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# Town of Plaistow

2008 Annual Report



*“Legacy  
of the  
Past”*

*“Hope  
for the  
Future”*





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# “LEGACY OF THE PAST; HOPE FOR THE FUTURE”

Plaistow is a Town with a proud past and a bright future. As the gateway to Southern New Hampshire, the Town of Plaistow, holds a special place in the hearts and minds of its citizens.

With a history steeped in the finest traditions of small town New Hampshire, Plaistow has been home to generations of hard working, friendly, patriotic citizens. Plaistow’s citizens have been consistently willing to lend a hand to help their neighbors in good times and during the most challenging times. Whether you are a native Plastownian or have chosen to make Plaistow your new home; we’re sure you’ll find you have made a wonderful choice of a place to call home.

As we work to build a bolder, brighter tomorrow and continue the advancement of our shared culture, civic life, recreation, quality of life, and educational opportunities, we are all mindful of the Town of Plaistow’s tremendous “*LEGACY OF THE PAST AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE*”.



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### DEDICATION

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## BARRY A. SARGENT

Barry Sargent is a true Plaistow original. He is kind, dedicated, and committed to making his hometown work. He is simply one of Plaistow's most dynamic and powerfully engaged citizens, consistently pouring his heart and soul into making the Town of Plaistow an extraordinary place.

It is both appropriate and fitting that the Town of Plaistow recognizes Barry's life-long contributions to the citizens of Plaistow.

Barry's selfless devotion to Plaistow has been demonstrated time and time again throughout the years. While many in Town may know Barry as the Moderator of the Town of Plaistow and the Timberlane Regional School District, his talents (and eloquence) are legendary. Serving as Moderator has given him the opportunity to demonstrate his affability with all residents, fairness in his decisions and a certain amount of levity that has brought laughter in some tense situations.

Much to everyone's good fortune and delight, Barry has spent decades helping the Town through the intricacies of the Town's budgets and warrant articles at the Town Meeting. Others may know him as the Chairman of the Old Home Day Committee, a position he has held for twenty years. While this particular position has been thought to have given Barry many gray hairs, it has also provided thousands of citizens both young and old, a wonderful day of enjoyment. Barry was also instrumental in planning the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremonies of the Cannon and Soldiers Monument that had been given to the Town by Arthur G. Pollard. This had been dedicated in 1908 to honor the 101 Civil War soldiers from Plaistow.

During 1973, 74, and 75 he was a member of the Board of Selectmen and again in 1979 he took up the reins to fill a position on the Board. He served on the committee of the Bicentennial Committee "Spirit of 1976" and he arranges the program for the Memorial Day Exercises each May. Additionally, Barry was the Chairman of Plaistow's wildly successful 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Under Barry's extraordinary leadership, Plaistow residents enjoyed five days of fun, friendship, and family gatherings that will not soon be forgotten. He has also been Chairman of the Recreation Commission and other committees for various responsibilities for the Town, too numerous to mention. He was one of the men that started the Plaistow Militia. If you take the opportunity to discuss this experience with him you will enjoy hearing about their building the cannon, now located at the Public Safety Complex, and how they learned the exact amount of gunpowder not to use for Civil War reenactments.

As a native Plaistownian, Barry attended Pollard School. One fond memory he has of those years is winning a dictionary as a prize for coming in as runner-up in a spelling bee when he was in the sixth grade. During his later years he became well known for his legendary athletic acumen as one of the most agile and articulate basketball players ever to grace the Holy Angels CYO team. To little surprise, Barry went on to dazzle all as a star pitcher on the Carl G. Davis Post #34 Junior American Legion championship team. To this day, you can hear Barry cheering on his many sports teams.



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As you can tell by the extraordinary accomplishments, and his love and dedication to Plaistow, Barry has been one of the Town's most valuable and illustrious volunteers and citizens during the years he has lived in Plaistow. He shows the newer generations what dedication, public service, and civic pride are all about as his joy and pride for Plaistow shines through.

The Town indeed has been fortunate to have Barry so willing and able to assist whenever asked. For all these reasons, an many more, we are proud to dedicate this Town Report in his honor.



*Barry Sargent at Civil War Centennial*



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### PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

<b>1979</b> <i>Clifton E. Cook</i>	<b>1989</b> <i>Thomas H. Cullen</i>	<b>1999</b> <i>Volunteerism</i>
<b>1980</b> <i>John &amp; Maude Duston</i>	<b>1990</b> <i>Stanley T. Herrick</i>	<b>2000</b> <i>Ruth E. Palmer</i>
<b>1981</b> <i>John A. Palmer</i>	<b>1991</b> <i>Norman L. Major</i>	<b>2001</b> <i>Donald E. Petzold</i>
<b>1982</b> <i>LeRoy S. Dube</i>	<b>1992</b> <i>David C. Hart</i>	<b>2002</b> <i>George &amp; Eleanor Peabody</i>
<b>1983</b> <i>Irving S. Gilman</i>	<b>1993</b> <i>Lyman W. Hill</i>	<b>2003</b> <i>J. Alden Palmer, Jr.</i>
<b>1984</b> <i>George B. Peabody</i>	<b>1994</b> <i>John McSheehy</i>	<b>2004</b> <i>Merilyn P. Senter</i>
<b>1985</b> <i>Mildred L. Palmer</i>	<b>1995</b> <i>Don &amp; Judy Sargent</i>	<b>2005</b> <i>Plaistow Lions Club</i>
<b>1986</b> <i>Helen A. Hart</i>	<b>1996</b> <i>Jerry Assad</i>	<b>2006</b> <i>Bernadine Fitzgerald</i>
<b>1987</b> <i>Annie Mae Schwaner</i>	<b>1997</b> <i>Robert Chooljian</i>	<b>2007</b> <i>T. Richard Latham</i>
<b>1988</b> <i>Ruth E. Jenne</i>	<b>1998</b> <i>Agnes Dube</i>	



*BOS Executive Secretary Ruth Jenne, Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald,  
and BOS Executive Secretary Audrey Michaud*



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### IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2008. They have served the Town of Plaistow in exemplary ways as elected or appointed officials, or as volunteers serving in a variety of positions in Town.

#### *Dr. Artemas J. W. Packard*

1933 – 2008  
Board of Health

#### *Catherine R. Rowell*

1916 – 2008  
Historical Society

#### *Lorietta Schactman*

1957 – 2008  
Cable TV Advisory Committee

#### *Roland M. Senter*

1942 – 2008  
Highway Department  
Fire Department

#### *Dorothy Turner*

1916 – 2008  
Historical Society

#### *James Young*

1926 – 2008  
Timberlane Regional School District





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### TOWN OFFICIALS

#### 2008 Elected Officials

##### **Board of Selectmen**

John A. Sherman, Chairman  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Vice Chairman  
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr.  
Lawrence W. Gil  
Robert J. Gray

##### **Treasurer**

Bernadine A. FitzGerald

##### **Municipal Budget Committee**

Janis S. Penta, Chairman  
Ronald J. Hayes, Vice Chairman  
Normand Bouchard  
Michele Conte  
Bernadine A. FitzGerald  
Daniel Hooper  
Joyce Ingerson  
Kristin E. Lewis Savage  
Martha Sumner  
Catherine R. Willis  
John Sherman, Selectman Rep.  
Open  
Open

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

Jennifer Kiarsis, Chairman  
Elizabeth George, Secretary  
Catherine R. Willis, Treasurer  
Janet Davies  
Kathleen Vavra

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

Michael Allen, Chairman  
Harry Birmingham, Vice Chairman  
Therese Chouinard, Secretary  
Ruth Santosuosso  
Open

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#### 2008 Elected Officials

##### **Moderator**

Barry Sargent

##### **Tax Collector**

Rosemarie L. Bayek

##### **Town Clerk**

Maryellen Pelletier

##### **Planning Board**

Timothy E. Moore, Chairman  
Steven Ranlett, Vice Chairman  
Barry Weymouth  
Peter M. Bealo  
Robert Gray, Selectman Rep.  
Lawrence W. Gil, Alt. Selectman Rep.  
Neal Morin, Alternate  
Merilyn Senter, Alternate

##### **Trustee of the Trust Funds**

B. Jill Senter, Chairman  
Phyllis L. Carifio  
Patricia Macomber

##### **Auditor**

Matthew Sadewicz

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

Nancy Jackman, Chairman  
Martha L. Fowler  
Kathleen A. Giacobbe

Term

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### 2008 Appointed Officials

#### **Family Mediation**

Barbara Tavitian  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Selectman Rep

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

Robert Carolan, Coordinator  
Loretta Schactman (deceased)  
Daniel Bush  
David Cantone  
Madeline Marcotte  
Michelle Conte  
Daniel Hooper  
Norman Bouchard  
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.

#### **Conservation Commission**

B. Jill Senter, Chairman  
Timothy Moore  
Steve Curran  
Frank Lehmann, Resigned  
Lawrence W. Gil, Selectman Rep.  
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.

### 2008 Appointed Officials

#### **Assistant Moderator**

Norman L. Major

#### **Deputy Town Clerk**

Joyce Thurston

#### **Old Home Day Committee**

Tami Smith, Chairman  
Sara Bush, Vice Chairman  
Wendy Bush  
Daniel Bush  
Barry Weymouth  
Jim Robinson, Rep. for Lions Club  
Bill Lohnes, Parade  
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.

