2,071 (16%); Social 1505 (12%); Shopping 1304 (10%); Other 900 (7%)

Plaistow: Medical 94 (61%), Social 30 (20%), Shopping 23 (15%), Other 6 (4%)

Service	Miles	-	197,674	service	miles
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On-time performance rating of 96%.

In addition to providing outbound and around-town travel for Plaistoe residents, CART also brings travelers and consumers into the community to work and shop. In 2007, 300 trips were provided to passengers with Plaistow as part of the leg of their journey.

Funding for CART is through a combination of federal, municipal and private sector dollars. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants cover approximately 50% of CART's operating expenses. Non-federal matching funds come from a combination of municipal contributions; grant funding from the Endowment for Health, the Charles H. Cummings Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, and Heritage United Way; and other transportation provider agencies participating in the coordinated system.

CART has received a grant from the Endowment for Health covering a substantial part of the non-federal portion of the service in its first two, with the intent of allowing municipalities to participate in the system with a relatively limited initial investment and phase in funding over a three year period if they are satisfied with the service.

Moving forward CART will be looking toward establishing a firm foundation for growth through improved service, increased ridership, and better communication with the towns it serves.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lee Maloney*

Executive Director



*CART Van.*



## REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) continues to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to prepare for any possible natural and/or man-made disasters, and major health hazards. In keeping with this preparedness, it is important for residents to be as pre-prepared as possible in event of emergencies such as loss of power and heat.

This year we have seen such events in the mid-west with power loss due to ice storms and other severe weather events. The OEM recommends that each household prepares for such events by assembling a disaster kit and suggests the following items be included in that kit: extra blankets, warm clothing, a battery powered radio, flashlight, canned food, non-electric can opener, first aid supplies, bottled water, candles and matches, and a wind-up or battery operated clock. Additional information for preparedness is available at the Town of Plaistow's web site @ [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com). Click on the following in this order for additional preparedness suggestions: Departments, Health, Emergency Preparedness, and finally Ready America.

There is on-going regional planning to prepare for an all-hazards health emergency, i.e. pandemic influenza, 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 Plaistow Police and Fire departments, Town of Plaistow Health Officer, as well as regional and state health officials on the health plan.

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 [wscully@plaistow.com](mailto:wscully@plaistow.com)

Respectfully submitted,

*William T. Scully*

Director



*Communications Supervisor Lucia Theberge.*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Recognition

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

The fire department is unique from the other departments in the town that provide vital services to the community. Our group relies heavily upon the citizens to make up our ranks. This lends to having a fairly long list of former members, many of whom still take pride in being associated with your fire department. It seems that each year, we lose a couple of members of our extended family. In 2007, three former firemen passed away. Bob Lang (Sr.), George Peabody (former Fire Chief) and Charles Senter. Each contributed in a different way to the organization and to the community. Their spirit of volunteerism and commitment to community cannot be easily measured. We can only appreciate that they saw it within themselves to take time away from friends and family to help strangers and neighbors when needed.

This year we were presented with 2 significant opportunities to save the town money. The department submitted a request through the Federal Assistance to Firefighters grant program to replace and upgrade our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), compressor and bottle fill system. This request was approved for replacement of equipment at a cost which exceeded \$178,000. The Firemens' Association, through various donations, raised over \$8,000 to meet the federally required 5% matching funds. The future cost avoidance represented by this grant means less revenue to be generated by the town.

Our second opportunity began last year when we began discussions with the 5 other towns that share our contracted ambulance service. After a year of negotiation, we collaborated to achieve a contract for service without an annual fee. Plaistow had been operating in this manner for 3 years. We were able to get all 6 towns to agree to work together to meet a mutually agreeable goal of limiting the cost for the ambulance contract to all parties. In effect, we have a 3 year contract, renewable out to 5 years, at no cost to the towns. Over the course of these agreements, we will have saved the town an estimated \$200,000 based on the average annual fee we had been paying. Over the 6 towns, this figure is approximately \$1,000,000. One of the key components to our agreement was there would be no decrease in the services provided to the communities. Through this first year, that has proven to be the case.

Our department is classified as a 'combination' department, being made up of both fulltime staff and volunteers. Each relies on the other for our services to be successful. There are 3 fulltime staff who are charged with many of the routine day-to-day activities associated with being prepared to serve the community. These range from minor maintenance, inspections, training preparation and record keeping, in addition to the primary responsibility of answering emergency service calls. The volunteer or "call" membership is the larger staffing component and is the backbone of our emergency response capability. Regardless of the technology or equipment the Town provides us,

the essence of our business requires competent, dedicated men and women to render the quality services you have come to expect and deserve. Unfortunately, Plaistow is like many other similarly sized communities in that it is increasingly difficult to find those residents who can meet the challenges with being a member of a volunteer fire department. Out of every 5 people who look into becoming a member of the department, we will be fortunate to have 1 active



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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member after 5 years. Our screening process has to ensure that any money we invest in equipping and training prospective members will be well spent.

Your fire department provides a myriad of services. Fortunately, Plaistow is following a national trend relative to major fires, in that we see fewer and fewer of them. However, we also continue to answer more calls for service than in the past. Our largest segment of response continues to be related to emergency medical services (EMS). These calls range from people that generally don't feel well to people involved in traumatic motor vehicle accidents. Nearly 70% of our calls for service have an EMS component to them. Our members conduct routine rescue/EMS training in addition to our routine fire training to ensure our actions are proper and appropriate for the event. In addition to fire and EMS, we also provide hazardous materials incident intervention and fire prevention education and inspections. Routine inspections of the various businesses and schools in town are conducted periodically to ensure the safety of employees as well as students, customers and/or business partners that visit these locations. We visit the schools and child care facilities in the community to teach children how to be safe in their homes.

Each year, Fire Prevention Week focuses on a specific area of fire safety. We will promote that theme in our programs delivered to the schools, as well as our annual Open House, held in October. This is an opportunity for you, the taxpayer, to meet the members of your department, see some of our capabilities and inspect the equipment you have provided to us. I encourage you to plan to stop by next October and take part in our Open House. If you can't make the Open House, feel free to stop by the station during the day. We would be happy give you a tour of the facility and equipment.

Every year, we experience several delays in reaching a resident because of improperly located (or missing) house numbers. To help us find you if you need us:

- Check to make sure your home is marked with numbers that are **clearly visible** from the street.
- Numbers 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. Take the time to see how easy it is to spot your house in the daytime and at night. See if your neighbors' homes are clearly marked. We will use their numbering to locate your house and vice versa.

### Can you contribute some skill to the Fire Department without actually becoming a firefighter or EMT?

Yes, 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 your fire department to meet the continually changing needs of the Town, in a fiscally responsible manner. We are constantly looking at

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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](http://www.plaistow.com)).

Finally, the Town is extremely fortunate to have a group of citizens that 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 Department Responses - 2007

Type	#	Type	#
Auto Fires	10	Other (non-specific)	45
Boiler/Heater Malfunctions	5	Public Assists	21
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	5	Rescue	509
Fire Alarm Activations	95	Smoke Investigations	16
Hazardous Materials Incidents	5	Structure Fires	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	115	Woods/Grass/Brush Fires	21
Mutual Aid (Provided)	25	<b>Total Alarms</b>	<b>891</b>
Odor Investigations	14		

Respectfully submitted,  
*John H. McArdle*  
Chief



*Santa and his Elves.*



## FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

The CIP Committee, working with the Fire Chief, developed this table in 2001 and updates it annually. 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 a 20 year period. 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 Town Meeting.

Vehicle	Make	Year of Mfg.	New/Used Purchase	Planned Retirement (Year)	Estimated Replacement Cost (2007 \$s)
Command	Ford	2004	New*	2014	\$35,000
Engine-1	KME	2003	New	2027 (25 yrs)	\$308,000 (can purchase used)
Rescue-2	Chevrolet	2006	New	2016	\$150,000 (would not buy used)
Forestry-4	GMC	1994	New**	2014 (20 yrs)	\$40,000
Tanker-5	Pierce	1993	New	2018 (25 yrs) (to reserve)	\$350,000 (can purchase used)
Rescue-6	Ford	1994	New	2012	\$150,000
Engine-7	KME	1987	New	2012 (25 yrs)	\$350,000
Snorkel-8	Pierce/Snorkel	1969	Used	TBD***	\$250,000 (assume purchase of used apparatus)

\*Vehicle was obtained through a donation from Eastern Development Corp. as part of the Home Depot site development project. No Town funds were expended in the procurement of this vehicle

\*\* Purchased with assistance from the Plaistow Firemen's Association.

\*\*\* Status of Snorkel will depend on overall condition of vehicle and economic feasibility of expending funds for major repairs.

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW							
Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Expense			\$150,000			\$300,000	
Balance	\$176,662	\$266,662	\$186,662	\$266,662	\$346,662	\$126,662	\$206,662
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Expense	\$75,000				\$350,000		
Balance	\$211,662	\$291,662	\$371,662	\$451,662	\$181,662	\$261,662	\$341,662
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Expense	\$150,000			\$185,000	\$308,000		
Balance	\$271,662	\$351,662	\$431,662	\$326,662	\$98,662	\$178,662	

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

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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 determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The Town of Plaistow requires a permit to be issued anytime a fire is kindled out of doors, except for cooking grills. You can obtain a seasonal cooking permit from the fire department if you meet certain criteria, call 382-5012 for more information. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdfi.org](http://www.nhdfi.org).

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson.....	5
Debris.....	197
Campfire.....	38
Children.....	22
Smoking.....	41
Railroad.....	5
Equipment.....	3
Lightning.....	7
Miscellaneous*.....	119
* power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.	

### TOTALS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	371	100



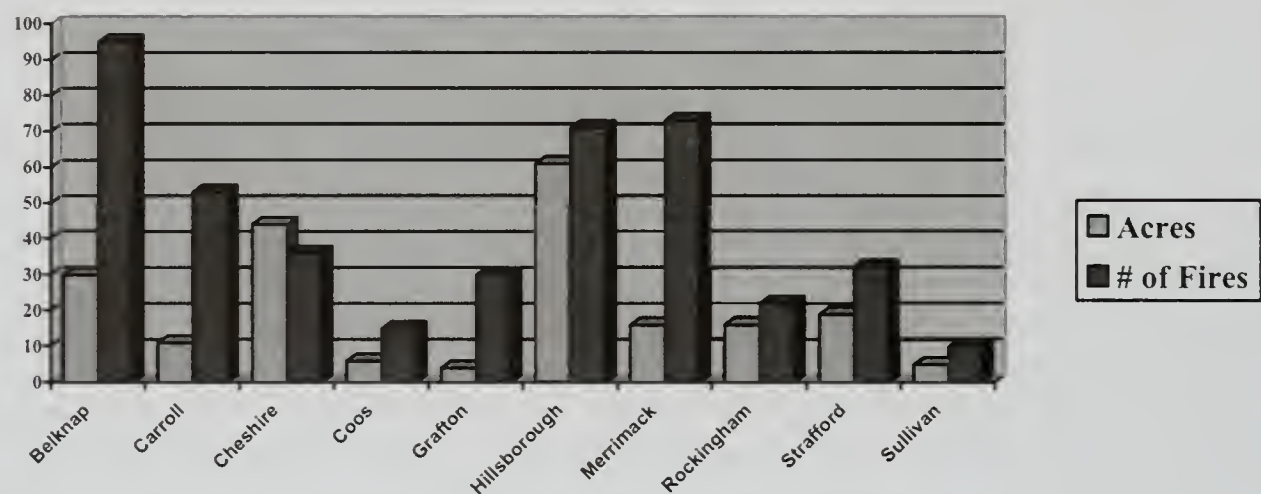
## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

### 2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

Respectfully submitted,

*John H. McArdle*

Warden

### **“Public Health is Everybody’s Business”**

Public health is important to everyone, but does everyone realize what public health means to individuals, families, and communities? Few realize the broad range of activities and responsibilities for which public health is accountable. The following are just a few of the numerous facets of public health:

- Health screenings
- Preparing for emergencies
- Immunizations
- Protection from food borne illness
- Safe drinking water
- Improving indoor air quality
- Access to health care
- Wellness programs
- Disease and injury prevention initiatives
- Protection from environmental hazards
- Protection from vector borne diseases
- Healthy housing

It becomes obvious that it takes many partners and resources to address the public health issues that affect our everyday life. The State of New Hampshire is currently embarking on a challenging endeavor to provide a plan and process to improve the public’s health in New Hampshire by moving toward a regional public health system. This plan will create a sound infrastructure for the delivery of essential public health services throughout New Hampshire. An effective public health system:

- Assesses and promotes health and safety;
- Prevents or minimizes the occurrences of diseases and injuries;
- Plans, prepares, and responds to natural and manmade disasters;
- Identifies barriers, and facilitates access to primary and preventive healthcare; and
- Enforces public health laws and regulations.

As New Hampshire proceeds with the planning and development of this regional public health system, Plaistow can anticipate some interesting changes in the future. More information on this planning can be found at the NH Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DPHS/iphnh.htm>.

### **Local Public Health Initiatives**

*Public Protection from Foodborne Illness and Disease:* An estimated 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 5,000 deaths are attributable to foodborne illness in the United States each year. For some consumers, foodborne illness results only in mild, temporary discomfort or lost time from work or other daily activity. For others, especially pre-school age children, older adults, and those with impaired immune systems, foodborne illness may have serious or long-term consequences, and most seriously, may be life threatening.

Plaistow is one of only 15 towns or cities in the State that has the authority to license and inspect food service establishments and retail food stores located in our Town. This is a significant benefit for our town, allowing prompt local response and action to ensure that food is prepared under safe and sanitary conditions.



## REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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This is accomplished through routine inspections, follow-up inspections, complaint investigations, foodborne illness investigations, plan reviews of new or remodeled establishments, training in safe food handling and guidance in food security preventive measures.

Comprehensive Mosquito Surveillance and Control Plan: Mosquito surveillance and control are fundamental components of any response plan aimed at preventing mosquito-borne diseases, such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV). Mosquito surveillance includes targeted mosquito trapping, species identification, and testing of mosquitoes for EEE and WNV. Mosquito control includes source reduction of habitats where mosquito breed (e.g., draining standing water) and chemical control through the appropriate use of larvicides and adulticides (chemicals aimed at killing mosquito larvae and adults). Adulticiding may be performed as "spot spraying", targeting specific high-activity areas. Plaistow has a mosquito surveillance and control plan that has been approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services. In 2007, the Commissioner of DHHS continued the public health threat (from mosquito-borne viruses) declaration for Rockingham County. This enabled Plaistow to apply for and receive reimbursement for specific mosquito control activities in the amount of \$8551.

During 2007, the State of New Hampshire reported 2 birds that tested positive for WNV. Additionally, 6 mosquito pools, 1 horse, 1 alpaca and 3 human cases of EEE were reported. Although Plaistow had no positive cases of EEE or WNV in mosquitoes, animals or humans, our neighboring town, Newton, had both positive mosquitoes and a human case. Based on these findings, the Commissioner has continued the public health threat declaration for our county for 2008.

Resource for Public Health Concerns and Information: The Plaistow Health Department works collaboratively with State and local partners to provide the public with accurate, "real-time" information on emerging public health concerns. Food and product recalls, MRSA, avian influenza, mumps outbreak in a neighboring State, seasonal influenza, and disaster preparedness are just some of the recent concerns in the news. Questions on these and many other topics can be found on our town website, [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) or by contacting the health department at 382-2494 ext.21.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennise Horrocks*

Health Officer

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The Plaistow Highway Department personnel remained the same in 2007, Dana Rabito, Foreman, Aaron Shea, Laborer, Andy Jones, Laborer, Floyd Gates, Seasonal Laborer, & myself. With assistance from hired outside contractors, we followed through with several projects in 2007. I will list some of the major ones throughout this report.

2007 started with an ice storm followed by several small snow & ice events until February 14 when we were hit with a ten inch snow to ice storm. Those are always a challenge. The month of March had a couple good size storms. There was a 3" storm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 15" storm on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, & then a 2" storm on the 24<sup>th</sup>. But winter didn't end there, in April we had a 6" snow & ice storm on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and a small 1" storm on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Then we probably all remember the record breaking December of 2007. We had 10 different storm events adding up to approximately 36" of snow & ice. That really takes its toll on Highway personnel, outside contractors, town equipment, & of course, the budget.

Once we got past the winter weather, we had to deal with a spring time flood. On April 15<sup>th</sup> it started to rain and it continued for several days adding up to more than 5" of rain. We had a few areas that the water encroached up and over the roadway. We never had to completely close the roads but just warn the traveling public that water was in the road. The fact that we didn't lose roadways has a lot to do with the continuing plan to address a drainage problem each year. The town did receive some FEMA money to help offset some of the cost of overtime & materials used to secure the roadway infrastructure.

Moving from spring to summer, we had all the town streets swept to remove any leftover debris from the past winter season. This was done by F.B Hale from Hudson, NH.

Summer was a very busy season for the Highway Department. We started the season putting the Road Surface Management Plan into affect. We hired Continental Paving from Londonderry, NH to reclaim & binder parts of Birch Street & Ashe Street. We also paved Old Road, Jesse George Road, Witch Lane, Ingalls Terrace, Kimball Avenue, Pineview Ave, Maple Avenue, Whiton Place, and Wentworth Avenue & Hilltop Road. Paving these roads increases the Town's overall rating & ultimately supports the RSMS program. I would like to thank the Town's people for continuing to support the concept of spending a descent amount of money each year so we don't fall too far below the curve into a more expensive repair. We hope to do the same in 2008.

Drainage improvements were another important accomplishment in 2007. We completed two different jobs. Witch Lane was the first one. This was one that has been several years in the making. Al Hoyt & Sons of Plaistow installed two catch basins & almost 200 feet of culvert pipe in late summer. The other one was in the fall when Senter Bros of Plaistow installed 12 catch basins & more than 1100 feet of culvert pipe on Stanwood Avenue & Duston Avenue. These projects are very important in helping to secure the roadway infrastructure when it rains or during massive snow-melt. In 2008 we hope to extend some of the drainage improvements on Old County Road. Also, I would like to repair the culvert on Smith Corner Road.

Other projects completed in 2007 were the re striping of all stop bars, yellow center lines, and the Town building parking lots. Numerous hours cutting & clearing roadside brush, street sign installation, vehicle maintenance, catch basin repairs, & cold patching.



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Thanks again to the voters for approving the purchase of a new six wheel dump truck with a plow, wing, & spreader. We put that truck into service in October.

In late October, we hired R.J. Barrett of Westford, Ma to clean 453 of the 460 town maintained catch basins. This removes a years worth of debris from the basin & also gives us one last chance to inspect it before winter.

In closing, I can not complete this report without expressing my sincere thanks to all the residents of Plaistow for all their support with my budget & warrant articles, all my hired contractors, the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and to my men & their families. The concept of all these people working together is what makes Plaistow a safer place to live & visit.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel Garlington*

Highway Supervisor



*Highway Supervisor Daniel P. Garlington*

## HIGHWAY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

The CIP Committee, working with the Highway Supervisor, developed this table in 2003 and updates it annually. 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. With the goal of developing a CIP Plan that levels the annual capital costs, the CIP Committee had placed \$59,000 in the CIP plan each year for the replacement of highway vehicles. This year's update shows that the deposit amount needs to be increased to \$62,500. The Board of Selectmen have submitted annual Warrant Articles for deposits to this Capital Reserve Fund. These Warrant Articles have been approved by the voters each year. Spending money from this fund requires the vote of Town Meeting.

YEAR	EQUIPMENT	HOURS OF SERVICE	MILES	ESTIMATED LIFE	1 <sup>st</sup> REPLACE	2 <sup>nd</sup> REPLACE	ESTIMATED COST
2008	International 6w Dump Truck	14	271	8 Years	2015	2022	\$110,000
2006	Ford F-350 Pick-up	1636	24,727	7 years	2012	2019	\$40,000
2004	Ford F-550 Dump Truck	3285	33,103	7 years	2011	2018	\$60,000
2001	Caterpillar 924 Loader	1918	---	15 years	2015	2030	\$120,000
2000	International 6w Dump Truck	2640	29,112	9 years	2009	2018	\$110,000
1987	Ford Backhoe	987	---	20 years	2010	2030	\$70,000

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW								
YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenue	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$62,500
Expense		(\$110,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$60,000)	(\$40,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$230,000)
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$72,500</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>



## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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This past year the society has continued to work with the members of the community by preserving and presenting the history of Plaistow. Our museum was open Old Home Day, Wednesday evenings in the summer, and many Sunday afternoons. We have also been available by appointment to give teaching sessions and tours of the museum. For instance, the expository writing class from Timberlane Regional High School had made us a visit last winter to look over photographs we have on the history of their school.

We have had two programs this past fall: Bob Carolan made a slide show presentation about the two Plaistows he visited, in England, and Barney Gallagher presented a lecture on the boundary of Plaistow and Haverhill and how the two towns interrelate.

We are in the ongoing process of cataloging and accessioning objects and documents that are related to Plaistow's past. Old photographs also are being identified, scanned into computer storage, and indexed for easy retrieval. What happens today is tomorrow's history. Any artifacts, papers, and photos that pertain to Plaistow are welcome donations to the society.

Our website is continuously being updated with Plaistow historical antidotes and other information. We are receiving many inquiries particularly from those who are researching genealogy and the history of their houses. All are welcome to visit us at [www.PlaistowHistorical.org](http://www.PlaistowHistorical.org).

Our other happenings this past year is that we have purchased exclusive rights to the montage of significant landmarks of Plaistow, placed it on T-shirts, and sold them at Old Home Day. Another is that we are also pleased to report that the Mason and Hamlin Pump Organ has been restored to working condition. Additionally, we have received a donation of several showcases which will enable us to put together new displays.

We are pleased to announce that we have elected the following officers in November: Robert Carolan, President; Mike Smith, Vice President; Catherine O'Brien, Recording Secretary; Nancy Marston, Corresponding Secretary; Eleanor Peabody, Treasurer; Jeanne Smith and Mildred Ilsley, Members at Large.

We always welcome new members and volunteers. Our meetings are held every third Tuesday from March to November at 7:00 in the evening. The public of all ages are welcome to attend as guests, see what we are all about, and meet us. We will be open on Old Home Day and every Wednesday evening during this summer. Again, we are also available by appointment. We can be reached via email, [info@PlaistowHistorical.org](mailto:info@PlaistowHistorical.org), or by phone: 382-1675.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Catherine O'Brien*

Secretary

## REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

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

The duties that are outlined in RSA 165 are considerable but are not boundless. A person applying for assistance must meet a set of guidelines for assistance. The Board of Selectmen approves the guidelines each year, most recently in July of 2007. Clear guidelines can avoid misunderstanding in decisions rendered. The guidelines exist to prevent arbitrary decisions, yet remain flexible so that special needs, such as medical situations, are considered. The Board of Selectmen also approves allowable levels each year, most recently in October of 2007. Allowable levels are reviewed yearly to insure that the needs of the applicant are met and the numbers used are not artificially low.

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

Many people are not aware that the assistance the Town provides to residents is not an outright grant. Under RSA 165:20-b, a resident is expected to repay the assistance they received when they return to an income status that allows this to be possible without creating a financial hardship. If the resident owns property in Town, a lien is placed on the property until the funds are returned to the Town. Since May of 2005, the Town has recovered \$19,082 in assistance previously provided.

The cost of living in Southern New Hampshire continues to rise. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority reports that Rockingham County has the highest monthly median Gross Rental Costs in the State. A family of five living in Plaistow, in a four bedroom apartment, could expect their basic necessities of food, shelter electric and oil heat to total \$2,631 **before** car payments, insurance, health care and general household expenses are added.

The NH Occupational Employment & Wages Survey reports that the Exeter/Seabrook area entry level wage is \$9.34 per hour. When both adults in the household are employed, this family is making \$3148.80 per month. If someone falls ill and is unable to work, this same family is reduced to an income of \$1,574.40 and is not able to cover the basic necessities.



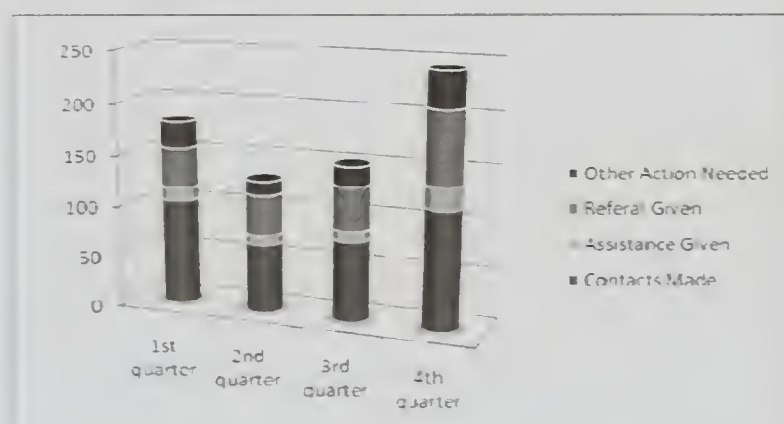
## REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

It has been another busy year for the Human Services Department assisting residents. Requests for financial assistance continue to remain steady, with support provided for rent, heat, electric, food and other basic maintenance needs.

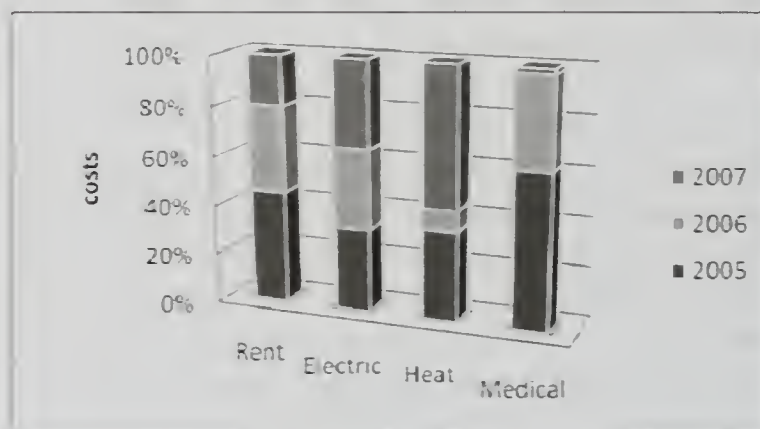
In 2007, 366 residents made contact with the Human Services Department, 51 were granted assistance and 193 were referred to public and private agencies for assistance.

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### SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE



### 3 YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON



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

I express my thanks and admiration to the many individual citizens and organized groups who continue to serve this community unselfishly. Renewal is the restoration of something that is faded or disintegrating. Due to you donations of time, money, services and goods, you restore the faded "American Dream" for many families.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nicole Carr*

Human Services Coordinator

## REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL AGENCY

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Once again, New Hampshire led the nation with human Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) activity. In 2007, there were three human cases, one horse, one alpaca and six mosquito pools testing positive for EEE. The human cases occurred in the Towns of Newton, Newfields and Hampton. Kensington had the horse case while Raymond had an alpaca. The six mosquito pools were found in Newton (2), Brentwood (2), Kingston (1) and Fremont (1). Mosquitoes collected in Plaistow were sorted by species and sent to the State Lab in Concord where they were tested for diseases. None tested positive. There was no EEE or West Nile Virus activity in Plaistow during the 2007 mosquito season. This may be due in part to the dry summer conditions leaving many sites lacking water contributing to low mosquito populations.

The proposed 2008 Mosquito Control plan for Plaistow includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes for disease testing begins in June. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

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

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

For more information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, visit the NH Department of Health and Human Services online at [www.dhhs.state.nh.us](http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us) or the Centers for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah MacGregor*

President

Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.



## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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The Budget Committee started off the season with 4 losses—Henry Szynt, Ernest Sheltry, Ronald Yeager and George Peabody. Because of their concern for the town, 3 residents—Brian Levasseur, Michele Conte, and Norman Bouchard—volunteered and were appointed to take over the empty positions and help the committee renew its promise to provide a budget that would help the town maintain existing services, provide opportunities for growth, and continue to thrive.

We come from diverse backgrounds and bring our knowledge and experience to the committee to understand the financial position of the various departments. Along with the department heads, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen, we questioned, investigated, suggested, and finally put forward for your consideration a budget that will carry the town through 2008.

The proposed operating budget of \$7,085,927 can be found in the 2008 Town Warrant as Article P-08-02 and is further explained on the MS-7 State Reporting Form that can also be found in this Town Report. The proposal is \$367,578 more than the 2007 approved operating budget. Much of this was due to a 2007 vote that some warrant articles would be transferred into the operating budget.

Total expenses (which would include the approval of all 2008 warrant articles) would increase the total budget by 1.48% from \$7,369,759 in 2007 to \$7,478,792 in 2008, a difference of \$109,033. However, due to an expected decrease in revenue, the amount of money to be raised by taxation has increased by 5.2%. This translates to a tax rate impact of \$ .23 per thousand.