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### No Term

### 2008 Appointed Officials

#### **Recreation Commission**

Gregory D. Mason, Chairman  
William Coye, Vice Chairman  
Susan W. Sherman, Secretary  
Patrick Buckley  
Kristin E. Lewis Savage  
Leona Stevens  
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustments**

Lawrence M. Ordway, Chairman  
Julie Matthews, Vice Chairman  
Robert Loeffler  
Peter Bealo  
Clifford Clark, Resigned  
Roderic Cole, Alternate  
Daniel Lloyd, Alternate  
Paul Boniface, Alternate  
Dee Voss, Administrative Assistant

### 2008 Appointed Officials

#### **Deputy Tax Collector**

Nancy Bolduc

#### **Deputy Treasurer**

Ruth E. Jenne  
Brenda E. Major

#### **Capital Improvement Program Committee**

Timothy E. Moore, Chairman  
Ronald Hayes  
Norman Bouchard  
Barry A. Weymouth  
John A. Sherman  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Alternate  
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr., Alternate

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### 2008 Appointed Officials Continued

#### **Highway Safety Committee**

Police Chief Stephen C. Savage,  
Chairman  
Fire Chief John McArdle, Vice Chairman  
Sean Fitzgerald  
Daniel Garlington  
P. Michael Dorman  
Leigh G. Komornick  
Lawrence W. Gil, Selectman Rep.  
Daniel Poliquin, Alt. Selectman Rep.  
Ernie Sheltry  
Daniel A. Travaglini  
Lisa Withee  
Sarah Gibbs, Recording Secretary

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

Barry A. Sargent, Chairman  
Brenda E. Major, Secretary  
Bernadine A. FitzGerald, Treasurer  
Rep. Norman L. Major, Time Capsule/  
Program Book  
Lewis Drew, Cannons  
George Melvin, Cannons  
T. Richard Latham, Safety  
Ernie Sheltry, Ads/Souvenirs  
Jason Hoch

No  
Term

### 2008 Appointed Officials Continued

#### **Public Safety Complex Building Committee**

Police Chief Stephen C. Savage, Chairman  
Fire Chief John McArdle, Vice Chairman  
Sean Fitzgerald  
P. Michael Dorman  
William Scully  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Selectman Rep.  
William Query  
Sarah Gibbs, Recording Secretary

#### **Historical Society**

Robert Carolan, President  
Michael Smith, Vice President  
Catherine O'Brien, Recording Secretary  
Tami Smith, Corresponding Secretary  
Eleanor P. Peabody, Treasurer  
Jeanne Smith, Member at Large  
Mildred Ilsley, Member at Large

No  
Term



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### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

# PLAISTOW TEAMWORK

**LEIGH KOMORNICK**

**SARAH GIBBS**

**AUDREY MICHAUD**



As a Town, a big part of Plaistow's success is built around teamwork. This year, a small group of "can-do" Plaistow employees, comprised of Sarah Gibbs, Audrey Michaud, and Leigh Komornick, helped to coordinate the work involved in preparing Plaistow's 2008 Town Report.

Sarah, Audrey, and Leigh all worked well beyond the scope of their regular day-to-day job duties and responsibilities to help coordinate Plaistow's 2008 Town Report. This team was noted for their financial management in finding extraordinary cost savings in the production of the Town Report. The team was also noted for their wonderful ability for creating a constructive environment, building rapport, and improving values of communication, teamwork, and fun, as the Town chronicled the important events of 2008.

This high powered team, led by Sarah Gibbs, provided excellent project coordination to help meet the many timely demands of filing the report. Demonstrating their project management skills, commitment, dedication, and timeliness, many of the details of the Town Report were coordinated by this hardworking team. The Town is fortunate to have these employees demonstrate this extraordinary dedication and teamwork.



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### GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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

#### Governor

John Lynch  
Tel: (603) 271-2121  
Web site: [www.state.nh.us](http://www.state.nh.us)

#### Executive Councilor

Beverly Hollingworth  
Tel: (603) 926-4880  
Email: [bhollingworth@nh.gov](mailto:bhollingworth@nh.gov)

#### US Senator

Judd Gregg  
NH Tel: (603) 225-7115  
Web site: [gregg.senate.gov](http://gregg.senate.gov)

#### US Senator

Jeanne Shaheen  
NH Tel: (202) 224-2841  
Website: [shaheen.senate.gov](http://shaheen.senate.gov)

#### US Congressman

Carol Shea-Porter  
NH Tel: (603) 743-4813  
Website: [shea-porter.house.gov](http://shea-porter.house.gov)

#### State Senator

Michael Downing  
Tel: (603) 271-8630  
Email: [michael.downing@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:michael.downing@leg.state.nh.us)

#### County Commissioner

Katherine "Kate" Pratt  
Tel: (603) 679-9350  
Email: [kpratt@co.rockingham.nh.us](mailto:kpratt@co.rockingham.nh.us)

#### Plaistow Local Representative

Norman L. Major  
Tel: (603) 382-5429  
Email: [nlbem@comcast.net](mailto:nlbem@comcast.net)

#### Additional Local Representatives

John B. Sedensky  
Hampstead  
Tel: (603) 329-4343

John W. Flanders  
Kingston  
Tel: (603) 642-3640

Don H. VanPatten  
Hampstead  
Tel: (603) 490-0673

Melissa L.B. Lyons  
Kingston  
Tel: (603) 770-3979

Roger G. Wells  
Hampstead  
Tel: (603) 329-6689

David A. Welch  
Kingston  
Tel: (603) 642-4402



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### REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN L. MAJOR

#### *A Message from Concord*

During the 2008 session of the NH Legislature, a number of important measures were passed that will affect the lives of our citizens. Included in these initiatives was legislation banning indoor smoking to protect the health of our citizens; the creation of a tax credit to help the economically distressed North Country and a ban on predatory lending practices in the State. The Legislature also quickly responded to those impacted by flood and tornado emergencies, provided additional home heating assistance to those most in need, and passed laws protecting our environment.

In education matters, the Legislature defined and determined the cost of an *adequate education*, adopted a constitutional method to establish a base cost for every student, with additional sums for special education students and English language learners and those who receive free or reduced lunches. They also provided funding for alternative pathways to graduation, resulting in significant improvement in the high school completion rate. At the post-secondary level, the Legislature oversaw the transition of the regional community technical colleges to a community college system.

An important issue that directly affects the Town of Plaistow is the state education funding grant that the town receives. In the past, the courts have declared legislation dealing with this matter unconstitutional. In the future I will continue to work on legislation that will be fair to all communities.

Many challenges remain as our state faces increasing deficits due to declining revenues and rising costs in an increasingly competitive global economy. Your legislators in Concord will continue their efforts to meet these challenges, protect the NH Advantage that we have enjoyed within the region and build on past successes for the benefit of the citizens of NH.

I have been honored to have served the Town of Plaistow for the past 12 years as a State Representative. My legislative priorities include constituent services, maintaining a balanced budget for the state, education funding, environmental issues, and improving the climate for NH's small business community. I have been a staunch advocate of "truth in budgeting" as well as encouraging the Legislature to more fully consider the impact of proposed legislation on future generations. Constituent service and responding to the needs of the towns in my district will continue to be my most important priority.

During the last legislative session I sponsored or co-sponsored a number of successful bills that were SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR:

- HB598: A bill repealing certain foreign dividend deductions under the business profits tax and an exemption to the real estate transfer tax;
- HB599: A bill that establishes an original license fee and a renewal fee for meals and rental licenses;
- HB733: A bill that defines certain authority and procedures of the Department of Revenue Administration;



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- HB844: A bill authorizing the Commissioner of Revenue Administration to issue demands for records for purposes of interest and dividends tax audits and to seize and destroy unstamped and invalidly stamped tobacco products;
- HJR1: A House Joint Resolution urging that more veterans' mental health counseling centers be established in NH and urging that funding be continued for the Manchester Veterans' Center;
- HB351: A bill clarifying the definition of "overseas business organization";
- HB1282: A bill amending the pre-engineering technology curriculum; and
- SB321: A bill relative to construction or renovation of regional vocational centers; and transferring certain positions from the pari-mutuel commission to the Department of Safety, requiring certain operating budget reductions.

I recently completed my eighth year on the House Ways and Means Committee, serving two years as Vice-Chairman and four years as Chairman. During that time the Committee processed many bills dealing with taxes and fees. I have also served as a legislative member on the following groups or committees:

- Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation, 2007-present;
- National Council of State Legislatures Budget and Revenue Committee, 2002-present– Vice-Chairman, 2006 & 2007;
- American Legislative Exchange Council – Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force;
- Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Project;
- National Council of State Legislatures Streamlined Sales & Used Tax Committee;
- Pre-Engineering Technical Advisory Council; and
- Great Bay Community College Advisory Committee.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Norman L. Major, State Representative, ([nlbem@comcast.net](mailto:nlbem@comcast.net))*



*Norm Major (Center) with Civil War Committee*



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### 2008 TOWN EMPLOYEES

#### Executive Department

Town Manager  
BOS Executive Secretary  
BOS Executive Secretary  
Finance Director  
Assistant to Town Manager

Sean Fitzgerald  
Ruth E. Jenne  
Audrey J. Michaud  
Lorice Sadewicz  
Nicole Carr (*Resigned*)

#### Town Hall Departments:

Assessing Clerk  
Chief Building Official  
Department of Building Safety Office Manager  
Cable Coordinator  
Cemetery Sexton  
Code Enforcement  
Deputy Health Officer  
Health Officer  
Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant Town Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Electrical Inspector  
Human Services  
Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector  
Recording Secretary Board of Selectmen  
Recording Secretary Budget Committee  
Recording Secretary Budget Committee  
Recording Secretary Planning Board  
Recreation Director  
Town Planner  
ZBA Administrative Assistant

Selwa Moured  
P. Michael Dorman  
Dee Voss  
Robert Carolan  
Herbert Reed  
P. Michael Dorman  
P. Michael Dorman  
Dennise Horrocks  
Nancy Bolduc  
Joyce Thurston  
Ken Ray  
Nicole Carr (*Resigned*)  
James Flathers  
Audrey Michaud  
Selwa Moured (*Resigned*)  
Audrey Michaud  
Dee Voss  
Carlene E. Malette  
Leigh Komornick  
Dee Voss

#### Emergency Management

Director  
Assistant

William T. Scully  
P. Michael Dorman

#### Highway Department:

Supervisor  
Foreman  
Laborer  
Laborer  
Seasonal Laborer

Daniel Garlington  
Dana Rabito  
Aaron Shea  
Andy Jones  
Floyd Gates

#### Maintenance Department:

Supervisor  
Custodian  
Custodian  
Custodian

David Bowles  
Robert Mercier  
Mario Mejia (*Retired*)  
Matthew Sadewicz

#### Public Library:

Director  
Assistant Director/Head of Youth Services  
Staff  
Staff

Laurie Houlihan  
LuAnn Blair  
Marjorie Knowles  
Anita Micale



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### Public Library Continued

Staff  
Staff  
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Staff

Florence Rullo  
Kelli Lennon  
Judy Meunier  
Amanda Plant  
Noelle Giragosian  
Abigail O'Leary  
Danielle Dalton

### Police Department:

Chief  
Deputy Chief  
Sergeant/Detective  
Sergeant  
Sergeant  
Sergeant  
Master Patrol Officer/K-9 Handler  
Master Patrol Officer  
Master Patrol Officer/SRO  
Master Patrol Officer  
Master Patrol Officer/Detective  
Master Patrol Officer/Detective  
Officer  
Officer  
Officer  
Officer  
Officer  
Part Time Officer  
Executive Secretary  
Secretary  
Records Clerk  
Victim Witness Advocate  
Matron  
Crossing Guard  
Animal Control Officer  
Interpreter  
K-9  
K-9

Stephen C. Savage  
Kathleen A. Jones  
Patrick Caggiano  
Scott Anderson  
Glenn Miller  
Valquerio Eiro, Jr.  
Alec Porter  
Michael Beauchesne  
Joan Marsilia  
Brett Morgan  
George Wickson  
Dorothy McGurren  
Nicolas Fiset  
Patrick Schiavone  
Jason Mazza  
Eric Pappalardo  
Stephen Lundquist  
William Baldwin  
Sarah E. Gibbs  
Jennifer Page  
Julie Shumacher (*Resigned*)  
April Aucoin  
Margo Collins  
Gilbert Brasil  
David Sargent  
Miguel Cruz  
Stryker (*Retired*)  
Kraken

### Communications:

Communications Supervisor  
Communications Specialist  
Communications Specialist  
Dispatcher  
Dispatcher  
Part Time Dispatcher

Lucia Theberge  
Cherie Chevalier  
Joel Albair  
Michael Pauk  
Christina Cruz  
Joanne Freeman (*Resigned*)

### Water Department:

Water Superintendent  
Maintenance Part-Time  
Maintenance Part-Time  
Maintenance/Technician Part-Time  
Maintenance Part-Time

John McArdle  
Shawn Feeley  
Patrick Moynihan  
Christopher Poliquin  
Scott Sullivan



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### Fire Department:

Chief - EMT  
Deputy Chief – EMT  
Deputy Chief – EMT Paramedic  
Captain- EMT  
Captain- EMT  
Lieutenant- EMT  
Lieutenant- EMT Paramedic  
Lieutenant- EMT Intermediate  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT Intermediate  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter  
Firefighter  
Firefighter – Probation  
Assistant  
Firefighter  
Firefighter  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter- EMT  
EMT, Paramedic  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter  
Firefighter  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT Intermediate  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter – Probation  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT  
Firefighter  
Firefighter- EMT

John McArdle  
Jay Judson, III  
Jon D. Lovett  
Michael Kennedy  
Ernest Morin  
Christopher Poliquin  
Jay Guzofski  
Anthony Alvino  
Robert Agneta  
Tamara Alvino  
Gary Carbonneau  
Robert Chooljian  
Richard Colcord  
Christopher Coughlin  
Shawn Feeley  
Morgan Fisher  
Seth Garon  
Bruce Gusler, Sr.  
Bruce Gusler, Jr.  
Russell Hawkins  
Ryan Higgins  
Donald Hutchinson  
Eric LaFrancis  
Matt Lombardy  
Paul McKendry  
Patrick Moynihan  
George A. Peabody  
Donald Petzold  
Daniel Poliquin  
Jeff Saltalamacchia  
David Sargent  
William Scully  
Tyler Simmons  
John Stevens  
Scott Vezina  
Mark Ward  
John Wood



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### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2008 was a year of significant change and challenge for your Board of Selectmen. We hired a new Town Manager, we wrestled with substantial financial issues, we were faced with a devastating town-wide power outage; all while balancing the tactical day-to-day management of town activities with the strategic planning necessary to keep Plaistow a "Great Place to Live".

**Organization-** At the March Town Meeting, Bob Gray was elected to the Board. We thank Michele Curran for her 3 years of service. At the BOS Organizational meeting, John Sherman was selected Chairman and Dan Poliquin was selected Vice Chairman.

**Town Manager-** In November, we hired Sean Fitzgerald as Town Manager. Sean comes to us from Peabody, Mass. He certainly has been thrown into the fray quickly and has responded admirably. We all believe that Sean has the ability and background experience to guide Plaistow into a future of financial stability and increased service levels.

Our need for a new Town Manager began when Jason Hoch resigned in early 2008 after less than 2 years service to the Town. Jason agreed to stay on as an interim while the Board launched a search for a new Town Manager. After a few months, Craig Klemen was hired to serve as interim Town Administrator until a permanent replacement could be found, and left in October. For two periods of time, our Town was without a day-to-day manager to direct town activities. Fortunately, we were able to rely on the experienced leadership of our Department Heads to keep us on course.

**Ice Storm 2008-** In December, we were hit with an Ice Storm that crippled the Town of Plaistow for nearly a two-week period. The response by Town Staff was amazing and will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The Emergency Management Director, the Town Manager, the Fire Department- both full-time and on-call staff, the Police Department, the dispatchers, the Highway Department, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Health Officer, the Recreation Director served this Town in an exceptional manner. You are fortunate to have such a dedicated group serving you. The response by Unutil was completely inadequate, in every way. There will be more to come about that.

**Finances-** The good news is that since we are making the final payment on the Library Bond, the Town of Plaistow is carrying **no long-term debt**. We are confident that not many NH municipalities could make such a statement. This is a tribute to the long range financial planning by your Board of Selectmen for many years. The bad news is that we are faced with the necessity of borrowing short-term money, in the form of Tax Anticipation Notes, to fund our day-to-day operations when we are low on cash. This is primarily a cash flow issue and we will be looking at financial strategies that can be employed to eliminate the need for this borrowing in the future.

Those cash flow issues caused us to implement a freeze on expenditures in the fall. We were NOT over-expending the budget. We were well below expenditure targets. On-going reductions in non-tax revenues and delays in receiving these revenues, such as revenue from the State, caused us to run short of cash. Our actions allowed the Town to end the year well "in the black". Again, this issue was NOT caused by over-expending the budget, but was caused by a reduction in and/or a delay of other forms of revenue. We must, and we will, improve our revenue and expenditure management, so that this pattern of borrowing does not continue.



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**Town Hall-** The Renovation of the Town Hall is complete. During this 3-phase project, additional office space was created and existing offices relocated. This renovation will allow us to meet the Town Administration office space needs for many years to come. We appreciate the donation from Donald H. Sargent that helped supplement the taxpayer funds used to renovate and update our beautiful historical building.

**Health-** Plaistow continues to be an area leader in preventative measures to combat the potential spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). If you haven't heard much new about that situation, that is because of the pro-active approach taken in Plaistow. The threat hasn't gone away, but we feel we have taken all proper precautions to protect the citizens of, and visitors to, Plaistow.

**Beede Site-** The Clean-Up will begin! All responsible parties have been directed to pay. Residents should see some activity on that site this summer. Remember, this clean-up will take years. The Board of Selectmen will continue to keep residents current on the project progress as the Record of Decision is executed. Among the first steps is resolution of property ownership and the restitution of back taxes.

**Cable Franchise-** The Board of Selectmen are working with legal counsel and the Cable Committee to negotiate a new Cable Franchise Agreement. We want to reach an agreement that is in the best interest of the cable subscribers and all residents of Plaistow, given the state and federal restrictions on what can be included in the agreement. For example, the packages offered and what channels are in each package is not an item that can be negotiated. Those elements are at the sole discretion of the cable provider, but we do intend to negotiate an agreement that delivers the maximum benefit to Plaistow.

**Recreation Complex (PARC) on Old County Road-** We have opened the PARC facility on Old County Road. We have had baseball games and other activities there in 2008. And we certainly will be expanding the usage of that complex. In addition to housing our Town-sponsored teams, we can rent the facility to local sports teams and leagues and even host regional or state-wide baseball tournaments to generate income for the Town. We are committed to eventually moving our Summer Recreation program to this site.

**Household Hazardous Waste Day-** Due to some administrative errors (not by Plaistow), the regional Household Hazardous Waste Day was almost cancelled. But your Board led the effort to ensure that this event was held. We are committed to such activities to support our resident's efforts to protect the environment. We thank all those who participated. We hosted this event at the new Recreation Facility (PARC) on Old County Road. We will continue working with the other local towns (and the State) to ensure this event continues.

**Voting-** We have successfully transitioned the polling location back to Pollard School. Despite the huge turnout at this year's national election, the waiting lines were non-existent thanks to the planning by your Town Moderator, Barry Sargent and all the election workers. We are pleased to announce that we are supporting a budget that allows for expanding the polling hours in 2009 to be from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.



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**Assessments-** We continue our efforts to keep updating property assessments to be both fair and accurate as possible. The market continues to change. A few years ago it was moving upward and we responded accordingly. Now, the market is moving downward, and we again made the appropriate adjustments. The 2008 result is that both residential and commercial values declined. However, the residential values declined by a larger percentage. This has the effect of shifting some of the tax burden from the residential taxpayer to the commercial taxpayer. This change was possible because of the annual review (and update) that we do. Property taxes are never a fun subject to discuss, but the Board of Selectmen is committed to ensuring that the assessments used are as fair and accurate as can be. Our assessment accuracy continues to remain in the top 10% statewide, as reported by the State Department of Revenue Administration.

**Water Line-** We continue to put money into a Water Line Capital Reserve Fund to support the extension of the Town's Waterline to coincide with the redevelopment work being done by the State of NH on Route 125. Expanding the waterline at the same time as the State's efforts is much more cost effective than if done separately. This expansion facilitates the development of loops in the system so that we can deliver fire suppression water even if a break occurs in the system.

**CIP-** Please review our Capital Improvement Plan. This has proved to be an invaluable management tool, allowing us to stagger our largest capital costs to minimize the spikes in the tax burden. We can't afford to fund all capital needs at once. Having this type of plan is a critical piece of our strategic planning.

2008 was a year of challenges. But as you read the excerpts from 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago, every year presents challenges. We enter 2009 with a new Town Manager, with great optimism and a resolve to work harder than ever to provide the level of service that our residents expect and deserve.

And while we're at it, 2009 is a year of change at the federal level with a new sense of participation on an entirely new scale. Why don't YOU resolve to get involved? The Town needs many volunteers in many areas. I guarantee that you have some ability or skill that can be used to contribute to the Town's success. Getting involved will give you a feeling of achievement and satisfaction. Volunteer in 2009!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Sherman, Chairman Plaistow Board of Selectmen*



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### EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS

#### EXCERPTS FROM 1998

**On the Cover:** Copies of previous Town Report covers from 1960, 1965 and 1974.

**Article 3.** "...Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900,000 for the construction of a new library...such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act... Furthermore, to authorize the acceptance of approximately \$130,000 from the Friends of the Library and payments of approximately \$700,000 from the Mary Nelson Trust, plus accrued interest and dividends, until the Trust is depleted, and to use these amounts to make debt service payments on the above bond. (Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)..."

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

**Article 14.** "...Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,397 which represents the salary, fringe benefits, uniforms, and equipment for an additional full-time police officer position beginning July 1, 1999. If approved the cost of this new officer would be funded entirely within the operating budget of the ensuing fiscal years beginning with an estimated sum of approximately \$33,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)..."