The Budget Committee recommends that you review our report and vote to support Article P-08-02 at the second session of the Town Meeting on Tuesday March 11, 2008 at the Pollard School.

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the Budget Committee and Board of Selectman, Town Manager Jason Hoch, and all the department heads for their cooperation in creating a sound and achievable budget for the town. Although the process may not always proceed smoothly, I believe everyone worked as a team to make the interests of the town and the taxpayers their first priority.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janis S. Penta*

Chairperson

## REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee was formed as grass roots organization in 1990 with charter members from Plaistow and all surrounding towns as well as representatives from Rockingham Planning Commission, NH State transportation officials, and local transit companies. A 3-phase goal was established to 1- create a Park and Ride lot at Westville Rd and Route 125, 2- establish Plaistow to Boston express commuter bus service and 3- extend the MBTA service from Haverhill to Plaistow. The 1<sup>st</sup> 2 goals were obtained in the mid 1990s and the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal is still on hold. A Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant was obtained by PATAC to help fund the MBTA station. This grant of federal money was later modified such that it could be used to fund a Plaistow train station for either an MBTA stop or an AMTRAK Downeaster stop.

Downeaster Update: The double track upgrades were completed in 2007 with and the 5<sup>th</sup> train went into service on August 17, 2007. The Downeaster train continues to be number 1 or 2 in the nation for on-time arrivals (> 95%). It also has the top rating from passengers regarding on-train services and in 2006 had the highest percentage of increased rider ship of all AMTRAK trains in the nation.

Maine continues to support and plan for an extension of the train service from Portland to Freeport and Brunswick. This may be provided by AMTRAK or another private railroad. Long range plans are also underway to extend the train service to Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor and beyond to ultimately link up with Canadian train service in New Brunswick and Quebec.

NH Rail Update: In 2007 the NH legislature created the New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority whose mission is to oversee passenger rail service in New Hampshire. It is a legal entity and consists of 35 directors representing cities and towns with active Amtrak service (Dover, Durham, Exeter, and Claremont), proposed commuter service to Boston (Nashua, Merrimack, Manchester, Manchester Airport, and Concord) as well as representatives from the regional planning commissions providing service to the above cities/towns. I am the representative from the Rockingham Planning Commission on this authority. The first priority is to establish commuter service from Manchester and Nashua to Boston via the Lowell, MA MBTA commuter line. Interestingly enough, the consultant charged with looking at alternate transportation modes (bus, rail) before the I-93 expansion can begin has just recommended the best route from Manchester to Boston would be through, Derry, Windham, and Salem south to Boston via the Lawrence, MA MBTA commuter line. Stay tuned!

Route 125 Update: In 2007 we finally saw work being done on Route 125 including signalization at an alignment with Hazeltine St, the State Line shopping plaza, and Route 125. Route 125 will be widened in the area from Wentworth Ave south to the Great Elm and Market Basket/Kohls shopping centers. A dedicated left-turn lane will also be constructed at the entrance to the Market Basket/Kohls shopping center. The intersection of Old County Rd and Route 125 is also scheduled to be widened and signalized. Although this work was not completed before the end of the calendar year, it should be completed on or before June 30, 2008 – the end of the DOT's fiscal year.

Fiscal constraints in the DOT's funding mechanism will cause the remainder of the proposed improvements scheduled to be done in the next 2 or 3 years will be again postponed by several years.



## REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The work to be done at the Main St and Cushing St intersection is still "on the books" and there are still periodic meetings with Haverhill and Plaistow officials as well as both the MA and NH DOTs to discuss the project. No date has been established for this work to be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Chairman



*The Grinch Visits Plaistow.*

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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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 review and approval of residential and commercial development including site and subdivision plan reviews, lot line adjustments and land use regulations development and revision.

The Planning Board is also responsible for maintaining the town's Capital Improvement Program, Master Plan, Site and Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Ordinance and all plans and records associated with development in Plaistow, NH.

Planning Board staff is available to assist applicants and land use consultants throughout the planning review process and encourages preliminary and on-going consultation to help the process proceed smoothly and efficiently.

For 2007, the Planning Board proposed and adopted numerous Master Plan, Zoning and Regulation amendments, including updates to the Master Plan. The Planning Board adopted a new Residential Conservation Zone, and rezoning so that the CI and CII zone lines correspond to parcel lines. The Planning Board also adopted a new Village Center District overlay zone, the purpose being to provide a pedestrian-friendly area where residents may live, shop, work, and conduct town business. Where possible, traffic calming techniques are to be applied throughout the district and sidewalks should be provided on both sides of the street.

Most notably, the Planning Board spent considerable time rewriting the Elderly Housing Ordinance as an overlay district, the purpose and objectives being to provide housing for the elderly (55 years or older) residents of the Town of Plaistow in a clustered development. To the extent possible, the objective was to make these housing opportunities available to Plaistow residents, to make a certain percentage affordable, and to make rental units available. The applicant/developer was required to provide deed restrictions, use limitations, covenants, or some other legally enforceable instrument, all of which would permanently restrict occupancy of these housing facilities to persons who meet all applicable restrictions regarding age, rentability and affordability.

Soon after its passage, four separate projects came forward based on the new EHD ordinance, ranging in unit numbers from 40 to 144. The citizens became concerned about these projects and in order to address the concerns, a Special Town Meeting was held over the summer in order to vote on the Planning Board's request that the EHD ordinance be repealed. The request passed, and there is no longer any ordinance allowing for elderly homes in Plaistow on the books.

However, by the end of 2007, the four applicants that had submitted projects earlier in the year under the approved ordinance had been notified of a specific number they could apply for based on an interpretation of the total number units allowed (the cap) by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and will likely move forward in 2008.

Also throughout 2007, the Planning Board reviewed and approved numerous subdivision, site plans and minor site plan applications. Highlights include:



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Site Plan for the Stateline Plaza redevelopment project on Routes 125 and 121, which also included the recommendations in a study that the staff of the Planning and Building Departments had cooperatively worked on with the City of Haverhill Planning and Engineering staff and referred to as the Haverhill Plaistow Route 125 Study Committee.

This included the selection of an alternative for the proposed signalization of Cushing Avenue and/or the State Line Plaza to help alleviate hazardous traffic conditions in this portion of Route 125 and are being constructed as a part of the major redevelopment of the Stateline Plaza currently underway.

Site Plan for a replacement of a storage building at 202 Main Street;

Site Plan for a Starbucks on Route 125;

Site Plan for the proposed reuse of industrial buildings on Main Street including the establishment of a contractor's yard including outdoor storage, office space, and warehouse/office commercial space, and tenant space for tradesmen and others utilizing a mix of office and warehouse space;

Site Plan for a change of use to the existing building on Route 125 from real estate office to hair salon;

Preliminary hearings on a commercial site plan review application for property located at the intersection of Plaistow Road and Westville Road, Tax Map 26, Lots 49, 50 & 51, involving the redevelopment for a new 14,673 square foot Rite Aid pharmacy retail store and commercial strip mall;

Preliminary hearings on various 3 or 4-lot subdivision plans for property located on Westville Road;

Site Plan to convert an existing professional office building to a Daycare Facility located on Danville Road.

Site Plan for the addition of a drive-up bank Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) kiosk at Northland Mall on Route 108;

Site Plan for a change of use from an attorney's office to a chiropractor's office on Main Street;

Preliminary public hearings on a site plan for additional office space at a professional building located on Route 121 (Atkinson Depot Road);

Site Plan for the addition of a gym (Planet Fitness) at an existing condominium building on Route 125;

Site Plan for the conversion of a building on Main Street previously used as counseling offices into real estate offices;

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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The Planning Board was also joined by two new citizens who requested to become alternates. They are Neal Morin and Merilyn Senter. 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 Komornick, Town Planner, in the Planning Office at 382-7371, Ext. 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, visit her upstairs on the third floor of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leigh Komornick*

Planning Coordinator



*Leigh Komornick, Donald H. Sargent & P. Michael Dorman.*

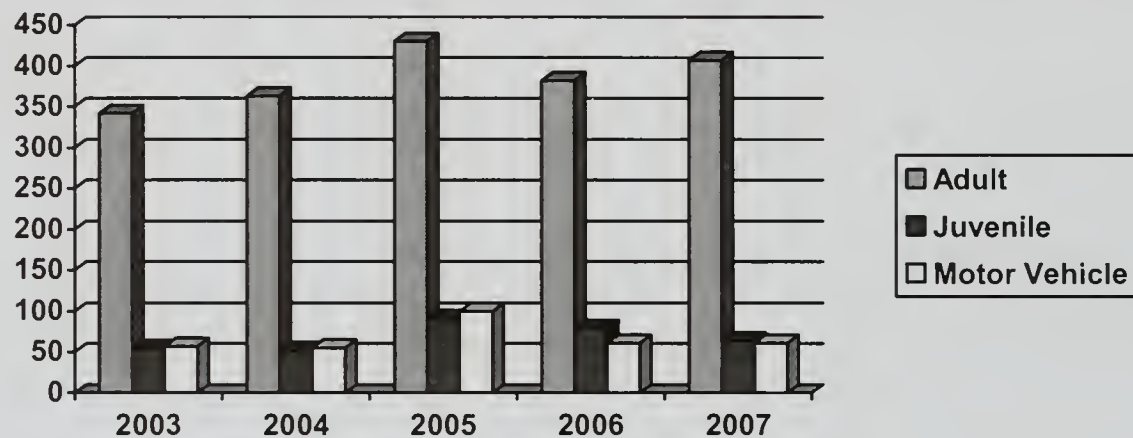


## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In preparing the first draft of our 2007 Report, I reflected back on this past year looking for specific noteworthy examples to mention. To us, there were many small accomplishments too numerous to mention. However, one significant milestone stood out which does impact residents of the Town as well. We purchased a temporary office trailer due to space concerns and inserted it at the rear of the police side of the Safety Complex. Our Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) was then moved into the new quarters, thereby freeing up valuable space inside the Complex for other functions. We have reached maximum potential inside our facility and can do little else with the current space allocated. This past year we also applied to the State for dredge and fill permits (paid for by Impact Fees) to fill an existing drainage pond on site in preparation for future Safety Complex construction/expansion.

Our Prosecution Unit performed superbly this past year by closing out 503 cases with 881 charges for Plaistow alone. There are still several hundred open cases pending for Plaistow due to trials, defaults, arrest warrants, and so forth.

### 5 YEAR ARREST COMPARISON



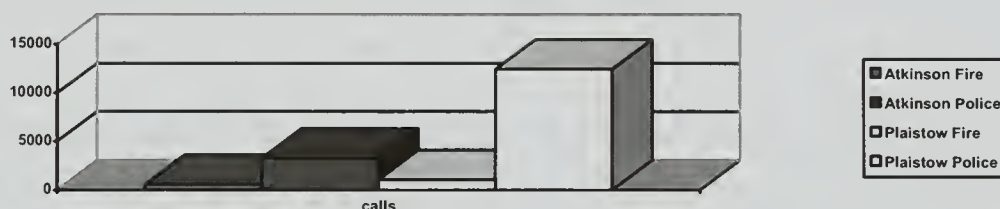
Crime Statistics for 2007	
Murder/Manslaughter	0
Burglary	47
Theft/Robbery	276
Motor Vehicle Theft	35
Criminal Mischief	151
DWI	28
Motor Vehicle Accidents	512
Alarms (Police)	822
Assaults	64
Sexual Assaults	25
Traffic Citations	428
Motor Vehicle Stops	2,724
Domestic Calls	102

Our Victim Witness Advocate, a Federally-Funded Grant position, handled a total of 527 clients this past year, with 203 originating from Plaistow alone. The client contacts occurred as a result of domestic violence, sexual assaults, restitution, witness notifications, stalking, and so forth. Her client services and networking skills are exemplary and very comforting to victims.

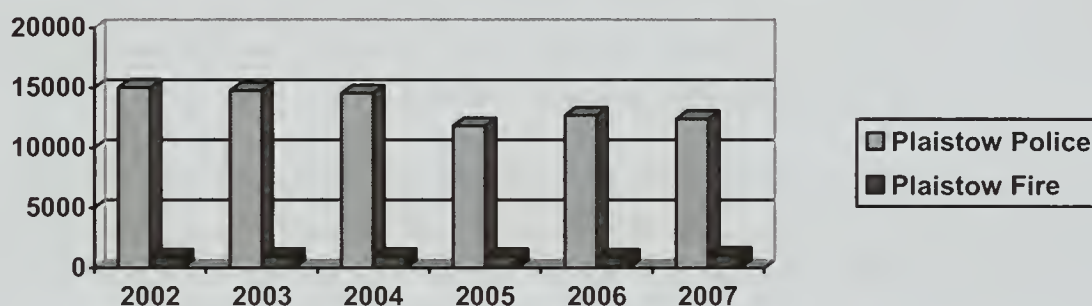
## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Communications Center, capably staffed by six well-trained dispatchers, provides emergency services for Plaistow and Atkinson around the clock and “are there” when callers need police or fire response. The six dispatchers represent a total of over 50 years of combined experience, a testament to their dedication to the Town of Plaistow and the Department.

### 2007 CALLS FOR SERVICE



The calls for service over the past six years are:



Our yearly calls for service average over the past six-years for police is 13,553 and for fire is 961. As can be seen, the numbers fluctuate up and down largely due to staffing shortages in Patrol, area economic conditions, drug issues, area growth patterns, and so forth.

Our Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) registered 11 Assault/Sexual Assault investigations, 20 Robbery/Burglary investigations, 81 Theft/Receiving Stolen Property investigations, 20 Fraud cases, and 6 Drug cases. The unit also handled 364 calls for service, registered 7 sex offenders, issued 10 Secondhand Dealer Licenses, and processed an estimated 11,000 pawn transactions. These transactions are distributed to over 50 law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

#### S.I.U Cases

January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Assaults/Sexual Assault	11
Burglary/Robbery	20
Theft/Receiving Stolen Property	81
Fraud	20
Drug	6
Secondhand Dealer Licenses	10
Pawn Transactions	11,000
Sex Offender Registrations	7
Calls for Service	364



## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Our training component for all staff personnel in 2007 grew to 2,060 hours, which reflects our commitment to providing superior technical education to staff members.

Master Police Officer Alec Porter and his teammate, Stryker, are a familiar sight to all in Town and are a source of much good will throughout the year. To remain on "top of their game", the team trained for 435 hours during the year, conducted 22 tracks, 16 drug searches, 15 building searches, and conducted 7 K-9 demonstrations for the public for a total of 60 K-9 deployments. We continue to work on Stryker's anticipated retirement and his replacement, hopefully, in 2008.