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

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

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1998 =** \$ 983,243.00

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$441,769,655.00
Less: Exemptions	\$ 4,864,100.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$436,905,555.00

**Statement of Bonded Debt:** "...Safety Complex Principal \$150,000, Interest \$19,285, Total Debt \$169,285..."



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**From the Report of Cable Committee:** "...This was the year Plaistow signed a new agreement with MediaOne which will govern the relationship between the two for the next ten years... The major sticking point during our negotiations has been the retention of our television studio... The committee insisted that this was a very valuable asset to the community and to that end MediaOne agreed to the following terms: to provide \$100,000 towards construction of a Town owned studio, to donate all of the broadcasting equipment from the old studio (approx \$25,000 value) and to provide the necessary technical assistance to bring the new studio on line once it becomes a reality... The key to a successful studio is a director who oversees the activities, plans the shows and maintains a pool of volunteers and has good broadcasting equipment..."

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

**From the Report of the Code Enforcement Officer:** "...1998 has continued to be very strong in the building trades with residential development still booming. Three residential subdivisions have been completed as of this writing: Sweethill Estates, Tracey Lane and Greenfield Drive. Timberlane Estates has ten remaining lots and Ashley Nicole Drive has six homes to be built..."

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Citizens of Plaistow, 1998***



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### EXCERPTS FROM 1988

**On the Cover:** A drawing of the Town seal, including Town Hall and elm tree.

**Article 18.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.) as the Town's share for a study to determine the improvements needed to solve the traffic problems at the South Main Street (NH Rte 121A) and North Avenue intersection, the remainder of which to be contributed by Federal Aid Urban Funds with State matching funds. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)..."

**Article 35.** "...To see if the Town will vote to increase the Tax Collector's salary each year by the Cost of Living percentage allow other Town Employees. By Petition..." (DEFEATED)

**Article 40.** "...To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Affordable Housing Committee within 30 days of this Annual Town Meeting and that the Committee would make a report to the Board of Selectmen within three (3) months of the appointment. Said report to be implemented by the Board of Selectmen immediately with a report of the implementation to be given by the Board of Selectmen at the next Annual Town Meeting stating solutions that have been recommended. By Petition..."

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1988 =** \$ 648,768.00

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$528,182,400.00
Less: Exemptions	\$ 4,163,600.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$524,018,800.00

**Statement of Bonded Debt:**

Fitzgerald Safety Complex		Landfill Cap		TOTAL DEBT
Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
\$910,000	\$484,362	\$750,000	\$264,656	\$2,409,018

**Statement of Debt:** Annual payment of Principal on Long Term Bonds \$80,000;  
 Annual interest on Long Term Bonds \$106,782.  
 Borrowed \$2,350,000 temporary loan from Arlington Trust,  
 Borrowed \$3,000,000 temporary loan from Bank of Boston,  
 Interest payment on temporary loans \$160,450

**From the Board of Selectmen's Report:** "...We have pledged ourselves to a five percent cap on the 1989 budget, and we sincerely hope that services now provided will continue to be provided in spite of this stipulation... Problems in town are becoming more complex and time consuming, and for this reason, a new position of town manager was adopted. Our new manager joined us in November and will help alleviate the workload of your selectmen. He will be working on capital projects during 1989 which include long range solutions for solid waste disposal, a public water system, planned roadway management, and finance planning..."



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**From the Report of Plaistow Fire Department:** "...1988 was another record year as your Fire Department answered 556 alarms... The Fire Department, has reached another milestone this year; something that we have seen in our future for a long time has arrived. At this town meeting we are proposing that the position of Fire Chief become a full-time position. We are also asking that the position be changed from elected to appointed..."

**From the Report of Emergency Management:** "...In 1988, the State Office of Emergency Management conducted a drill to test the emergency operations center and the Plaistow emergency plan. The State oversaw the drill and the scenario was a hazardous material cargo accident at the corner of Main Street and Duston Avenue... The drill also highlighted the need to conduct periodical, practical exercises in order for us to develop proficiency and teamwork..."

**From the Report of the Police Department:** "...1988 was indelibly marked by a bold move in our Communications Center. Town Meeting generously authorized the acquisition of a two-position console, twenty channel recorder, and a State Police On-Line Telecommunications System (S.P.O.T.S.). Additionally, we were authorized an additional full-time dispatcher and two part-time dispatchers..."  
"...In the fall of 1988, after continuous correspondence, the Town of Plaistow was visited by Superintendent John Ball of the Metropolitan Police, London, England... His enforcement responsibilities included policing the borough of Plaistow, England... the Mayor of Plaistow officially gave permission to our Police Department to use their heraldic coat-of-arms on a Department flag and as cruiser door emblems..."

**From the Report of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer:** "...235 Building permits totaling \$5,240,718. Down from 1987 total of 372 permits totaling just over \$14,000,000..."

**From the Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:** "...A total of 51 cases were heard, which is up from the 43 of last year... Twenty-two of the 43 were dealing with signs..."

**From the Report of the Tree Warden:** "...People in years past, planted trees close to the road for privacy, and the salt used in the winter is killing these trees. My suggestion to anyone wanting to plant new trees on their property would be to keep them twenty to thirty feet from the road to avoid this problem..."

**From the Report of the Town Water Line:** "...Again this year, the water line demonstrated to the Fire Department, its value to residents and businesses, of this town. It was used at a barn fire across from the Town Hall. A hydrant was located in front of the house, affording an instant, unlimited supply of water, necessary to control this fire..."

"...Now is the time to extend the water line over the Bridge, on Route 125, in conjunction with the state's planned reconstruction, to provide a supply of water to the businesses in this locale..."

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Citizens of Plaistow, 1988***



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### EXCERPTS FROM 1978

**On the Cover:** A photo of the Public Library and Highway Garage

**Article 19.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) for the purchase of a Fire Tank Truck. Bids to be publically solicited with specifications approved by the Board of Fire Engineers and purchased by means of a sealed bid. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)..."

**Article 24.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to increase the salary of the Town Clerk from \$400.00 to Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) to be used only for the remuneration of the Deputy Town Clerk for services when rendered.. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)..."

**Article 33.** "...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; (c) the total amount of the foregoing not to exceed 40 dwelling units..." (DEFEATED)

<b><u>Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1978 =</u></b>	\$ 157,542.00
<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$51,622,325.00
<b>Less: Elderly and Blind Exemptions</b>	\$ 988,300.00
<b>Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed</b>	\$50,634,025.00

**Statement of Bonded Debt:**

Water Line	Highway	Water Ext	Library	TOTAL DEBT
Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	
\$9,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$114,000

**Statement of Debt:** "...Annual payment of Principal on Notes \$33,000; Annual interest \$7,857. Borrowed \$1,175,000 from Arlington Trust, Interest payment of \$32,941..."

**From the Report of the Selectmen:** "...Land on Sweet Hill is being sought as approved at the 1978 Town Meeting, for the eventual erection of a water reservoir for potable water... A feasibility study by professional engineers concerning the development of Kelley Brook as a Water Supply for the Town has been completed... Plans are being made for the use of the recently acquired Lagasse building and its development as a modern safety complex..."



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**From the Report of the Department of Public Works:** "...This year was an exceptional severe winter for my department. Remember the blizzard in February. All town equipment was pressed into action even the grader without a cab and many pieces of heavy construction equipment from local contractors. We worked continually without sleep to make sure we didn't lose any roads. Many roads were limited to one lane at times. We only lost one road for about one hour. The schools were closed for one day and traffic, if you could get your car out, was moving with little difficulty..."

**From the Report of the Police Department:** "...The area around Rte 125 is now demanding more and more of your department's attention. With the construction of the DeMoulas Market and other new businesses, I expect this to increase... The construction of two new firms in the Kingston Road area will undoubtedly bring with them additional traffic problems in the village..."

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** "...This year we have instituted a rescue squad within the department under the direction of Deputy Chief Donald Petzold, consisting of 11 members (4 of which are regular E.M.T.'s). The squad operates between the hours of 6 P.M. to 6 A.M..."

**From the Report of the Civil Defense:** "...The Rescue Truck, funded through the Civil Defense budget, continues to play an important role in the emergency services field. Plans are underway to raise money for a new rescue vehicle. It is anticipated that fund raising plans will produce sufficient revenue through various plans, and that no money will be required through the Town Warrant..."

**From the Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:** "...The case load averaged three hearings a month which was less than the previous year due to the fact we were relieved of making decisions regarding placement of standard signs. This responsibility was placed in the hands of the Building Inspector..."

**From the Report of the Building Inspector:** "...There were 192 permits totaling \$2,664,171; compared to 256 permits in 1977 totaling \$2,002,884..."

**From the Report of the Tree Warden:** "...There were sixteen new trees planted this year in town. These included: 3 Crimson King Maples, 8 Norway Maples, 3 Mountain Ash and 2 Shademaster Locust. All were chosen for their hardy pest/disease free, and quick growing qualities. Locations which were considered for planting were those along roadsides where losses had occurred and residential areas where few trees already existed..."

**From the Report of the Historical Society:** "...During Town Hall renovations this year several old bottles and a cannon ball were found behind the wall of the men's room. Also found was an original window shade dating late 1800's. Also found were two very old swords which we have not dated yet. When the Town Hall kitchen was disassembled the Village Improvement dishes were saved. These dishes were used by the Association for public functions when annual dinners were served..."

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Citizens of Plaistow, 1978*



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### EXCERPTS FROM 1968

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

**Article 12.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of bring up to date and placing on permanent file, lists of Plaistow men and women who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces during time of war. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)..."

**Article 14.** "...To see if the Town will authorize the construction of an addition to the Town Hall for Public Library purposes and the renovation of the first floor of the present Town Hall; to appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 for this purpose; and to raise said sum by the issuance of notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 RSA known as "Municipal Finance Act" and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue said notes or bonds upon the credit of the Town, and to fix the rate of interest and all other terms thereof, and to take such other action as may be required to effectuate the purposes of this vote. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)..."

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1968 =** \$ 50,718.40

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$12,488,177.00
Less: Veterans Exemptions	\$ 21,200.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$12,466,977.00

**Statement of Debt:** Annual payment of Principal on Notes \$7,000.00; Annual interest \$2560.44  
Borrowed \$420,000 from Haverhill National Bank, Interest payment of \$4,604.15

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** "...A great deal of time has been spent in trying to finalize the problems connected with the Economic Division Administration in an effort to procure the funds which will reduce the cost of the Water Tower to the town by \$35,000.00 It appears at this time that we have been given to understand that we will probably receive our grant within the next three months..."  
"...Consideration must be given to the same long range problems for more police and fire protection as well as the importance of water and sewer lines. All these goals can be realized if we can broaden our tax base by bringing in more industrial and commercial enterprises. We sincerely hope all citizens will indicate their interest by participating in the Town community affairs, civic endeavors and we encourage constructive criticism..."