The School Resource Officer Program at Timberlane Regional High School continues to provide safety and security to students, staff, and visitors as in previous years. There is a definite need to expand these services into the Timberlane Regional Middle School with the addition of a new officer in a near-future year.

The Animal Control function was transferred to the Police Department for oversight responsibility in 2006-2007. ACO David Sargent has risen to the task admirably by being a visible ACO in providing directed patrols to handle neighborhood dog complaints and aggressively pursuing annual animal licensing scofflaws.

During the year, we worked diligently to improve our Police link to the Town's website and we encourage our readers to visit the link. We also are considering adding a citizen survey to our link and would encourage candid responses. In order for us to improve services, we need your constructive criticisms.

Department members also completed a staffing study which clearly demonstrates a patrol staffing shortage of 4-6 officers which we hope can be corrected over the next three years.

Finally, it is my hope that we as a Department continue to improve on our delivery of services each and every year through training, self-examination, constructive criticism, and personal drive to achieve excellence. We are all stake holders in this Department and your support of us is evident each and every day and very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

***Stephen C. Savage***

Chief

*"In the end, the only people who fail are those who do not try."*

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The year 2007 was a very active and fulfilling year for the Plaistow Public Library. In keeping with the mission statement the library focused on serving all residents with equal access to informational, recreational and educational resources. In order to implement the goals several steps were taken such as installing new circulation software allowing enhanced access to the library database as well as additional services such as renewal and reserving materials from a home computer. Five new computers replaced the original computers in the children's area and our staff laptop was used to facilitate the ongoing inventory of the entire library collection. The library also joined the New Hampshire State Library Downloadable Audio Book Consortium which now allows residents of Plaistow to browse and search hundreds of titles of audio books online and download them to their computer, transfer them to a portable device or burn selected titles onto a CD. This is a wonderful service which greatly expands the available audio book selection for the patrons and saves the library several thousand dollars each year. Please call the library for additional information and setup directions to get started on this great benefit.

The library was fortunate to be able to implement and update the technology purchases through supplemental library funds with minimum tax impact to the residents of Plaistow. A Gates Staying Connected Technical Support Foundation grant in the amount of six hundred dollars was received to pay for the initial set up of the online audio book program.

The Friends of the Library again offered their great support throughout the entire year by volunteering at programs, organizing and implementing the annual book sale as well as the very profitable ongoing book sale in the library, sponsoring the annual holiday fair and purchasing passes to seven museums in the greater Boston and New Hampshire area. Without their support the library would not be able to offer such enhanced programs and the museum pass program would be greatly diminished. They are a small but mighty group and we are so grateful for everything that they do for the library.

Also in terms of support the library had a record number of volunteer hours given during the year, with an average of forty two volunteer hours per month. The volunteer projects ranged from Adopt a Shelf to helping the children's librarian with story hour preparation to inventory of the adult collection. A thank you reception was held in June to honor all the volunteers for their dedication and time. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to call the library for further details.

An effort was made this past year to increase awareness of the library and all it had to offer through the number of programs offered to both children and adults. As a result a total of 314 programs, with 6,430 participants, were presented including the very popular statewide summer reading program "Reading Road Trip, USA". The library also had the privilege of "starring" in the video of the official theme song for the reading program as performed by Steve Blunt. A small sampling of the programs offered include monthly adult book discussions centered around the theme "Small Town Living", participation in the statewide National Endowment for the Arts book discussion "Fahrenheit 451", herb workshops, home brewing, jewelry making, flower arranging, cooking, wreath making and computer classes. Children's programs include story

preschool and toddler story hours, baby lap sit, children's book discussions, Book Bites at Pollard School, family music and cooking series and teddy bear story time.

All of the above mentioned programs and services would not be possible without the supportive staff at the library. Our Assistant Librarian/Head of Youth Services librarian, Deborah Hoadley, left her position at the end of year and while we are very pleased with her own personal



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advancement we all miss her many, many contributions to the library. I would like to thank her and all the rest of the staff for their constant support and willingness to give their best to the library every day they come to work.

I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees for their direction and support during the past year. Tom Mullings and Karen Poznick both resigned from the board during the year and I would like to thank them for volunteering their time on the Board and giving back to the library. Between the Board of Trustees and the library staff we have a great team and I am looking forward to another productive year serving the residents of Plaistow.

### 2007 LIBRARY STATISTICS

#### **Materials Purchased:**

Adult.....	1,058
Juvenile.....	1,371
DVD.....	170
Audio Books.....	144
CD/Music.....	1
TOTAL.....	2,744

#### **Gifts added to the Collection:**

Books.....	201
DVD.....	39
Audio Books.....	24
CD/Music.....	39
TOTAL.....	303

#### **Collection Totals:**

Video/DVDs.....	1,400
Audio Books.....	1,253
Musical CDs.....	252
Magazine/Newspaper Subscriptions.....	71
Gift Subscriptions.....	2
Materials Lost/Paid.....	26
TOTAL.....	42,659

#### **Statistics:**

Total Circulation.....	63,960
Registered Patrons.....	3,042
Visits by Patrons.....	45,265
Days Open.....	302

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie Houlihan*

Director



*Career Day with Noah Lyons and Lauri Houlihan.*

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Recreation has shown tremendous growth this year in programming and enrollment. We have increased programming to include something for everyone from the toddlers to the senior citizens. We are committed to building on our successes of 2007.

Recreation's largest accomplishment in 2007 was the progress made on the new recreation fields on Old County Road. The fields are all installed including irrigation; the road into the park along with the driveway and parking areas are all paved; the concession, maintenance, storage building is 98% complete; and plans are under way for the final work on the base paths and the playscape. We will be using the fields in the Spring of 2008. Thank you Plaistow! for your support of this project and your understanding of field availability in 2007 season.

Senior programming has evolved to include health and welfare activities aimed at improving the quality of life for our Plaistow Seniors. Medical, nutrition, arts & crafts and entertainment programs; along with monthly socials and trips are available for our senior community. Many seniors took advantage of a three day overnight visit to the Beacon Resort. Other senior trips to Lake Sunapee, Lighthouse Tour, the theatre and Fosters Clambake were all great successes. This year we were able to make Christmas a little more special for over 50 seniors with our senior support program from the community. We are very proud of this program. Plaistow sponsors the arts and crafts, knitting, special lectures, monthly teas and socials, monthly luncheons and trips at the Vic Geary Senior Center.

Baseball and Softball enrollment has increased in all divisions. Softball had a very exciting season playing in the Babe Ruth Division. We had our growing pains as this was a brand new league for Plaistow and all the other towns we usually play with. It proved to be a good experience for the girls to excel in skills and experience in playing softball on many different venues. Baseball added an additional Major League team. Parents and coaches worked together with us so we could accommodate 13 additional boys that would not have had a place to play. We used a lot of creativity with the use of the middle school fields to make this happen. Both baseball and softball added a new pony division for our 6 and 7 years olds. Seven pony teams along with two scatter-ball teams were added making a total number of 31 teams for the 2007 season.

Community events were a huge success. These included the East Egg Hunt for both toddlers and community, with a visit from the Easter Bunny on both days. Over 500 children participated in the egg hunts. Toddler Trick or Treat is a wonderful event that involves community businesses around the Town Hall that allow the children to go trick or treating. All children wear costumes and walk with their parents around the center of Plaistow for treats. Over 85 children participated in this event. The pancake breakfast for all baseball/softball players and their families serves over 225 people. This is a great spirit building event where families can meet other families in town and players eat and talk with other players. Recreation took three trips in to see the World Series Champions Boston Red Sox, along with other trips in to see "Wicked", "Respect", Yankee Candle and Disney on Ice.

The largest Plaistow Recreation activity is the summer recreation program. This program is one I am extremely proud of. The staff works very hard to give the children a day jam-packed with activities, sports and events. Children spend the day playing with old friends or they make new friends to experience a fun filled day. Activities consist of sports, arts & crafts, games, drama, play ground and much more. Field trips to Cedardale Outing Center, Canobie Lake Park, Wallis Sands State Beach, Movies, Bowling and Miniature Golf give the children a chance to experience a field trip with their group. To round off the summer recreation experience we have



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theme weeks and special days during the six week program. Some of these are - frog day, under the sea week, red/white/blue week, carnival week, hat day and color day. The children did a food drive for the food pantry, a penny drive for the Lions Club less fortunate and cards were made for the Plaistow Seniors who can not get out.

In closing I would like to thank all the volunteers who coached, team parented and assisted our children during our baseball and softball seasons. Thank you to all the businesses and Town Departments who take part in Toddler Trick or Treat; thank you to all the parents who support the summer program whether chaperoning or collecting supplies for us; thank you to the Plaistow Lions who support recreation programming for children less fortunate; thank you to Wal Mart and Home Depot for your continuous support. Thank you to the town employees. Since Recreation is a department of one, I would not be able to accomplish all the events that Recreation offers without their support. Special thanks to the Plaistow Highway Department for their endless support and caring about our programs. In closing the Recreation Department and Commission would like to thank the residents of Plaistow for their support of the Recreation warrant article to finish the new fields on Old County Road. We look forward to the opening of the fields in spring of 2008. Thank you Plaistow, we can't wait for our toddlers, children, adults and seniors to use these new fields.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carli Malette*

Recreation Director



*Old County Road Recreation Field.*

## REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Our Mission is to Conserve and Sustain the Natural Environment for Present and Future Generations by working to make Wise Land Use Decisions.

The Rockingham County Conservation District (RDDC) delivers soil and water conservation at the local level. The RCCD was formed in 1946 as a legal sub-division of the State of New Hampshire and is directed by a Board of Supervisors, a state appointed governing body made up of five residents of the county. The position of District Supervisor is a public office and as such the Board of Supervisors has a legal and moral responsibility to the people of the District, its constituents.

The Conservation District offers numerous services to both towns and individuals including the following:

▪ Site Plan Reviews

Staff are available on a fee basis to provide detailed site plan reviews for Towns to ensure proposed developments meet state and local requirements.

▪ Municipal Development Reviews

Staff are available to review proposed municipal development plans for the Towns and State on a fee basis.

▪ Review of Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

Staff are available to review Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for Towns or individuals on a fee basis.

▪ Witness Wastewater Disposal Test Pits

Soils staff are available to observe tests completed by consultants to determine design requirements for wastewater disposal on a fee basis.

▪ Wastewater Disposal System Reviews

Staff are available to review designs for wastewater disposal for towns or individuals on a fee basis.

▪ Municipal Grant Writing Assistance

Staff are available to assist Towns and Municipal officials with information and data to document needs for writing grant proposals

▪ Current Use Application Assistance

Staff are available to assist individuals with information and calculations necessary to apply for current use status.

▪ Site Review for Pond Construction

Engineering and soils staff are available to complete site visits for individuals to determine if the site is suitable for a pond or other type of water storage structure. These are performed on a fee basis by the staff.

▪ Soil Potential Index (SPI)

Staff are available to assist individuals and towns with obtaining necessary soils information and making needed calculations to determine the SPI for their property.



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### ▪ Conservation Easement Program

Staff are available to work with individuals and towns that want to protect property for future generations. Easements are used to protect property from future development and to maintain it as open space. For a copy of the "Land Preservation Program and Policies" please go to <http://rockinghamccd.org/Documents/Land%20Preservation.pdf>.

### ▪ Educational Programs

Staff are available to work with schools and educational institutions in delivering information and conducting field exercises to help educate students about natural resources and conservation.

### ▪ Conservation Poster Contest

The district sponsors an annual poster contest for students depicting their knowledge of conservation.

### ▪ Technical Publications and Information

The district has various technical publications, guides, brochures, and fact sheets about numerous topics about conservation and natural resource protection. Some are free and some are available at a nominal cost.

The Conservation District also offers several sales programs as follows:

### ▪ Conservation Plant Sale

A spring bare-root transplant sale includes deciduous and coniferous trees, landscape shrubs, fruit trees, berry bushes, and other plant material. The tree and shrub sales starts mid-January. Orders for the plant sales close in March with delivery in early May. The 2008 program is underway. Please feel free to review the following information of what we are offering this year. We try to add some new varieties each year, keep some old favorites and offer miscellaneous items associated with your gardening needs. [Click here to download the order form.](#) [Click here to download the descriptions.](#)

### ▪ Fall Bulb Sale

The Board of Supervisors voted not to offer a fall bulb sale in 2007 due to declining sales. Please watch our web site for a future program.

### ▪ Trout Stocking

Trout stocking for ponds every spring. Rainbow and Brook Trout size 6-8" ordered in multiples of 25 already for pick up or large 10-12", minimum order of 50, are delivered directly to pond. The sales program for Trout begins in early March with delivery normally in late April. We have stocked tens-of-thousands over the years to happy pond owners and fishing derby sponsors.

### ▪ Barley Straw to Control Pond Algae

Excess algae growth is one of the most common problems occurring in ponds. In recent years, the use of barley straw has become more common in other parts of the country as an alternative method for controlling excessive algae growth. When applied at the proper time and rate, barley straw has been a very successful algae control technique in ponds. [Click here to find out more information and download order information.](#)

The Rockingham County Conservation District has an office staff of 5 people and another 7 professionals who are contracted to carry out the work of the Conservation District.

## REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Through their work with conservation easements the district now manages more than 80 different easements protecting over 3800 acres of land. Their efforts have been hugely successful in helping to maintain Rockingham County's rural characteristics. In Plaistow the conservation district monitors the Cox Farm easement and it was the staff at the district that put us in touch with Charles Marino – a forester who the Plaistow Conservation Commission contracted to generate a forest management plan for our Town Forest

The Conservation Commission has been in contact with the Conservation District many times over the past years for advice on current use, best management practices, and soils information. More information about the services available to all of us from the conservation district can be found on their web site: <http://rockinghamccd.org>

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Plaistow Conservation Commission



*Cox Farm Well.*



## REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is a voluntary local public regional planning commission established under state law (RSA 36). It exists in an advisory capacity to provide professional planning assistance to local governments and to coordinate local and regional planning in the areas of land use, transportation, natural resource protection, and housing and economic development. The Commission, which is not affiliated with

Rockingham County, serves a state-defined planning region that includes 27 municipalities in southern and seacoast Rockingham County with a population of approximately 180,000. Commission membership is voluntary and is maintained through the payment of annual dues from each of the 27 municipalities based on their respective population.

The number of commissioners from each municipality is also based on population; Plaistow is entitled to 2 commissioners who serve 4-year terms. Alternates may also be named. Generally planning boards make recommendations to boards of selectmen who then appoint a person as a commissioner. The RPC is controlled by a Board of Commissioners (appointed from each municipality), who set policy, oversee the budget and decide what work the Commission will undertake.

The local technical services provided by the Commission include the preparation and updating of master plans, CIPs, open space plans, natural resource inventories and a variety of other planning documents; providing 'circuit rider' (shared) planners for smaller towns; assistance with the review of major development plans; developing GIS maps for town planning; assisting in grant applications for federal and state funds; drafting and update zoning ordinance and subdivision and site plan regulations. Specific local technical assistance provided to Plaistow included providing a Build-Out Analysis that shows how much undeveloped land is left in residential, commercial, and industrial zones. Regional planning services also include area wide transportation planning and project development, regional housing needs, regional conservation and greenway planning, economic development strategies, the specific review of proposed developments that can be used to promote regional cooperation, and advising towns on proposed developments that could have regional impact. Plaistow is heavily involved with RPC transportation planning efforts, participates in quarterly Conservation Commission forums, and uses RPC as a resource for many Master Plan and GIS map update efforts.

Membership in the Commission enables communities to interact with each other and to be aware of the latest opportunities for local planning assistance, grant opportunities, direct assistance from RPC staff, and regional activities in which the Town should be involved. More importantly, being part of the Commission means our community has a voice (and a vote!) at the table where decisions are made about regional plans for transportation, land conservation, economic development, housing and many other issues.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rockingham Planning Commission*

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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The position of Tax Collector encompasses much more than just collecting taxes. I am also responsible for keeping complete and accurate records of taxes due, collected, abated and all property sold for nonpayment of taxes. My office also provides banks and real estate companies information on property values, taxes due and copies of bills. The Deputy and I both believe it is important to be a resource to the residents of Plaistow. My office assists the residents by explaining the tax process and answering questions they may have. I also assist residents to take advantage of other services the Town offers.

A Tax Collector is either elected by the annual town meeting or can be appointed by the Selectmen. In Plaistow, the position is a three year elected term. I bring thirteen consecutive years of Tax Collector experience to the job and previously served as your Treasurer. I am a New Hampshire Certified Tax Collector and completed three years of schooling to attain this certification. I am a member of the New Hampshire Tax Collector's Association and frequently attend regional meetings to receive legislative updates and to discuss issues facing New Hampshire's communities.

Although taxes go up, Town officials and employees work very hard to keep taxes down. Over the past ten years, taxes have gone up and down from a high of \$24.31 per thousand. In 2007, the tax rate was set at \$19.00 per thousand of property value. Property taxes are used to provide the money needed to fund municipal and county government and to operate public schools. The tax rate is set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration in October of each year. The rate is calculated by dividing the amount needed to operate the Town and the Town's share of county and schools by the total assessed valuation. The billing cycle is April 1 through March 31 of the given year. Bills are sent out semi-annually in the spring and late fall. The bill is due thirty days from the date it is issued. However, they are never due prior to July 1 or December 1.

The Tax Collector appoints a deputy with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Your Deputy Tax Collector is Nancy Bolduc. Nancy performs day to day operations in the office. She brings an upbeat attitude and cheery disposition to the office and I appreciate all she does to make the office function on a professional and courteous level.

This year, our office was renovated which makes for a pleasant and professional workplace. We also have a new website where you can look up property taxes and other related information. Over the coming year, we expect to continue to add more information to that site.

The Tax Collectors Office is open Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and is closed for lunch from noon to 1:00 PM. During the tax season, the office is open on an extended schedule Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemarie L. Bayek*

Tax Collector



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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Last year the office was upgraded to the State's Registration System and residents can now have more services done in our office. We have had a learning curve but for the most part things are going smoothly now. We do sometimes get caught in a quagmire and the resident ends up spending some time with us as we call the state and our software vendor to work out the problem. For the most part the system works well and we can do overweight vehicles, up to 26000 lbs, right here in the office. We can now issue vanity passenger plates and motorcycle plates here in the office too. Our software vendor is working with the state to get things ready to accept credit cards to do e-reg. This addition would allow residents to do renewals with their credit or debit cards if they choose to, but only if they do them on line.

This year also brought a new brighter look to our office. We spent 2 months working upstairs while they renovated our office. The space is bigger; we have a new paint job, new carpet, new counter and new brighter lights, plus a new storage room for our vital records. The new counter also includes a place where residents can conduct their business while sitting down if needed.

**AUTO REGISTRATIONS:** Renewals can be done in person, by mail, with a mail notice or by e-reg [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) (cost is \$2.50 each vehicle plus a \$.35 per transaction fee). To do a new vehicle, you will need to present a certificate of origin, a title or title application prepared by a NH dealer for 1994 and newer vehicles. For 1993 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Late fees and fines will be assessed on all unlicensed dogs after June 1<sup>st</sup>. A valid rabies certificate is needed for all dogs. Plaistow holds an annual Rabies Clinic in late March at the Fire Station. At this time, you may also license your Plaistow dogs.

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

**VITAL RECORDS:** You may obtain certified copies of Birth, Death, Divorce and Marriage records that occurred anywhere in NH from 1989 to the present from any NH Town Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals that demonstrate a "direct and tangible" interest may request the records by showing IDs and filling out the required form/s. The cost is \$12.00 each for a first copy and subsequent copies (at the same time) are only \$8.00. Marriage licenses and Civil Unions 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/union (if applicable).

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Births in New Hampshire:

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Addorisio, Jessica Anne	Addorisio, Michael	Zanfagna-Addorisio, Sarah	08-09-07
Ahern, Emma Louise	Ahern, Timothy	Ahern, Robin	04-08-07
Brettell, Brian Charles	Brettell, Brian	Senter, Trisha	04-24-07
Buzzell, Kellie-May McAllister	Buzzell, James	Edgett, Brittany	06-20-07
Byron, Aidan Robert	Byron, Daniel	Byron, Jennifer	01-27-07
Callahan, Carter Scott	Callahan, Seth	Callahan, Jessica	04-27-07
Cartwright, Matthew Stanley	Cartwright, David	Cartwright, Lisa	09-20-07
Collins, Patrick Joseph	Collins, James	Collins, Patricia	12-13-07
Crapo, Haylee Ann	Crapo, Jesse	Crapo, Christina	01-13-07
Demers, Emmie Evelyn	Demers, Michael	Callahan, Natascha	06-01-07
DeRoche, James Nicholas	DeRoche, John	DeRoche, Kathleen Sherman	11-20-07
Dow, Natalie Alivia	Dow, Roland	Mgrdichian, Kristina	09-20-07
Drake, Ryann Lynne	Drake, Shawn	Bond, Gina	02-08-07
Langlois, Brooke Bailey	Langlois, Matthew	Langlois, Stacy	12-11-07
Lekas-Martin, Rebekah Elizabeth	Martin, Brian	Lekas, Paula	01-25-07
Mojica, Erick Martin	Mojica, Rey	Sullivan, Kelly	12-07-07
Murphy, Jack Peter	Murphy, Michael	Klasner, Amy	03-01-07
Newton, Justice Avery	Newton, Eric	Newton, Jenna	01-07-07
Raiche, Emily Marie	Raiche, Ryan	Cairns, Rebecca	08-24-07
Silva, Faith Elizabeth	Silva, Jesse	Cote, Michelle	07-12-07
Simmons, Justin Alexander	Simmons, Christopher	Simmons, Marcia	01-05-07
Stack, Cameron James	Stack, Brian	Stack, Erica	09-25-07
Velez, Taven Dartagnan	Velez, Dartagnan	Berube, Amie	10-11-07
Wadleigh, Joseph Elijah	Wadleigh, Joseph	Wadleigh, Shawna	07-17-07

Respectively submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk



*Alexa Mackenzie Hoch born March 15, 2007.*



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Deaths in New Hampshire:

<u>Descendent</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Buchman, Ilene	Buchman, Louis	Lurie, Doris	07-21-07
Call, Priscilla	Williams, Harold	Osgood, Gertrude	02-12-07
Cedar, Wayne	Ceder, E	Brown, Virginia	09-04-07
Conti, Umberto	Conti, Francesco	Nunziata, Labruna	12-03-07
Daly, Susan	Puccini, Antonio	Lucchesi, Dirce	11-27-07
Davis, Ruth	Brailsford, Richard	Leach, Phyllis	12-21-07
Dicarolo Sr., Edward	Dicarolo, Joseph	Rugnetta, Vita	12-14-07
Dickey, Robert	Dickey, Everett	Trull, Lillian	12-29-07
Fernald, Lucille	Collins, Herbert	Koskinan, Hilja	05-04-07
Grasso, Michael	Grasso, Sebastian	Craig, Teresa	12-17-07
Hatfield, Harley	Hatfield, Harley	Cassidy, Irene	03-16-07
Hill, Bwenard	Hill, Daniel	Houston, Hazel	01-24-07
Mahoney, Frank	Mahoney, John	McMoulton, Alice	07-01-07
Meadar Brisson, Margaret C.	Greener, William	Hill, Mabel	11-12-07
Murray, Allan	Murray, Earle	Hills, Ruth	12-31-07
Peabody, George	Peabody, Warren	Riley, Gladys	09-17-07
Poulsen, Cyril	Poulsen, James	Collings, Mabel	08-20-07
Snow, Bruce	Snow, Earl	Campbell, Marion	04-15-07
Valletta, James	Valletta, James	Frais, Alice	06-11-07
Wagstaff Jr., James	Wagstaff, James	Menard, Celia	12-02-07
Zyirek, Gerald	Zyirek, Joseph	Costello, Mary	03-13-07

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk



*George Peabody dancing with his wife Eleanor Peabody.*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Marriages in New Hampshire:

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Issuance</u>	<u>Marriage</u>
Adie, Richard A.	Guanci, Kerry L.	Plaistow	03-24-07
Beaulieu, Rino J.	Vy, Lahn T.	Plaistow	12-28-07
Bostonian, John	Pierog, Karen M.	Plaistow	08-05-07
Brunelle, Matthews	Murray, Hannah K.	Plaistow	07-14-07
Colon, Marcos A.	Ovalles, Nicole S.	Plaistow	12/29/07
Conti, Paul B.	Citroni, Kristin A.	Newton	09-30-07
Derosa, Albert J.	Stankiewicz, Victoria L.	Plaistow	04-25-07
Favata, Francis J.	Morse, Leigh A.	Plaistow	12-08-07
FitzGerald, Robert D.	Codding, Shiela M.	Plaistow	08-04-07
Gusler, Bruce E.	Brown, Jennifer L.	Plaistow	10-06-07
Hunt, Robert P.	Pickard, Lisa M.	Plaistow	06-09-07
Hurd, Lawrence, W.	Raymond, Michele	Manchester	01-05-07
Ingalls, Gentry A.	Weir, Carrie E.	Plaistow	10-31-07
Liszewski, Theodore M.	Sturks, Stacey C.	Plaistow	06-09-07
Macaro, David J.	Adamo, Melanie E.	Concord	10-02-07
Manthorn, Patrick D.	Cate, Shauna P.	Plaistow	05-17-07
Meador, David P.	Argenbright, Stephanie	Plaistow	07-21-07
Melvin, Derek A.	Garza Arguelles, Jessica	Plaistow	05-08-07
Mgrdichian, Michael A.	Trainor, Deborah J.	Plaistow	10-17-07
Milone, Paul J.	Kirsch, Christine M.	Plaistow	10-06-07
Moore, Kevin J.	Waryasz, Beth M.	Plaistow	02-06-07
Mortela, Robert A.	Penney, Joan K.	Plaistow	04-28-07
Quinney, Scott T.	Mangiamelli, Heather A.	Plaistow	06-24-07
Reardon, Lawrence P.	Laliberte, Ashley B.	Plaistow	03-17-07
Shaw, Jeffrey A.	Kimball, Rachel R.	Dover	08-24-07
Warren, Mark A.	York, Jennifer L.	Plaistow	08-03-07
Wheaton, Dustin L.	Leaming, Sarah J.	Plaistow	06-23-07
Wjite, Donald C.	Pashchenko, Maryna	Plaistow	10-27-07
Zick, John A.	Morgan, Melissa A.	Plaistow	06-09-07

Respectively submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk



## REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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### **Recent Projects**

This year the Town engaged the services of an independent engineer to perform an assessment of our fire suppression system. This involved reviewing available engineering documents, equipment specifications, maintenance activities, facilities and proposed expansion projects. The results of this review will be used as a "road map" to assist us in planning and managing the system going forward. We have developed a work plan that includes activities requiring immediate attention (1-2 years), short term activities (2-5 years) and long-term projects (items that can be deferred beyond 5 years, but will be necessary to ensure viability and operability of the system).

Waterline activities that were planned for 2007 were in support of the extensive reconstruction of Route 125. One project required rerouting of a segment of our waterline to eliminate underground interferences. The other project, which was partially completed, involves installation of water pipe in the area of the Old County Road intersection reconstruction. This project is expected to be completed early in 2008.

In addition to the NHDOT projects, we were able to extend the waterline along Wentworth Avenue and into the Stateline Plaza. This work was completed as part of the plaza redevelopment and did not incur a cost to the Town.

Finally, as part of our ongoing maintenance activities, we began a systematic process of hydrant and valve operation and testing. We contracted with a company that provides these services to train our staff in the proper methods to inspect, test and maintain our hydrants and supply valves.

### **Future Planning**

Our future plans for expansion coincide with NHDOT projects along Route 125. We feel it is in our best interest to capitalize on the construction projects funded by the state to keep our costs as low as reasonably achievable.

From a financial standpoint, the system provides 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 system) are assessed a nominal fee based on the size of the area protected. Generally speaking, these fees cover the cost of system maintenance and operation.

I thank the Town for their continued support of our efforts to maintain and upgrade this segment of our infrastructure. Our system is unique in that this is one of very few systems in the country that is used solely for fire protection and suppression. By expanding the system into the areas of greatest potential for commercial development, we can attract a greater variety of businesses to Town and provide them with fire suppression capabilities that make Plaistow a viable option for them. As they benefit, so benefits the Town due to the added revenue of not only their tax base, but from the anticipated user's fee assessed when connected to the water system.