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**From the Survey Committee Town Hall Use Study:** "...Highlights of the report, submitted to Selectmen today, are recommendations to construct an addition to Town Hall, move the Library to the present Banquet Hall and the new addition, then develop the old library area and Selectmen's room into offices for all Town Officers. This would be the first phase and when funds are available, other phases would include renovation of the second floor area to be used for District Court, public hearings and voting. A forty to fifty car parking area is recommended to be developed on the North side of the common with access from Pollard (Park) Avenue. The present shallow well is often covered with surface water and the commission says that a new drilled well is vital to any general use of the premises. Note: There are diagrams in the Town Report showing a proposed addition to the back of the first floor of Town Hall that would house the Public Library. Also on that diagram is a proposed parking area for up to 47 cars covering replacing the entire green on the north side of Town Hall from Main Street back to Park Avenue..."

**From the Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:** "...One question frequently asked concerns signs. No appeals for signs have been made since that for the Durso shopping area in 1967, thus no advertising sign should have been added in area which is over 15 sq. feet on one side, is illuminated or electrified, or which does not pertain to enterprises conducted on the premises..."

**From the Report of the Building Inspector:** "...A total of 63 permits for an estimated cost of \$410,589.00..."

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** "...The department answered seventy-eight calls during the year, classified as follows: 3 accidents, 10 car fires, 15 buildings, 36 grass and woods fires, 11 calls out of town and 4 calls to the dump. The remaining being lost children, bomb scares and other emergencies..."

**From the Report of the Planning Board:** "...Two new streets, Auburn and Barker in the Brentwood, Inc. development on Old Danville Road have been accepted. The developer also presented another section of this subdivision comprised of an area served by proposed Lynwood, Dalton and Culver Streets. This section has not proceeded beyond the preliminary stage, as the developer has been consulting with the Water Pollution Commission relative to a central water supply for 28 to 30 apartments. We believe this project may proceed in the spring of 1969..."

**From the Report of the Librarian:** "...Two hundred twenty-eight requests for adult non-fiction books were filled by the State Library. The Bookmobile made three visits during the year and loaned our library 1,665 adult and juvenile books..."

**From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health:** "...There has not been a case of measles or german measles for a year reported to this Board and to the State..."

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Citizens of Plaistow, 1968**



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### EXCERPTS FROM 1958

**Cover:** A drawing of a sign describing Plaistow features- home, business and industrial sites; good school and churches; community services; on main rail line; friendly and progressive.

**Article 4.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 to widen the approaches and Bridge on Westville Road over Pollard Brook. This sum to be supplemented by State Bridge Aid..."

**Article 11.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums as herein listed to be expended by the War Memorial Committee for development of the War Veterans' Memorial Recreational Area: (A) spread, roll and seed loam which is on hand. This will cover about one third of play area three inches thick, \$500.00; (B) excavation of embankment of small pond designated as "Ice skating rink", \$300.00; (C) Fill and complete grade of Northeast corner, \$200.00; (D) Purchase, spread, roll and seed approximately 1,030 cubic yards of loam on balance of playing field area, \$3,000.00; for a Total of \$4,000.00..."

**Article 12.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425.00 to resurface Banquet Hall floor in Town Hall..."

**Article 13.** "...To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to resurface the Library floor in Town Hall..."

**Article 17.** "...To see if the Town will vote to consolidate the office of Tax Collector and Town Clerk into one office and pay a salary of \$4000.00 annually for such services. Also, to provide suitable facilities, - in the Town Hall for such office. This action to take effect with Town election, March 1960..." (DEFEATED)

**Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1958 =** \$ 15,386.84

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$4,454,286.50
<b>Less: Soldiers' Exemptions</b>	\$ 235,725.00
<b>Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed</b>	\$4,218,561.50

**Some other expenditures:** "...Fire Dept Pay Night Supper cost was \$35; 1 Pair Cast Iron Cannon Wheels cost of \$300.00 paid to Treasurer of the US & Transportation from Lorton, Va. \$38.87..."

**Statement of Debt:** "...Payment of Temporary Loans \$105,000.00, Interest Temp Loans \$413.61..."

**From the Report of the Board of Selectmen:** "...An ordinance was enacted in 1958 to prohibit parking on Rte. 125 and on East Road in the Westville District. This action was taken in the interest of safety..."



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**From the Report of the Librarian:** "...The Library is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 P.M. Bus pupils of the Pollard School come on these days beginning at 1:30 P.M... Six visits were made during the year by the Bookmobile which greatly augmented our supply of books... A new set of Americana Encyclopedias and two book trucks were purchased... The floor of the reception entrance of the library was covered with linoleum, and it is hoped that the remainder of the library may be done in the near future..."

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** "...Sixty alarms have been answered during the year-classified as follows: 7 automobile fires, 5 chimney fires, 3 buildings, 3 oil burners, 1 woods fire, 5 calls out of town, 9 calls to the dump, 10 emergency and accident calls, the remainder being grass and brush fires..."

"...The new fire station was officially dedicated March 2, 1958, with Open House. Over five hundred citizens and guests inspected the building. The Town was represented by Mr. William C. Bramley and Mr. Charles Goodwin of the board of selectmen. There were also present descendents of the donors of the first piece of fire apparatus in Plaistow – the old hand tub..."

**From the Report of the Board of Health:** "...It has been the duty of your Board of Health to report to the State Board of Health the following number of contagious diseases; Dog Bite 3; Chicken Pox 28; Measles 30; German Measles 21; Mumps 26; Whooping Cough 3; Scarlet Fever 2; Tuberculosis 1; Premature Birth 1..."

**From the Report of the Tree Warden:** "...The first spraying for Elm Beetle started about the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Ten days later we sprayed the Elm and Maples. As our appropriation was reduced to \$500.00 last town meeting, our care of trees was limited to taking care of the most dangerous dead trees overhanging the highways, there being very little trimming of dead wood from the good shade trees. We are losing so many of our good shade trees in town, I think it would be well if we could replace them with young Maples..."

**From the Report of the War Memorial Committee:** "...During 1958 the 4 ½ acre recreational site at the rear of the Pollard School was almost completely transformed into a clear and level area. Clearing began in 1957 by Veterans and local woodsmen, was completed, including the picnic grove and tennis court site. Disposal of the brush was accomplished mostly by Fire Department personnel and committee members. Logs were hauled away and lumber returned, by Lyman Hill and Bill Kershaw, at no cost to the town, other than the expense of tractor work in snaking out and loading logs. About 7,000 board feet of square edged lumber is now stacked at the West edge of the football field and will eventually be used in constructing the "Field House"..."

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Citizens of Plaistow, 1958***



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### REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

As Plaistow's new Town Manager, I have found the first few months of my time in Plaistow to be both challenging and exhilarating. The numerous opportunities to work with people who genuinely care about Plaistow and its future have given my time here an extraordinary sense that Plaistow is truly a community on the move.

Having wrapped up the 2008 budget, prepared the 2009 budget and dealt with the enormity of the historic 2008 ice storm, I cannot quantify the satisfaction that is derived from the hard working staff and citizens serving Plaistow. These individuals, both inside Town Hall and within the larger community, share a deep rooted commitment and zeal for solving the problems facing the Town and translating the rhetoric into action and progress.

I am also extremely pleased to join with our elected and appointed officials of Plaistow's Town Government to celebrate the success made in 2008 and press forward for even greater achievements for 2009. Together, elected officials, volunteers and Town employees have been working hard to ensure that the Town of Plaistow continues to honor the extraordinary legacies of the past and its highest and brightest hopes for its future.

### MUNICIPAL FINANCES

Clearly, our greatest challenge in 2008 was the declining economy. As our nation continued to deal with the impacts of our nation's recession, communities across the country were eliminating services, and cutting budgets. Plaistow was not isolated from economic hardship. We've seen national retail chains and small businesses close their doors. Others are struggling to make ends meet. Friends and neighbors are losing their jobs. Yet, amidst these concerns, Plaistow fared better than most.

Like so many communities in New Hampshire, in 2008 the Town of Plaistow was fiscally constrained. Plaistow's Town Government is fiscally sound, due in large part to the excellent planning and a conservative approach to budgeting. As a result, the Town stands poised to weather the current downturn in the economy. However, 2009 will again present many fiscal challenges as a result of the recession facing the State of New Hampshire and our Nation.

Unlike other municipalities during these difficult times, Plaistow ended the 2008 budget in the black with a balanced budget. Early in 2008, both the Board of Selectmen and Town staff recognized potential economic problems facing the Town. As a result, Department Heads and Town staff took the proactive steps of strengthening Plaistow's financial position by cutting the Town's operating expenses, delaying non-vital expenses and projects, and making sacrifices to help better manage through challenging times.

### LEGACIES OF THE PAST

- The land area that comprised present day Plaistow has been home to prehistoric settlers, nomadic hunters, and native American Tribes before pilgrims farmers from England
- Plaistow was founded by an act of King George II as a Town on February 28<sup>th</sup> 1749 (Population 70 families)
- Plaistow is one of only two (2) towns in New Hampshire that does not have a major pond or lake within its boundaries
- The first Town Hall was built in 1831 on the site of the present day Town Hall



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Another significant measure of Plaistow's solid financial health is the Town of Plaistow's approach to managing long-term debt. As Plaistow begins 2009, the Town will be among a very few number of municipalities in New Hampshire that does not have any long term debt. Looking toward the future, this will help ensure that the Town will be able to responsibly plan for long term capital needs, while minimizing the costly tax impacts to residents.

Plaistow should be extremely proud of the efforts that have helped to ensure that its Town Government has lived within the means of available resources. This approach to financial responsibility has helped the Town identify creative solutions to chronic problems. It will be this same style of management and leadership that will help the Town move important initiatives forward in 2009.

### **2008 ICE STORM**

As the Town continues its recovery from the most dangerous and disastrous ice storms ever experienced, I continue to be grateful that there were no serious injuries to Plaistow residents or staff. This storm severely impacted the entire region comprising of Northern Massachusetts and almost the entire State of New Hampshire.

It was tremendously heartening to see how many families and neighbors have helped each other and worked together to keep each other safe and warm during this emergency. As a community I was very proud of the reports of selflessness and assistance that many neighbors showed their fellow neighbors. I was also very proud of the work of the members of the Fire Department, Police Department, Dispatchers, Highways Department, and Town Hall Staff who stepped up and worked long hours helping to keep Plaistow safe.