Respectfully submitted,

*John H. McArdle*

Water Superintendent

# TOWN OF PLAISTOW NEW HAMPSHIRE



## **2007 CANDIDATES & BALLOT QUESTIONS**

*Warrant as amended by Deliberative Session February 2,  
2008*



## 2008 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 2, 2008 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 4, 2008 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 Pollard School, Main Street, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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-08-01** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

<b>SELECTMAN</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>THREE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Michele Curran  
Daniel Bush  
Robert J Gray

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>TWO YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Barry Sargent

<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>THREE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN FOUR</b>

Joyce Ingerson  
Dan Hooper  
Kristin Lewis Savage

<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>ONE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN THREE</b>

Normand Bouchard  
Catherine Willis  
Michele Conte

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>THREE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN TWO</b>

Robert Zukas  
Peter M Bealo  
Timothy E Moore

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>THREE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Janet M Davies

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>TWO YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Kathleen Vavra

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>ONE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Elizabeth George

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>TWO YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Harry Birmingham

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>TWO YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Ruth Santosuosso

<b>AUDITOR</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>ONE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN TWO</b>

<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>VOTE FOR</b>
<b>THREE YEAR TERM</b>	<b>NOT MORE THAN ONE</b>

Pat Macomber

<b>SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST</b>	<b>VOTE FOR NOT</b>
<b>SIX YEAR TERM</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE</b>

Kathleen A Giacobbe

### OPERATING BUDGET

**Article P-08-02** Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling seven million eighty five thousand nine hundred twenty seven dollars (\$7,085,927)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be six million, nine hundred sixty three thousand nine hundred eighty six dollars (\$6,963,986) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND

**Article P-08-03** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,500 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchases of Highway Department vehicles. An updated 2007 financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needed to spend \$625,000 over the next 10 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$62,500 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles, by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account.]

### HIGHWAY GARAGE OFFICE TRAILER

**Article P-08-04** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the acquisition, installation and set-up of a temporary office trailer to be located next to the Highway Garage in which offices and restroom facilities will be relocated from the existing garage?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To provide a temporary facility of approximately 400 square feet, into which offices and restroom can be relocated from the existing Highway Garage to minimize exposure to methane gas that has been previously identified in the garage. This will also provide additional space for safer storage of equipment within the garage building, by removing these two uses. The funds raised by this article will cover the cost of acquisition of a used office trailer as well as electricity, plumbing, telephones, internet connections, alarms and other setup. ]

### FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

**Article P-08-05** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchase of Fire Department vehicles. Putting \$80,000 aside each year will allow for orderly replacement of fire vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at town meeting. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account.]

### WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

**Article P-08-06** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$148,250 for the Fire Suppression Water Capital Reserve Fund for future expansion of the fire suppression water system?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*



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[Intent: To set aside money for future expansion of the fire suppression water system so that the Town can do the work at the same time as the NH Department of Transportation rebuilds sections of Route 125. A current analysis shows that the Town would need to spend \$1,226,000 to complete this project. Putting \$148,250 aside each year will level the tax impact of this work. NHDOT's plans show the last phase being completed in 2015. Last year's operating budget included \$210,000 for work planned for 2007. No funds for expansion are included in the 2008 operating budget since no work is planned for 2008. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account]

### CONSERVATION FUND

**Article P-08-07** 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 and the Budget Committee and the project is in 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 \$44,375 in the fund as of December 31, 2007. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account.]

### TOWN CLERK SALARY

**Article P-08-08** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,052 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$904 from \$37,669 to \$38,753, effective April 1, 2008? The additional \$148 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 by the same amount (3.2%) and at the same time as the proposed cost of living increase for nonunion Town employees in 2008.]

### TAX COLLECTOR SALARY

**Article P-08-09** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$729 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$626 from \$26,100 to \$26,726, effective April 1, 2008? The additional \$103 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 by the same amount (3.2%) and at the same time as the proposed cost of living increase for nonunion Town employees in 2008.]

### WATER TOWER STUDY

**Article P-08-10** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to identify strategies for replacement, maintenance or removal of the Water Tower located on the Chart/Process site at 146 Main Street?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To undertake an engineering study to determine recommendations for future actions for the water tower. Currently, the tower is not in service for the water supply and has corrosion, deterioration and flaking of paint. The tower serves as a mount for cellular phone antennas which provided \$99,200 of revenue to the Town in 2007. In addition, a review is necessary to ensure that the tower or a substitute is not necessary for maintaining backup pressure in the fire suppression water system. The Board of Selectmen will review the results of this study and bring a recommendation for action to a future Town Meeting.]

### MEALS ON WHEELS

**Article P-08-11** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the activities of Rockingham Nutrition and Meals on Wheels?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

[Intent: To provide assistance to the Meals on Wheels program which distributed meals at the Vic Geary Center or delivers to elderly and disabled residents of Plaistow. In 2007, approximately 107 clients in Plaistow were served, consuming 8,084 meals. If approved, money for this purpose may appear in the operating budget in future years.]

### **PATROL POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

**Article P-08-12** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,167 to hire one additional full time police officer to start no earlier than August 1, 2008?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

[Intent: To add a full time patrol police officer position to the Plaistow Police Department. A local 2001 staffing study showed a shortage of approximately four patrol officers. Since that time 1.15 full time positions have been added. A 2007 update to the staffing study showed the shortage relative to New Hampshire averages to be at least four officers. Of the total cost, approximately \$15,602 would be wages, \$10,615 would be taxes, benefits and retirement and \$7950 would be a onetime cost for uniforms and initial issue of equipment. It is estimated that a full year of this position, including wages, taxes and benefits would be approximately \$62,715.]

### **CONSERVATION FUND**

**Article P-08-13** Shall the Town vote to rename the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund, as established in 1982, to the Conservation Fund and further to allow monies in said fund to be used for all purposes authorized under RSA 36-A:4?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

[Intent: To change the name of the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund and to allow it to be used for all purposes allowed under RSA 36-A:4 which include expenditures to acquire, maintain, improve, protect or limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas within the Town. Currently, the fund can only be used for the purpose of land acquisition.]

### **LISTING OF VOTES**

**Article P-08-14** Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 and 40:13 to require that the numeric tally of all votes of the Town Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen be printed in the warrant next to the article? This tally is to be included on all warrant articles.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

[Intent: To allow recording of recommendation votes by the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen with warrant articles on the ballot. This was done in 2007. State law changed in 2007, requiring that Town Meeting vote to authorize and require such a tally.]

### **TOWN CLERK DENTAL INSURANCE**

**Article P-08-15 {By Petition}** To see if the Town will vote to pay Dental Insurance for the Town Clerk at the same rate as full time non-union Town Employees as long as the Town Clerk is scheduled to work at least 40 hours per week. And further, shall the Town raise and appropriate \$419 for the purpose>

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee*

[Intent: To pay the cost of the Town Clerk's dental insurance at the same rate as full time non-union employees. Currently, the Town pays nothing. This would be effective April 1, 2008. This benefit would only be available if the Town Clerk continues to have a schedule of at least 40 hours per week.]

### **PATROL POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

**Article P-08-16 {By Petition}** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,167 to hire one additional full time police officer to start no earlier than August 1, 2008?

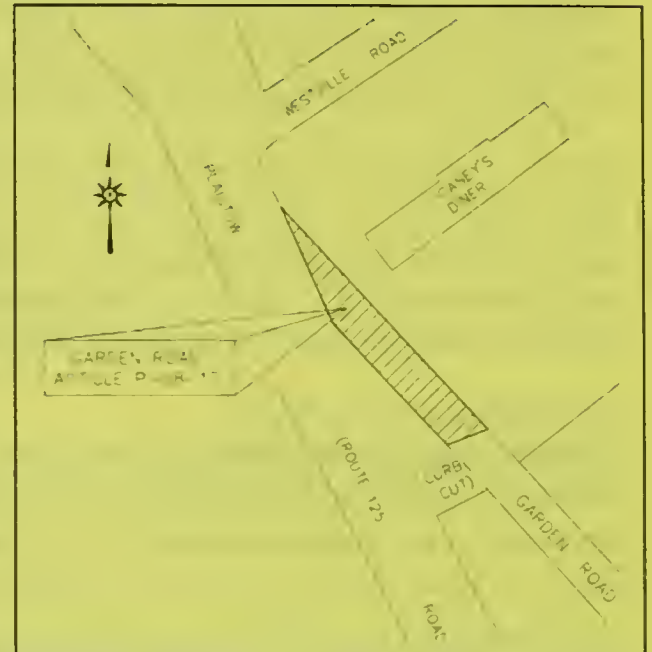
*Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

[Intent: To add a second full time patrol police officer position to the Plaistow Police Department. A local 2001 staffing study showed a shortage of approximately four patrol officers. Since that time 1.15 full time positions have been added. A 2007 update to the staffing study showed the shortage relative to New Hampshire averages to be at least four officers. Of the total cost, approximately \$15,602 would be wages, \$10,615 would be taxes, benefits and retirement and \$7950 would be a onetime cost for uniforms and initial issue of equipment. It is estimated that a full year of this position, including wages, taxes and benefits would be approximately \$62,715.]



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**Article P-08-17 {By Petition}** To see if the Town will vote to **discontinue completely** pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 231:43, a **portion of Garden Road** running adjacent to Route 125, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner at Route 125 and Garden Road at Construction Line Station 383+16, 102 feet +/- right and running Northerly along Route 125 to a concrete bound at Station 385+00.93, 65 feet right; thence Northerly along Route 125 to a concrete bound at Station 386+35, 65 right; thence Southerly along land now or formerly Soraghan Realty Trust to a location of Station 383+16, 150 feet +/- right; thence Westerly along a public highway known as Garden Road to the point of beginning. Reference is made to plan of New Hampshire State Highway Route 125, Federal Project (F-FG-BRF-019-1(20)) or State Project (10083), sheet 13



[Intent: To discontinue completely that portion of Garden Road north of the curb cut onto Route 125 located at the southeasterly entrance to Casey's Diner, north to the end of Garden Road. That portion of the road to be discontinued completely would likely be used for private development purposes. The Town has agreed to \$90,000 compensation to be received at the time that the proposed development is started.]  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

### FORMER ROUTE 108

**Article P-08-18 {By Petition}** To see if the town will vote to discontinue **completely**, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the **section of the old Haverhill to Newton Road** that runs from the intersection of **a cross road sometimes known as** Brandy Brow Road and **the old Haverhill to Newton Road at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of Kasson, thence, running** north to its intersection with **the current** Route 108 and the old **Haverhill to Newton Road. Ownership of this land to go to abutters.**

[Intent: Article approved at 2005 town meeting (Art-P-22). The **bold underlined** words are added to clarify the legal description. This is a housekeeping item to clarify the approval at a previous Town Meeting.]  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

### BRANDY BROW ROAD

**Article P-08-19 {By Petition}** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue **completely** pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated 231:43, **Brandy Brow Road** that runs through Brandy Brow Auto Parts, said road running from the New Hampshire/Massachusetts state line **westerly** to Route 108 (a/k/a Newton Road). **Ownership of this land to go to the abutters.**

[Intent: Article approved at 1995 town meeting (Art-P-31). The **bold underlined** words are added to clarify the legal description. This is a housekeeping item to clarify the approval at a previous Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Article P-08-20** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:



**Amend Article IV., Wetlands, § 220-24., Prohibitions in the Wetlands District., by revising letter A. as follows:**

- A. Septic systems and waste disposal systems.
- (1) Septic systems or waste disposal systems are not allowed.
  - (2) No replacement septic system or waste disposal system on an existing lot of record shall be allowed in the wetlands district unless:
    - (a) The new design has been approved by state and municipal authorities,
    - (b) It is not possible to locate the replacement system outside of the wetlands district, and if possible, 100 feet or more from the wetlands boundary on the existing lot of record.

[The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that septic systems are not allowed in the wetlands district and to specify the criteria for replacement systems.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-21** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IV., Wetlands, § 220-26. (Currently Reserved):, by adding the following:**

**§ 220-26. Septic systems and waste disposal systems.**

- A. No new septic system or waste disposal system shall be allowed within 100 feet of a wetlands boundary.
- B. 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:
- (1) The new design has been approved by state and municipal authorities,
  - (2) It is not possible to locate the replacement system 100 feet or more from the wetlands boundary on the existing lot of record.

[The purpose of this amendment is to add specific language for the location of new or replacement septic systems in relation to the wetlands boundary where the new or proposed system is not in the wetlands district.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-22** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article III., General Provisions, Section 220-9.1., Location of residential driveways, by removing the word paved, so that it reads as:**

“All driveways in any residential district must be located within the frontage of the lot and comply with the rear and side setbacks as specified in Table 220-32J.”

[The purpose of this amendment is to specify that no driveway, whether paved or unpaved, may be allowed in a rear or side setback.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-23** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II., Definitions, Section 220-2., Definitions., by adding a new definition for “Service Repair Facility” as follows:



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“Service Repair Facility: Building or other structure where the majority of inside space is used for the repair of motor vehicles, including auto body repair.”

[The purpose of this amendment is to specify the definition of this use which is currently an allowed use in the CI zone.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-24** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, Table 220-32A., Industrial, by removing all uses by special exception and adding Banks and Bank Kiosks, as permitted uses and by adding paragraphs D., E. and F. to read as follows:

- D. No certificate of occupancy for any bank or bank kiosk use may be granted before at least one (1) certificate of occupancy has been issued for an industrial use.
- E. In an industrial development, no more than 10% of the total building footprint for the development can be used for bank or bank kiosk uses.
- F. The intent of allowing a bank or a bank kiosk in an industrial zone is to provide a convenient service for the employees of the industries in an industrial zone.

[The purpose of this amendment is to remove permitted uses by special exception and apply additional criteria for bank and bank kiosk uses in the industrial zone.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-25** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II., Definitions, Section 220-2., Definitions., by adding a new definition for “Vehicular Brokerage Office” as follows:

**VEHICULAR BROKERAGE OFFICE** - That portion of a structure devoted in whole or in part to the administrative functions related to new and/or used motor vehicle sales with no retail or wholesale display or storage of motor vehicles. Retail or wholesale display and/or storage of motor vehicles are specifically prohibited.

[The purpose of this amendment is to specifically define what “Vehicular Brokerage Office” use is so that it is clear that it can involve office space only.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-26** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article V, Establishment of District and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Section 220-32B., Commercial I, by adding a new permitted use:**

“Vehicular Brokerage Office”

[The purpose of this amendment is add “Vehicular Brokerage Office” as a permitted use in the CI district.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-27** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IX., Signs, §220-59., Commercial I and Industrial Districts by revising letter A as follows:**

A. Attached signs:

**Delete the portion that reads:**

Each business or industrial plant may have two attached signs. One may have an area on one side of up to 30 square feet, the second may have an area of up to 15 square feet. No one dimension shall exceed eight feet on either side. Signs must pertain to enterprises conducted within the structure to which the signs are attached. Attached signs having an area of over 30 square feet, or dimension of over eight feet, shall not be erected or maintained without a special exception from the Board of Adjustment upon a finding that:

- (1) The sign will be attached to a wall surface of a building and will not cover more than 10% of that wall surface.
- (2) The special exception, if granted, will comply with all the requirements of Article XX

**And add a new portion to read:**

Each business and/or industry shall be allowed up to two signs attached to a building façade provided the following restrictions are met:

- (1) If both signs are attached to the same building façade then the total square footage of both signs shall not exceed 10% of the building façade to which they are affixed.
- (2) If the signs are attached to different building facades then one sign shall not exceed 10% of the façade to which it is affixed and the other sign shall not exceed 5% of the façade to which it is affixed.
- (3) The building façade is calculated by measuring from roofline to foundation and subtracting out any glass.