While there is much to discuss regarding ways to prevent the widespread power outage from ever happening again, I would like everyone to know about the profound dedication to safety that was demonstrated by many of the Town's staff and citizens that helped our Plaistow through these difficult days. Many of the Town's staff worked long hours, walking through neighborhoods checking on residents, volunteering at shelters, and helping to pull Plaistow safely through a very challenging, dangerous event. Quite simply, there is no question in my mind that the greatest asset in Plaistow is its people, who every day, in neighborhoods across the Town, in public and private positions, worked throughout the event to help their neighbors and community remain safe.

#### **HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

- Let us work together to encourage and manage growth that will minimize environmental & community impacts
- Let us work together to help Plaistow promote cultural, recreational, and civic opportunities in Town
- Let us focus upon what unites us not on what divides the Town
- Let us work to preserve Plaistow's past as we build a bold vision for Plaistow's future
- Let us work together to ensure that the Town of Plaistow can continue to provide for the needs of the existing and future residents



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### LOOKING FORWARD

As Plaistow looks to 2009, there are many exciting initiatives that will keep Town staff busy. As a community and as Town employees, we will look to build on the successes of the past, while keeping mindful of all the hopes and expectations that have been outlined in Plaistow's Master Plan. Many of these goals and expectations center on a strategic plan to better coordinate proper land use, community preservation, recreation, housing, capital needs, transportation, civic, and community planning goals to ensure that we will be building a stronger, more responsive, more sustainable Plaistow for both current and future generations.

I want to thank Plaistow's Town Staff and involved citizens for their dedication to Plaistow's legacies of the past and hopes for the future. The significant accomplishments listed in this report represent their hard work and tremendous commitment to public service and the Town of Plaistow. When we all share the responsibilities and are willing to work together, Plaistow's boldest aspirations and greatest hopes for the future can help chart the way for a brighter, more extraordinary way to help make Plaistow an exceptional place to call home.

In closing, I hope that if you have any questions or concerns you will contact me at Town Hall at 603-382-5200 or email me at [sfitzgerald@plaistow.com](mailto:sfitzgerald@plaistow.com). I also would encourage you to stop by sometime to say hello and let me know your thoughts about how we can move Plaistow forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager



*2008 Ice Storm*



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### FEBRUARY 2, 2008, DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

The Deliberative Session was called to order at 10:02 AM by Barry Sargent. He spoke to having a green voter card in order to vote and that the non-voters will not be given a card and may not cast a vote.

Non-voters which will be speaking at the meeting would be Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor and Jack Soragnan, Garden Road Article. A voice vote was taken with everyone stating yes to allow them to speak.

A public presentation and thank you was given by Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk, to Mary Ellen Moulton for her work on, and her donation of 2 vital records books to the clerk's office and the Library. The book contains vital records information from the earliest days through 1900.

**ARTICLE P-08-02:** Article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Larry Gil and seconded by Janice Penta. Janice Penta, Chairperson for the Budget Committee, presented the budget and stated the budget was up by 1.48%.

Selectman John Sherman explained that the budget is actually only up by 1% because  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the increase is due to moving prior warrant articles to the operating budget. He further explained that the revenue from auto registrations is down by \$100,000.00 this past year and that the selectmen expected the trend to continue in 2008. He explained the selectmen's thoughts as to why and how it affects the total budget to the taxpayers. A vote was taken and Article P-08-02 will appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-03:** Article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Larry Gil and seconded by Kristin Lewis Savage. Selectman Larry Gil presented the article. A vote was taken and Article P-08-03 will appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-04:** Article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Larry Gil and seconded by John Sherman. Selectman Larry Gil presented the article and Dan Hooper asked if the town will look at a long term fix in the future. Selectman John Sherman answered yes.

Martha Sumner asked if we (the voters present in the room) could just move the monies into the budget. She felt that the issue is too important and the cost too small not to just go ahead and solve the problem. Selectman Larry Gil stated that the board wrestled with that concept but felt that since the voters had been asked to build a new highway garage for the past two years, they (the voters) should be given the chance to decide on this article.

Martha Sumner and Barbara Ryan presented an amendment to put the \$20,000.00 for this article into the operating budget along with making the dollar amount on the article to \$1.00. The Town Manager explained that by law they couldn't remove the article.

**AMENDMENT:** To increase the operating budget to \$7,105,927.00 along with decreasing P-08-04 to \$1.00. **Intent:** Statement add: \$20,000 has been moved into the operating budget in order to fund this article. Passing this article is required for the funding per RSA 32:10 I (E). Signed by M. Sumner and B. Ryan. A vote was taken to accept the amendment and was defeated. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-04 to appear on the ballot as written.



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**ARTICLE P-08-05:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by John Sherman and seconded by Dan Poliquin. The article was presented by John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-05 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-06:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by John Sherman and seconded by Dick Latham. The article was presented by John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-06 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-07:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Buzzy Blinn and seconded by Larry Gil. The article was presented by Buzzy Blinn. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-07 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-08:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by John Sherman and seconded by Janice Penta. The article was presented by Selectman John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-08 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-09:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by John Sherman, and seconded by Dan Poliquin. The article was presented by Selectman John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-09 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-10:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Dan Poliquin and seconded by John Sherman. The article was presented by Selectman Dan Poliquin. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-10 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-11:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Buzzy Blinn, and seconded by John Sherman. The article was presented by Selectman Buzzy Blinn. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-11 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-12:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Steve Savage, and seconded by John Sherman. The article was presented by Selectman John Sherman and Steve Savage (Police Chief). John Sherman explained that for every \$10,000.00 added by voting an article adds one cent to the tax rate. Chief Savage explained the unique position that Plaistow is in as a shopping community. He stated statistics of how many shoppers were reported to have come into the major stores along Route 125 this past year. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-12 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-13:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Larry Gil, and seconded by John Sherman. The article was presented by Selectman Larry Gil. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-13 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-14:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by Dan Hooper, and seconded by Ron Hayes. The article was presented by Selectman Dan Poliquin. A vote was taken to accept Article P-08-14 to appear on the ballot as written.

**ARTICLE P-08-15:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by John Sherman, and seconded by Martha Sumner. The article was presented by Town Clerk Maryellen Pelletier, she explained that she wanted to amend the article to better define her intentions. A few questions were asked pertaining to the fact that she is the only full time elected official and that it would only be the Town Clerk's position getting this benefit.



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**AMENDMENT:** To see if the Town will vote to pay dental insurance for the Town Clerk at the same rate as full time non-union 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 \$419.00 for the purpose? **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. A vote was taken to accept the amended article with a result of 36 yes votes and 0 no votes.

The Selectmen and Budget Committees each had a brief session and voted to change their recommendation and recommend the article. A vote was taken and Article P-08-15 will appear as amended on the ballot.

**ARTICLE P-08-16:** The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion was given by John Sherman, and seconded by Barbara Ryan. The article was presented by Barbara Ryan and the Police Chief stated that this is the same as Article P-08-12.

The Selectmen felt adding only 1 new full time police officer for 2008 was enough for the tax payers this year. The Police Chief was hoping for 2 new officers as the Town is under staffed by 4 full time officers. The voting body felt that it was confusing to see 2 identical articles; therefore Barbara Ryan submitted an amendment to add the word second to the intent as follows:

**AMENDMENT: Intent:** To add a second full time patrol ... etc.

A vote was taken to accept the amendment and was passed with no one voting against it. A vote was taken by the Selectmen with a decision of 3 no and 1 yes to not recommend the article. A vote was taken and **Article P-08-16** will appear as amended on the ballot.

**ARTICLE P-08-17:** The article was read by Norman Major (Assistant Town Moderator), motion was given by Dan Poliquin and seconded by Steven Savage. The article was presented by Dan Johnson. Dan explained that he was amending the article by re-writing it to state the legal boundary lines.

**AMENDMENT #1:** To see if the town will vote to **discontinue completely** pursuant to NH RSA 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 as Station 385+00.93, 65 feet right; thence Northerly along Route 125 to a concrete bound at Station 386+35, 65 feet 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 NH State Highway Route 125, Federal Project (F-FG-BRF-019-1(20) or State Project (10083), sheet 13; Ownership of this land to go to the abutters.

**Intent:** To discontinue completely that portion of Garden Road north of the curb cut located at the southeasterly entrance to Casey's Diner, north to the end of Garden Road. That portion of road to be discontinued completely would likely be used for private development purposes and the Town would receive compensation for giving up the use of this section of road as a public way.



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The amendment was signed by Daniel L Johnson. Discussion was held and the voting and governing body felt like the amendment still needed to have more clarification. Further discussion was held and it was decided to vote on the first amendment and then do additional amendments to the first one as needed. A vote was taken and the amendment was passed unanimously. Selectman John Sherman submitted a second amendment to add the words "onto Route 125" to the intent.

**AMENDMENT #2: Intent:** To discontinue completely that portion of Garden Road north of the curb cut onto Route 125 located ... etc. The amendment was signed by John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept the second amendment and passed unanimously.

A discussion was made by Robert Gray and Kristin Lewis Savage, both of the Budget Committee, to add language informing the residents that the Town will receive \$90,000.00 if this article passes.

**AMENDMENT #3:** (to add at the end of the last sentence of the article) ... Ownership of this land to go to the abutters, upon receipt of the payment of \$90,000.00 to the Town. And to also add the \$90,000.00 into the intent into the last sentence as follows... the Town would receive \$90,000.00 compensation for... Discussion followed this amendment and the Town Manager, Jason Hoch, spoke to the fact that the Town would not be getting this money until a few additional steps have also taken place. He read the agreement for the compensation to those in attendance.

A vote was taken and amendment #3 was defeated. Further discussion was held and Selectman John Sherman thought that it would be helpful to include a sketch of the area on the ballot. He submitted a fourth amendment.

**AMENDMENT #4:** I move that we amend Article P-08-17 to include a sketch of the involved area showing at least Route 125, Westville Road, and Garden Road and the area being discontinued. The amendment was signed by John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept Amendment #4 and passed unanimously.

More discussion followed and John Sherman readdressed the \$90,000.00 and submitted a fifth amendment into the intent to address the monies.

**AMENDMENT #5: Intent:** I move to amend the intent of Article P-08-17 to remove the section starting "and the Town would receive..." and replace it with a new sentence "The Town has agreed to \$90,000.00 compensation to be received at the time that the proposed development project is started". The amendment was signed by John Sherman. A vote was taken and amendment #5 was passed unanimously.