[The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the requirements for attached signs in the Commercial I and Industrial Districts and to remove the need for a special exception.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-28** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IX., Signs §220-62., Temporary Signs., paragraph B., by deleting the portion that reads:**

“No more than two thirty-day permits shall be issued for temporary signs on any lot in any thirty-day period.”

**And adding the following new subsections:**

- (1) For business locations with 10 or fewer businesses, no more than one thirty-day permit shall be issued at the same time.
  - (a) No single business shall be issued a permit for a temporary sign more than 6 times in the same calendar year or for more than 3 consecutive months.
- (2) For business locations with 11 or more businesses, no more than two thirty-day permits shall be issued at the same time.
  - (a) No single business shall be issued a permit for a temporary sign more than 6 times in the same calendar year or for more than 3 consecutive months.
  - (b) No single business shall be issued more than one thirty-day permit at the same time.-



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[The purpose of this amendment is to respond to numerous citizen complaints regarding the number and the seemingly permanent nature that some of the commercial temporary signs have taken on as well as give some restrictions to prevent over-use by any single business.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-29** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IX., Signs §220-62., Temporary Signs., paragraph C., by deleting the portion that reads:**

“except directional real estate signs.”

[The purpose of the proposed amendment is the deletion of the portion of §220-62C regarding real estate signs is to eliminate a conflict with wording in another section of Article IX.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-30** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IX., Signs §220-62., Temporary Signs., by adding three new paragraphs:**

- D. Temporary signs shall not be installed on in-ground posts or anything else of a visible permanent or semi-permanent nature.
- E. Temporary signs may be internally lit; no permanent or temporary external lighting is to be installed to illuminate temporary signage.
- F. If the business owner is not the property owner, then the property owner's written permission is required to issue a thirty-day temporary sign, banner or poster permit.

[The purpose of this amendment is to respond to numerous citizen complaints regarding the number and the seemingly permanent nature that some of the commercial temporary signs have taken on as well as give some restrictions to prevent over-use by any single business.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-31** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article III., General Provisions §220-8.1., Residential Garages by revising letter B as follows:**

**Deleting the section that reads:**

“Any proposed garage/barn greater than the permitted square footage shown in Subsection A of this section requires a special exception.”

[The purpose of this ordinance is to require that any application for a garage larger than the permitted size to obtain a variance.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-32** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Definitions, Section 220-2, Definitions, by adding the following:

**Restaurant** – Any building or structure that prepares or serves food for purchase by the general public.

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It may include any combination of sit-down service, take out service, and curbside service where a restaurant employee brings take out orders to a customer waiting in a vehicle. Specifically not included in the definition are drive-thru and drive-in restaurants.

- (A) Drive-thru Restaurant – Any restaurant that offers drive-thru service where customers remain in their vehicles and form queues to order and pick up food packaged for take out.
- (B) Drive-in Restaurant – Any restaurant where customers remain in their vehicles to order and consume food and beverages. Restaurant employees typically take food orders and deliver food to the customers' vehicles.

[The purpose of this amendment is to provide definitions for different types of restaurants in order to more clearly specify which types of restaurants would be allowed in different zones.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-33** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32B, "CI" – Commercial I, by removing Drive-in restaurants from the list of uses allowed by special exception and by adding Drive-thru restaurants and Drive-in restaurants to the list of permitted uses.

[The purpose of this amendment is to allow all types of restaurants in the Commercial I zone (Rt. 125).]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-34** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objective and Land Use Control, Table 220-32B, "CI – Commercial I," by moving "Produce Stand" from the list of uses Allowed by Special Exception to the list of Permitted Uses, and by removing "Day Care Facility" from the list of uses Allowed by Special Exception.

[The purpose of this amendment is to allow Produce Stand as a permitted use in the Commercial I zone and therefore removing the need to obtain a special exception, and to remove Daycare Facility as a use allowed by special exception, thereby rendering it a use no longer permitted, or allowed by special exception in the CI District.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-35** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objective and Land Use Control, Table 220-32B, "CI – Commercial I," by adding new paragraphs as follows:

### D. Special Exception Criteria for the use "Care & Treatment of Animals"

- (1) There must be at least one (1) employee for every fifteen (15) animals at the facility.
- (2) If animals are to remain overnight, there must be at least one (1) employee at the facility between the hours of closure on one day and the opening for business the next business day, or until all animals are removed. Accommodations for such a care taker are permitted, although it is not the intent of the ordinance to allow the facility to be the care taker's residence in all districts except as a combined use in the ICR District.



- (3) The operator of the facility must present a plan that includes the type of animals that would be treated or cared for at the facility. There must be adequate exercise areas for the animals, if appropriate.
- (4) Large animals whose normal weight would exceed one hundred eighty (180) pounds are prohibited under this section of the ordinance.
- (5) The operator of the facility must present a plan that describes how the animal waste is to be disposed.
- (6) If appropriate, a stockade fence may be required to reduce or eliminate disturbing the animals by adjacent activities and likewise to reduce or eliminate disturbing the abutters by the animals.
- (7) If animals are to be treated by veterinarians or veterinary assistants to operate the facility at the proposed location, all necessary licenses must be presented before an occupancy permit shall be issued.
- (8) Any facility must also comply with all federal, state, and local health ordinances as applicable.
- (9) No animals can remain outside overnight, and if any animals are to remain outdoors during the daytime, then adequate facilities must be provided for shelter and water.

[The purpose of this amendment is to provide criteria that must be met in order to allow a use by special exception where those criteria are not otherwise specified in the Zoning Ordinance. ]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-36** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32C, "CII" – Commercial II and Table 220-32D, "VC" – Village Center by adding "Fraternal, service, and charitable uses" as a permitted use.

[The purpose of this amendment is to allow for an additional use compatible with the Commercial II and Village Center Districts.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-37** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32C, "CII" – Commercial II and Table 220-32D,

"VC" – Village Center by removing "Day-care center" from the list of uses permitted by special exception and by adding "Day care facilities" as a new permitted use.

[The purpose of this amendment is to add day care facilities as a permitted use in the Commercial II and Village Center Districts.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-38** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

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Amending Article V., Establishment of District and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32 E, F, and I, by removing "Nursing and convalescent homes" and "Private schools" and "Fraternal, service, and charitable uses" as permitted uses by special exception" in the Low Density Residential (LDR), Medium Density Residential (MDR) and Residential Conservation II (RC II) Districts.

[The purpose of this amendment is to remove some uses allowed by special exception that are not compatible with the objectives of the LDR, MDR and RCII zones.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-39** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amending Article V., Establishment of District and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32H, Residential Conservation I, Paragraph B., "All uses allowed by special exception," by allowing Single-family residence, Forestry, Agriculture and Accessory Uses as Permitted Uses, and by removing number 5, Private recreation.

[The purpose of this amendment is to remove "Private recreation" as a permitted use, and to remove the special exception requirement for the four remaining permitted uses.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-40** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amending Article V., Establishment of District and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32G, "Integrated Commercial- Residential District," by adding "Bank Kiosk," "Restaurant," "Day Care Facilities," "Produce Stands" and "Fraternal, service and charitable uses," as permitted Commercial/industrial uses, and removing "Drive-In Restaurant," "Fraternal, service, and charitable uses," and "Nursing and convalescent homes," as uses allowed by special exception; and to add footnote 6 for the Permitted By Special Exception use "Care and treatment of animals" to reference additional criteria for that particular use as specified in Article V., Table 220-32B., paragraph D. as proposed.

[The purpose of this amendment is to remove some uses allowed by special exception that are not compatible with the objectives of the ICR zone, add references to the special exception criteria for the remaining uses allowed by special exception, and to add to the list of permitted commercial uses.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-08-41** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amending Article V., Establishment of District and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District Objectives and Land Use Control, Table 220-32G, "Integrated Commercial- Residential District," by adding "All uses allowed by special exception" under the Combined Uses section. This includes adding footnote 6 to reference additional criteria for care and treatment of animals as specified in Article V., Table 220-32B., paragraph D. as proposed and footnote 5 for additional criteria for In-law apartments.

[The purpose of this amendment is to remove some uses allowed by special exception that are not compatible with the objectives of the ICR zone, add references to the special exception criteria for the remaining use allowed by special exception, and to add uses allowed by special exception to the Combined Uses section of the ICR district.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*



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**Article P-08-42** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Remove all references to fees in the zoning ordinance.

[The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate duplication of fee information that is currently cited in both the zoning ordinance and a separate document entitled, "Fee Schedule." The "Fee Schedule" can then be amended at a Planning Board Public Hearing.]

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

*Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.*

*Michelle L. Curran, Chairman*

*Lawrence W. Gil, Vice Chairman*

*Charles L. Blinn, Jr,*

*John A. Sherman*

*Daniel J. Poliquin*

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# BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: PLAISTOW

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:



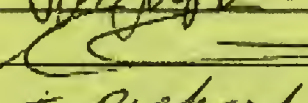
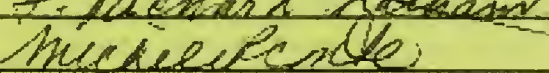

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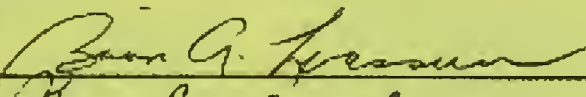

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

  
  
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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	08-02	230,972	218,258	239,495		239,495	
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	08-02	117,016	112,371	126,125		126,125	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	08-02	117,093	115,280	126,821		126,821	
4152	Revaluation of Property	08-02	109,939	85,011	130,745		130,745	
4153	Legal Expense	08-02	32,500	20,328	24,500		24,500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	08-02	1,061,693	1,090,892	1,176,057		1,176,057	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	08-02	81,911	83,787	88,266		88,266	
4194	General Government Buildings	08-02	180,202	199,381	188,881		188,881	
4195	Cemeteries	08-02	12,895	14,092	13,465		13,465	
4196	Insurance	08-02	57,434	52,221	56,875		56,875	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	08-02	30,892	32,881	24,670		24,670	
4199	Other General Government	08-02	43,548	41,523	44,543		44,543	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	08-02	1,537,565	1,626,094	1,629,328		1,629,328	
4215-4219	Ambulance	08-02	200	577	700		700	
4220-4229	Fire	08-02	415,089	410,116	472,777		472,777	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	08-02	103,729	104,307	108,579		108,579	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	08-02	5,933	3,926	5,978		5,978	
4299	Other (Including Communications)						0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	08-02	232,688	235,312	244,368		244,368	
4312	Highways & Streets	08-02	219,880	232,829	488,700		488,700	
4313	Bridges							

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HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4318	Street Lighting	08-02	73,200	77,392	78,000		78,000	
4319	Other						-	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration						-	
4323	Solid Waste Collection						-	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	08-02	655,300	600,043	655,750		655,750	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	08-02	41,890	38,665	48,000		46,000	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other						-	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration						-	
4332	Water Services	08-02	258,392	223,852	49,274		49,274	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other						-	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	08-02	77,119	67,068	78,487		78,487	
4414	Pest Control	08-02	13,181	11,311	15,620		16,820	
4418-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	08-02	73,488	60,774	73,341		73,341	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assst.	08-02	58,184	32,894	43,350		43,350	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts						-	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other						-	

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					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	08-02	196,180	180,044	247,646		247,646	
4550-4559	Library	08-02	425,086	330,988	438,365		438,365	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	08-02	1,300	1,011	1,300		1,300	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	08-02	36,079	33,717	38,110		38,118	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	08-02	5,300	5,300	4,800		4,800	
4619	Other Conservation						0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING						0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	08-02	190,000	190,000	110,000		110,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	08-02	25,500	25,478	17,001		17,001	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	08-02	1	0	1		1	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land						0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment						0	
4903	Buildings						0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>			6,718,348	6,468,636	7,055,927		7,055,927	

\* Use special warrant article section on next page.



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## \*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

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

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					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Highway Equipment Trust Fund	08-03	59,000	59,000	62,500		62,500	
	Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	08-05	80,000	80,000	80,000		80,000	
	Water Capital Reserve	08-06	40,000	40,000	148,250		148,250	
	Conservation Fund	08-07	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	
	Town Clerk Dental Insurance	08-15				419	-	419
	Patrol Police Officer	08-15				34,167	34,167	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	295,750	XXXXXXXXXX	329,817	XXXXXXXXXX

## \*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

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

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					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Highway Garage Office Trailer	08-04	-	-	20,000		20,000	
	Town Clerk Salary	08-08	853	853	1,052		1,052	
	Tax Collector Salary	08-09	391	391	729		729	
	Water Tower Study	08-10	-	-	5,000		5,000	
	Meals on Wheels	08-11	-	-	2,000		2,000	
	Patrol Police Officer	08-12	-	-	34,167		34,167	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	62,948	XXXXXXXXXX	62,948	XXXXXXXXXX

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<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes	08-02	\$ -	\$ 642	\$ -
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	08-02	\$ 42,550	\$ 63,918	\$ 53,550
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	08-02	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,305	\$ 3,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	08-02	\$ 1,405,500	\$ 1,305,853	\$ 1,257,150
3230	Building Permits	08-02	\$ 99,635	\$ 113,211	\$ 102,750
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	08-02	\$ 62,405	\$ 75,783	\$ 66,905
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	08-02	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues	08-02	\$ 37,742	\$ 75,483	\$ 56,931
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	08-02	\$ 340,285	\$ 326,310	\$ 326,310
3353	Highway Block Grant	08-02	\$ 131,395	\$ 128,466	\$ 131,106
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	08-02	\$ 101,583	\$ 85,376	\$ 87,744
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	08-02	\$ 151,550	\$ 151,973	\$ 85,168
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments	08-02	\$ 115,717	\$ 149,481	\$ 144,060
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	08-02	\$ 120,750	\$ 139,009	\$ 120,750
3502	Interest on Investments	08-02	\$ 94,000	\$ 108,789	\$ 116,000
3503-3509	Other	08-02	\$ 169,528	\$ 181,702	\$ 181,566
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
			2,878,150	2,907,299	2,732,990

MS-7  
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# 2008 MS-7 (BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW)

MS-7 Budget - Town of Plaistow FY 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)	08-02	78,032	76,131	102,647
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	08-02	130,531	130,531	
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			3,095,713	3,113,961	2,835,637

## \*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	5,718,349	7,085,927	7,085,927
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	540,997	295,750	329,917
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	240,944	52,843	62,943
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	7,500,290	7,444,525	7,478,792
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	2,578,150	2,732,990	2,732,990
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	4,922,140	4,711,535	4,745,802

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \_\_\_\_\_  
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

735,179

## VOTER'S NOTES

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### VOTER'S NOTES

		Yes	No
P-08-01	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-02	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-03	Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-04	Highway Garage Office Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-05	FD Equipment Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-06	Water Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-07	Conservation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-08	Town Clerk Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-09	Tax Collector Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-10	Water Tower Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-11	Meals on Wheels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-12	Police Officer Position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-13	Conservation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-14	Listing of Votes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-15	Town Clerk Dental Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-16	Police Officer Position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-17	Garden Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-18	Former Route 108	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-19	Brandy Brow Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-20	Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-21	Replacement Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-22	Driveway Setbacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## VOTER'S NOTES

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P-08-23	Service Repair Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-24	Bank Kiosk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-25	Vehicular Brokerage Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-26	Vehicular Brokerage Office in C1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-27	Remove Need for Special Exception	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-28	Temporary Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-29	Real Estate Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-30	Temporary Sign Over-use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-31	Garage Variance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-32	Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-33	Restaurants (Rt. 125)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-34	Produce Stands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-35	Special Exceptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-36	CII & Village District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-37	Day Care Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-38	Remove Uses Allowed By Special Exception	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-39	Private Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-40	Change Uses ICR Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-41	Change References in ICR Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-08-42	Fee Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## TRASH, RECYCLING, & LANDFILL INFORMATON

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**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.