A final discussion was had and Selectman John Sherman suggested we remove the final sentence of the article completely.

**AMENDMENT #6:** I move that we amend P-08-17 to remove the sentence, "Ownership of this land to go to the abutters". The amendment was signed by John Sherman. A vote was taken to accept amendment #6 and passed unanimously. A final vote was taken and Article P-08-17 will appear on the ballot with Amendments 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. The Selectmen voted to now recommend the article with a unanimous yes vote.



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**ARTICLE P-08-18:** The article was read by Norman Major, motion was made by John Sherman, and seconded by Larry Gil. The article was presented by Dan Johnson. A discussion was had and those in attendance agreed that the article was difficult to understand. Budget Committee member, Kristin Lewis-Savage, presented an amendment to reconfigure and clarify the article, add an intent and a sketch to further explain it.

**AMENDMENT:** To see if the town will vote to discontinue completely, pursuant to NH 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. A sketch will be added to this article to illustrate the roads that were discontinued including orientation to Route 108. The amendment was signed by Kristin Lewis Savage. A vote was taken and the amendment was accepted unanimously. A vote was taken and Article P-08-19 will appear on the ballot as amended. The Selectmen also took a vote to recommend this article.

**ARTICLE P-08-19:** The article was read by Norman Major, motion was made by Larry Gil and seconded by John Sherman. The article was presented by Dan Johnson.

Kristin Lewis Savage stated that this article like #18 was confusing and submitted an amendment to clarify the article and add an intent and sketch.

**AMENDMENT:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely pursuant to NH RSA 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 of this issue at a previous town meeting. A sketch will be added to this article to illustrate the roads that were discontinued including orientation to route 108. The amendment is signed by Kristin Lewis Savage. A vote was taken to accept the amendment and passed. A vote was taken and Article P-08-19 will appear on the ballot as amended.

The Selectmen took a vote and voted yes to recommend this article.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



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### MARCH 11, 2008, TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Election Day was sunny but cold with temperatures reaching only into the low 30s. Voter turn out was low, only 16%, in spite of the good weather.

Moderator Barry Sargent and Deputy Moderator Norman Major both wore Civil War Blue and Gray Hats to promote awareness of the 100 year celebration of our Civil War Monument. On September 13, 2008, there was a celebration and opening of the time capsule, which is inside of the monument.

Barry Sargent opened the polls at 8:00 AM after leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, swearing in the poll workers, and having the first voter in line check that the ballot boxes were empty and that the tapes read 0 for all races.

There were 6 new voters registered on Election Day bringing the totals as follows:

Undeclared =	2,777
Democratic =	1,438
Republican =	1,796
<u>Total</u>	<u>= 6,011</u>

There were 913 ballots cast including 24 absentee ballots.

Results are listed below. There were 2 races in which no one ran on the ballot and write in candidates were chosen, Conflict of Interest (3 yr) and Auditor. The results for Auditor were Richard Latham for 1<sup>st</sup> slot and tied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> slot were Darlene Hicks and Matthew Sadewicz. Richard Latham declined the position, Darlene Hicks is not a registered voter and Matthew Sadewicz accepted the position.

The Conflict of Interest position also had 2 tied write-ins, Michelle Curran and Daniel Bush. Both people are not eligible to serve on the committee due to the by-laws set up by the Conflict of Interest Committee.

### 2008 WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

Article	Description	Result	Article	Description	Result
P-08-01	Elected Officers		P-08-22	Driveways	Passed
P-08-02	Operating Budget	Passed	P-08-23	Repair Facility	Passed
P-08-03	Highway Equip. Fund	Passed	P-08-24	Establish Districts	Passed
P-08-04	Highway Garage Trailer	Passed	P-08-25	Vehicular Brokerage	Passed
P-08-05	Fire Equip. Reserve	Passed	P-08-26	Vehicular Brokerage	Passed
P-08-06	Water Capital Reserve	Passed	P-08-27	Signs	Passed
P-08-07	Conservation Fund	Passed	P-08-28	Temporary Signs	Passed
P-08-08	Town Clerk Salary	Passed	P-08-29	Temporary Signs	Passed
P-08-09	Tax Collector Salary	Passed	P-08-30	Temporary Signs	Passed
P-08-10	Water Tower Study	Passed	P-08-31	Residential Garages	Passed
P-08-11	Meals on Wheels	Passed	P-08-32	Restaurant Definition	Passed
P-08-12	Police Officer Position	Passed	P-08-33	Restaurant Definitions	Passed
P-08-13	Conservation Fund	Passed	P-08-34	Produce Stand	Passed
P-08-14	Listing of Votes	Passed	P-08-35	Exceptions /Animals	Passed
P-08-15	Town Clerk Dental Ins.	Passed	P-08-36	Uses for Districts	Passed
P-08-16	Police Officer Position	Failed	P-08-37	Day Care Use	Passed
P-08-17	Discontinue Garden Rd	Passed	P-08-38	Remove Some Uses	Passed
P-08-18	Discontinue Old Rt. 108	Passed	P-08-39	Private Recreation Use	Passed
P-08-19	Brandy Brow Road	Passed	P-08-40	Remove uses -ICR Zone	Passed
P-08-20	Wetlands Septic	Passed	P-08-41	Amend ICR uses	Passed
P-08-21	Wetlands Septic	Passed	P-08-42	Eliminate Dup. Fee Info	Passed



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### REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>Balance Forward January 1, 2008</b>			<b>\$7,159,985.02</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b><u>Town Clerk</u></b>			
W/H State of NH Vital Records			\$6,883.00
Interware Liability W/H = E-Reg			\$1,116.10
Dogs W/H State of NH			\$2,723.00
UCC Fees			\$2,340.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations			\$1,247,255.06
E-Reg Mail In Fees			\$640.00
Mail In Fees			\$7,941.00
Miscellaneous			\$443.40
Dog License			\$6,219.50
Dog Fine Postage			\$255.00
Dog Pickup Fines			\$2,560.00
Marriage Licenses			\$315.00
Certified Copies			\$2,891.00
Returned Check Charges			\$475.00
Municipal Agent Program			\$24,128.00
Voter Check List			\$54.00
Dredge & Fill Permits			\$20.00
Boat Registrations			\$6,367.69
Recordings			\$0.00
Filing Fees			\$4.00
Voter Registration Cards			\$0.00
Town Title Fees			\$3,702.00
Pole Licenses			\$0.00
Recount Fees			\$0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>\$1,316,337.75</b>
Prior Year Returned Check Paid			\$52.50
Returned Checks 2008	\$3,364.20		
Returned Checks 2008			\$2,876.20
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,315,902.25</b>
<b><u>Tax Warrant Copies</u></b>		\$525.55	
	\$54.00		<b>\$471.55</b>
<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>			<b>\$8,168.75</b>
<b><u>ZBA</u></b>			<b>\$5,820.39</b>
<b><u>Health Department</u></b>			<b>\$9,725.00</b>
<b><u>Highway Miscellaneous</u></b>			<b>\$313.00</b>
<b><u>Witness Fees</u></b>			<b>\$2,783.63</b>



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<b><u>Recruiting Police Test Fees</u></b>			<b>\$440.00</b>
<b><u>Court Ordered Reimbursement</u></b>			<b>\$128.21</b>
<b><u>Fire Department</u></b>			
Ambulance		\$11,229.40	
Insurance Reports		\$190.00	
General Revenue		\$390.00	
Court Ordered Reimbursements		\$421.56	
Outside Detail		\$360.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$12,590.96</b>
<b><u>Recreation</u></b>			
Summer Recreation Registrations		\$35,028.00	
Summer Recreation Trips		\$7,022.50	
Baseball/Softball Registrations		\$9,375.00	
Community Trips		\$3,770.00	
Senior Trips		\$6,790.00	
Returned Checks			
Returned Checks Paid	\$481.00		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$61,504.50</b>
<b><u>Tax Collector</u></b>			
Liens		\$440,074.44	
Previous Year Taxes		\$899,780.91	
2008 Taxes		\$18,471,115.13	
2009 Taxes		\$4,796.07	
Property Tax Interest		\$36,597.73	
Redemptions		\$331,073.63	
Redemptions/Interest/Costs		\$23,991.25	
Mortgage Notice Costs		\$4,105.25	
Returned Checks	\$32,210.00		
Returned Checks Paid		\$29,775.00	
Returned Checks Fees		\$50.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$20,209,149.41</b>
<b><u>Building &amp; Code Enforcement Office</u></b>			
Inspections		\$80,122.50	
Returned Checks	\$225.00		
Returned Checks Paid		\$225.00	
Prior Year Returned Checks Paid		\$50.00	
Returned Checks Fees		\$100.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$80,272.50</b>
<b><u>Police Department</u></b>			
Gun Permits		\$620.00	
Licenses to Sell Pistols		\$75.00	
Hawkers & Peddlers Licenses		\$60.00	
Pawn & Second Hand Dealers		\$2,250.00	



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Finger Printing	\$118.00	
Parking Violations	\$8,199.00	
False Alarms	\$2,575.00	
Insurance Requests Report	\$5,885.00	
Returned Check	\$25.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,757.00</b>
<b><u>Federal Government</u></b>		
O.J.P. Grant	\$4,991.48	
Witness Advocate	\$30,053.08	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$35,044.56</b>
<b><u>State of New Hampshire</u></b>		
Shared Revenue	\$75,483.00	
Rooms & Meals Taxes	\$342,665.55	
Highway Block Grant	\$130,654.35	
Witness Fees	\$1,028.84	
District Court Rent	\$41,173.19	
NH Fuel Tax	\$718.02	
Railroad Tax	\$414.41	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$592,137.36</b>
<b><u>Other Government</u></b>		
Police Dispatch	\$34,729.00	
Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$3,065.74	
School Resource Officer	\$40,611.40	
School Crossing Guard	\$11,310.13	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$89,716.27</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Sources</u></b>		
Cable Franchise Fee	\$96,080.56	
Cemetery Lot Sales	\$5,550.00	
Cemetery Interments	\$1,625.00	
Veteran Markers	\$200.00	
Leased Land	\$110,066.67	
Court Fines - Town Portion	\$4,994.00	
Court Ordered Restitution	\$1,265.65	
Group Health Insurance		
Reimbursement	\$39,636.79	
Miscellaneous	\$16.00	
Copy Machine Income	\$230.50	
Assessor Copies	\$279.21	
Pentucket Plaza Police Agreement	\$49,991.42	
Plaistow Memorabilia	\$122.35	
LDUF DLC	\$29,228.89	
Museum Lease	\$1.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$339,288.04</b>