### 2008 WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

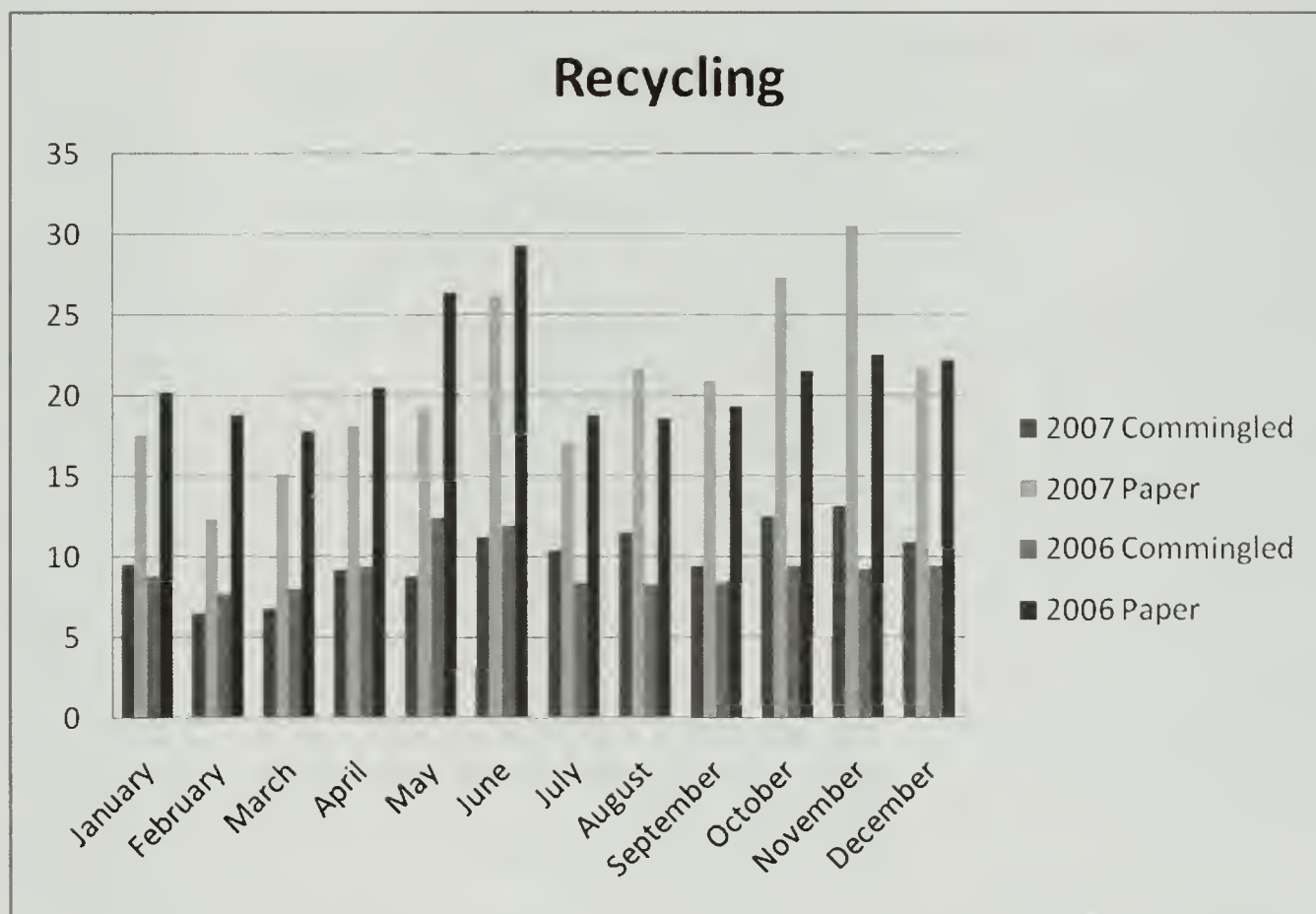
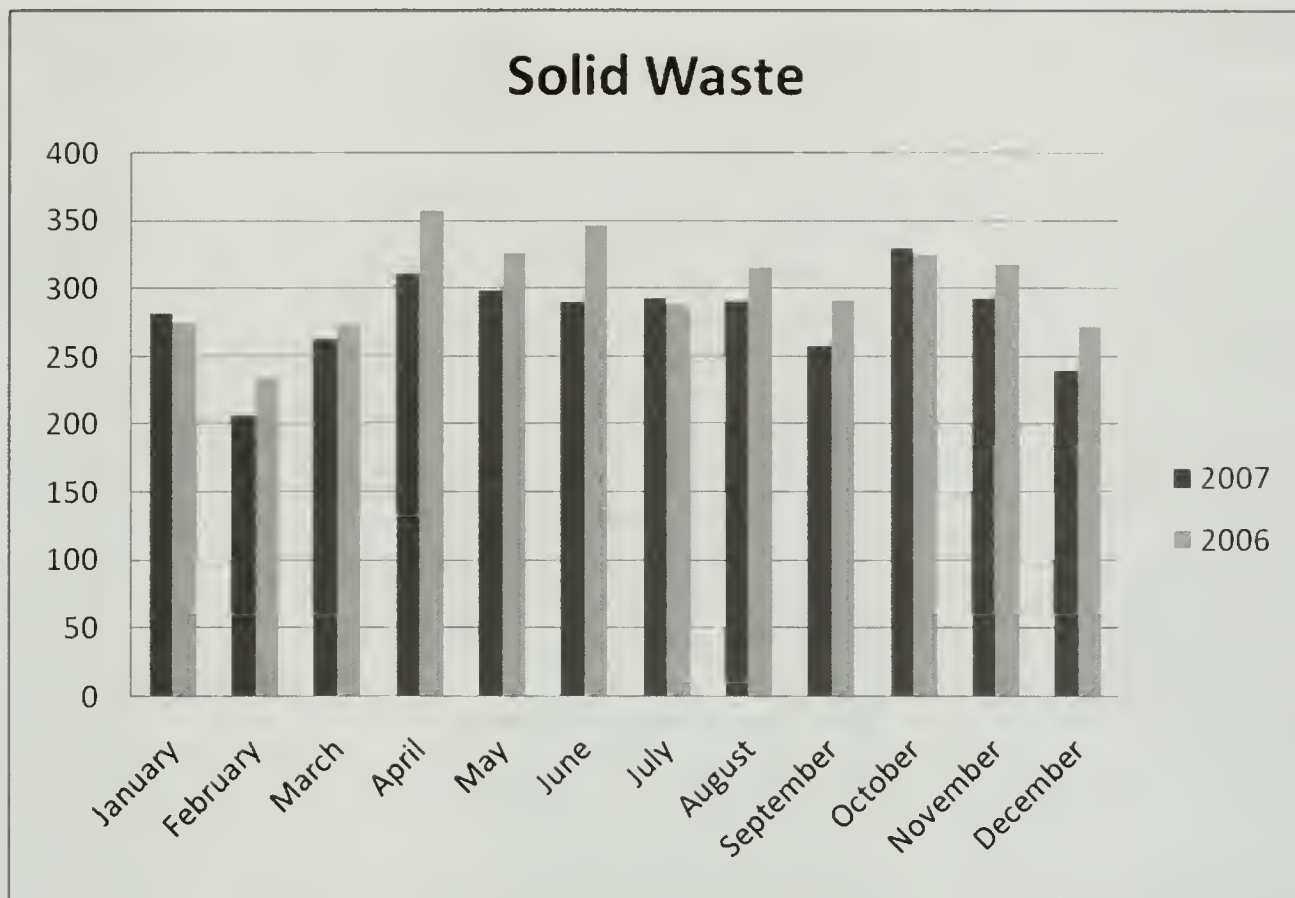
**BULK ITEMS:** collection is done 1 week in the Spring and 1 week in the Fall. Watch Channel 17 for dates.

**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 Saturdays in May thru November and 4:00 PM – 8:00PM on the second and forth Wednesday in May thru October. An additional Saturday is added in October for your convenience. 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 3, 7, 17 & 21
- June 7, 11, 21 & 25
- July 9, 12, 19 & 23
- August 2, 6, 16 & 20
- September 6, 10, 20 & 24
- October 4, 18, 17 & 25
- November 1, 8 & 15

**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 Day is held once a year. Please check our website [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com), channel 17 and your local paper for the 2008 date.

## WASTE & RECYCLING STATISTICS





## WHERE PLAISTOW RESIDENTS CAN CALL FOR HELP

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<b><u>PROBLEM/QUESTION</u></b>	<b><u>CALL</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE NUMBER</u></b>
AIDS Hotline	Aids Response Seacoast	433-5377
Animal Problems	Plaistow Animal Control Officer	382-1200
After School Program	Sad Café	382-8893
Assessments	Plaistow Assessing Department	382-8469 X11
Auto & Boat Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Battered Women Shelter	A Safe Place	1-800-852-3388
Birth Certificates	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Building Permits	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Burning Permits	Plaistow Fire Department	382-5012
Cemetery	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Chamber of Commerce	Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange	382-3634
Child Abuse	Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	1-800-894-5533
Child Care	Rockingham County Childcare Info.	1-800-310-8333
Child & Family Services	Child & Family Services	1-800-640-6486
Child Medical Coverage	NH Healthy Kids	1-877-464-2447
Conservation Commission	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Consumer Complaint	NH Better Business Bureau	228-3789
Death Certificate	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Disaster Relief	American Red Cross	624-4307
District Court	Plaistow District Court	382-4651
Dog License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Driver's License	NH Dept. Motor Vehicles	271-2251
Elections	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Electrical Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
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 & Nutrition Assistance	WIC (pregnant & child under 5)	1-800-256-9880
	CSFP (60 years and older)	1-800-942-4321
Food Pantry	Holy Angels Parish	382-8324
Food Stamps	NH Dept. of Health & Human Services	1-800-852-7492
Genealogical Information	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
General Assistance	Human Services Department	382-8469 X25
Health Care	SeaCare Health Center	772-8119
	Lamprey Health Care	659-2494
	Community Health Services	425-2545
Health Officer	Plaistow Health Department	382-2494 X21
Heating Assistance	Fuel Assistance 10/01 thru 4/30	898-8435
	Rock. Community Action Program	893-9172
Home Budgeting	Credit Counseling	1-800-327-6778
Homeless	NH Coalition for Homeless	1-800-852-3388
Housing	NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
Human Service Department	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X25
	Help Line	1-800-852-3388
Humane Society	NH SPCA	772-2921
Hunting License	Walmart	382-2839
	Animal Control Officer	382-1200

## WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

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<b><u>PROBLEM/QUESTION</u></b>	<b><u>CALL</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE NUMBER</u></b>
Landfill	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
Legal Assistance	Legal Advice & Referral Center	1-800-639-5290
Library	Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
Marriage License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Meals on Wheels	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Medication	NH Health Access Network	225-0900
Mental Health	CLM Behavioral Health	893-3548
Notary	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10 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 Center	382-5995
Senior Services	Elderly & Adult Services	1-800-852-7492
Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Support Serv. 24 hr.	436-4107
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	CART	434-3569
	Retired Sr. Volunteer Program	436-4310
Unemployment Comp.	NH Dept. of Employment Security	893-9185
Veterans	Veterans Administration	1-800-562-5260
Visiting Nurses	Rockingham VNA	772-2981
Voter Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Welfare	NH Dept. of Human Services	1-800-852-7492



## APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

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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.

- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| _____ Zoning Board of Adjustment  | _____ Building Needs Committee |
| _____ Cable TV Advisory Committee | _____ Conservation Committee   |
| _____ Highway Safety Committee    | _____ Planning Board           |
| _____ Recreation Commission       | _____ Recycling Committee      |
| _____ Other (Please Specify)_____ |                                |

Special Qualifications:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail:\_\_\_\_\_

## PREPARING A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out of Town Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neighborhood Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regional Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Medical Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Location Two  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Other place you frequent  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

School Location One  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

School Location Two  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Other place you frequent o  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s):			
Other:			
Pharmacist:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			

Dial 911 for Emergencies



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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN 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
Conservation Commission	First & Third Thursdays	6:00PM	Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Last Thursday of Month	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Recreation Commission	Second Wednesday	6:00 PM	Town Hall

### *2008 Holiday Schedule:*

HOLIDAY	DATE
New Year's Day	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
President's Day	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Columbus Day	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans' Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving (2 days)	November 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas (2 days)	December 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>

### *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 By Appointment
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 – Thursday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM Friday 7:00AM - Noon
Town Manager Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Zoning Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM



## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

#### TOWN HALL – 145 Main Street

Animal Control Officer .....	382-6816	
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 55), 30 Greenough Road .....	382-6119
Pollard School, 120 Main Street .....	382-7146
Timberlane Regional Middle School, 44 Greenough Road .....	382-7131
Timberlane Regional High School, 36 Greenough Road .....	382-6541

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PLAISTOW PLEASE VISIT [WWW.PLAISTOW.COM](http://WWW.PLAISTOW.COM).**

#### 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 Thurs 8:00am to 4:30pm, Fri 7:00am to noon*

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

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