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### Reimbursements

Executive Miscellaneous		\$375.15
Pass Thru Perp. Care		\$9,850.00
Human Services Med.		\$12.78
ICC Shirts		\$52.00
T.D. Banknorth - M. Nelson		\$80,000.00
LGC Health Trust		\$978.70
Amerigas		\$60.00
Welfare - Heat		\$574.90
Medicare - Refund		\$109.67
Postage - Reimbursement		\$11.20
Outside Detail - WA P29		\$20,039.50
Outside Detail - WA P29		\$102,653.00
Radio Donation - P.D.		\$1,600.00
Town Hall Renovation		\$75,459.16
Grant - P.D. Vest		\$262.50
Refund Stage Curtain		\$20,495.44
Refund N.H. Retirement Sys.		\$164.09
Office Equip. Rebate		\$40.00
Town Hall Renovation		\$59.00
Bldg. Inspection Training		\$25.00
Human Services Med.	\$66.58	\$0.00
FICA Refund		\$407.56
Reimbursement Office Supp.		\$10.00
Primex		\$70.00
Police Assn. - K9 Atk. Dare		\$2,549.08
Field Maintenance		\$2,690.80
RSA Pass Thru		\$1,815.97
D.O.J. Vest		\$525.00
Fire Dept. WA P29		\$1,832.00
N.H. Ret. Reimbursement		\$44.10
Waste Mgmt. Flyers Exp.		\$600.00
Plaistow Fish & Game O.H.D		\$155.00
Subpoena Brown Hill Estates		\$56.84
Plaistow Firemen's Assn.		\$75.00
Pagers - Rebate		\$450.00
Hazardous Waste Day		\$11,805.71
Ref. Sr. Cit. Duck Tour		\$39.67
Closing C.B. Acct. by T.T.F.		\$115,966.70
Peg Cable Access		\$85,538.00
Internet Exp.		\$839.58
LGC Health 2007 Year End		\$51.21
Plaistow Library FICA		\$1,023.99



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Plaistow Library Medicare	\$239.48	
Plaistow Library Janitorial FT	\$5,632.57	
Plaistow Library Janitorial PT	\$12,512.00	
Unitil Street Lights	\$86.41	
Repurchase Cemetery Lots	\$400.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$558,238.76</b>
<b><u>Interest</u></b>		
MBIA	\$7,163.37	
TD Banknorth	\$48,348.15	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$55,511.52</b>
<b><u>Tax Anticipation Note</u></b>		
<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>		
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		
Library	\$438,365.00	
County	\$925,737.00	
Timberlane School District	\$13,502,741.00	
Town	\$7,278,967.56	
Property Lien	\$440,074.44	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$22,585,885.00</b>
 <b><i>Balance December 31, 2008</i></b>		
TD Banknorth	\$10,672,511.49	
MBIA	\$298,552.19	
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,971,063.68</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bernadine A. FitzGerald, Treasurer*



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### REPORT OF THE IMPACT FEES AND FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER

Title	Balance 12/31/2007	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/2008
<b>Impact Fees</b>					
Public Safety	\$50,649.46	\$2,198.00	\$95.92	\$38,832.93	\$14,110.45
Recreation	\$6,398.06	\$939.08	\$15.16	\$3,324.00	\$4,028.30
Route 125	\$117,916.15	-0-	\$291.34	\$6,707.90	\$111,499.59
School	\$7,911.45	\$2,916.00	\$22.02	-0-	\$10,849.47
Waterline	\$52,828.59	-0-	\$105.02	\$21,200.00	\$31,733.61
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$235,703.71</b>	<b>\$6,053.08</b>	<b>\$529.46</b>	<b>\$70,064.83</b>	<b>\$172,221.42</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>					
Cannon & Statue	\$4,041.57	\$5,343.00	\$8.11	\$7,754.33	\$1,638.35
Conservation	\$44,377.15	\$5,091.00	\$115.66	-0-	\$49,583.81
Current Use	\$63,279.17	\$5,255.00	\$163.31	-0-	\$68,697.48
Forest	\$33,781.44	-0-	\$83.99	\$279.66	\$33,585.77
Access Mgmt.	\$15,564.05	-0-	\$26.98	\$6,500.00	\$9,091.03
Accident Reconstruction	\$4,692.47	\$975.00	\$11.75	\$975.00	\$4,704.22
Fire Com. Vehicle	\$1,291.07	-0-	\$2.70	\$447.19	\$846.58
PARC	\$19,041.48	-0-	\$16.01	\$19,057.49	-0-
Recreation Revolving	\$10,245.95	\$16,812.00	\$40.18	\$14,182.88	\$12,915.25
Water Suppression Line	\$4,072.15	\$89,745.57	\$172.42	-0-	\$93,990.14
World War II Monument	\$85.10	-0-	\$.21	-0-	\$85.31
Westville Rd. Mitigation	-0-	\$15,000	\$2.67	-0-	\$15,002.67
Special Detail	\$3,012.01	\$124,624.50	\$51.11	\$124,999.50	\$2,685.12
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$203,483.61</b>	<b>\$262,846.07</b>	<b>\$695.10</b>	<b>\$174,196.05</b>	<b>\$292,825.73</b>

### Bonded Debt Statement

*This is all Plaistow's outstanding debt:*

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.



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### DEFINITION OF IMPACT FEES AND 2008 FEE SCHEDULE

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 must be returned to the developer.

#### **1. School District Impact Fees**

<u>Units in Structure/Building Type</u>	<u>Fee Assessment</u> <u>Per Unit</u>
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**

<u>Units in Building Type</u>	<u>Fee Assessment</u> <u>Per Unit/Bedroom</u>
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**

<u>Type of Land Use</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Residential	\$1,478.00	Per Residential Unit
Industrial or Commercial	\$1.01	Per Square Foot

#### **4. New Road Impact Fees**

\$5.00 Per Linear Foot of Additional Public Road

#### **5. Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fees**

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

#### **6. Route 125 Impact Fee**

This was repealed at the 2006 March Town Meeting



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### TAX RATE CALCULATION 2008

#### TOWN PORTION

Gross Appropriations	7,445,044
Less Revenues	2,819,640
Less Shared Revenues	9,276
Add Overlay	61,954
War Service Credits	89,200

<i>Approved Town Tax Effort</i>	4,767,282	<i>Town Rate:</i> 5.10
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#### SCHOOL PORTION

Regional School Appropriation	16,061,052
Less Adequate Education Grant	(1,862,214)
Less State Education Taxes	(2,222,115)

<i>Approved School Tax Effort</i>	11,976,723	<i>Local School Rate:</i> 12.79
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#### STATE EDUCATION TAXES

State-wide Education Tax Rate	2.14
Equalized Valuation	1,038,371,607

Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	912,841,227	
<i>State Education Tax For Plaistow</i>	2,222,115	<i>State School Rate:</i> 2.43

#### COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	925,737
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)

<i>Approved County Tax Effort:</i>	916,461	<i>County Rate:</i> 0.98
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	19,882,581
Less War Service Credits	(89,200)

<i>Total Property Tax Commitment:</i>	19,793,381	<i>Total Rate:</i> 21.30
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#### PROOF OF RATE

<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
State Education Tax (no utilities)	912,841,227	2.43	2,222,115
All other Taxes	936,108,957	18.87	17,660,466
			19,882,581



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### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<u>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:</u>			
Property Taxes		1,295,199	7,219
 <u>Taxes Committed This Year:</u>			
Property Taxes	19,795,609		
Yield Taxes			
 <u>Overpayment:</u>			
Property Taxes	12,399	9,385	1,081
Collect Interest - Late Taxes	11,948	52,527	1,072
Penalties - Returned Check	50		
<b><u>TOTAL DEBITS:</u></b>	<b>19,820,006</b>	<b>1,357,111</b>	<b>9,372</b>

<u>CREDITS:</u>			
* Property Taxes	18,472,863	864,424	8,300
* Yield Taxes	0	0	0
* Interest	11,948	52,527	1,072
* Penalties - Return Check	50		
* Conversion to Lien		440,110	
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer			
<u>Abatements Made:</u>	4,694		
Property Taxes		50	
 <u>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</u>			
Property Taxes	1,330,451		
	0	0	0
Yield Taxes		0	0
<b><u>TOTAL CREDITS:</u></b>	<b>19,820,006</b>	<b>1,357,111</b>	<b>9,372</b>

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<u>DEBITS:</u>			
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning Year	440,110	91,184	38,609
Liens Executed During Year	10,587		
Interest & Costs Collected	2,070	10,557	2,846
Mortgage Notice Costs	2,032	630	90
Overpayment			
<b><u>TOTAL DEBITS:</u></b>	<b>454,799</b>	<b>102,371</b>	<b>41,545</b>



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	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b><u>CREDITS:</u></b>			
* Redemptions	269,987	53,049	8,038
* Interest & Cost Collected	10,587	10,557	2,846
* Mortgage Notice Costs	2,070	630	90
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer			
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes			
Unredeemed Liens Balance	172,155	38,135	30,571
<b><u>TOTAL CREDITS:</u></b>	<b>454,799</b>	<b>102,371</b>	<b>41,545</b>

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

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u>	<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER</u>
Property Taxes	19,785,698
Yield Tax	0
Interest	62,845
Land Use Change	0
Redemptions	331,074
Interest & Costs Collected	23,990
Penalty & Mortgage Notice Costs	5,541
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b>20,209,148</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rosemarie L. Bayek, Tax Collector*



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### CURRENT USE DESCRIPTION

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.

New Hampshire's Current Use Law (NH 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.

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 NH RSA 36-A allows, such as resource inventories, management of Town lands, etc. The 36-A Fund requires approval of both the Conservation Commission's and the Board of Selectmen's approval for withdrawal of these funds. This fund has approximately \$49,583.81 as of December 31, 2008.

Land Section	2007	2008	Difference	% Change
Current Use Lands	83,737	83,745	8	0%
Conservation Lands	2,570	2,570	0	0%
Residential Lands	296,259,690	278,342,000	-17,917,690	-6%
Commercial Lands	105,946,240	105,847,930	-98,310	0%
<b>Total Lands</b>	<b>402,292,237</b>	<b>384,276,245</b>	<b>-18,015,992</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Building Section</b>				
Residential Buildings	437,357,900	389,425,290	-47,932,610	-11%
Manufactured Housing	370,300	374,500	4,200	1%
Commercial Buildings	144,607,550	152,533,910	7,926,360	5%
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>582,335,750</b>	<b>542,333,700</b>	<b>-40,002,050</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Public Utilities Section</b>				
Public Utilities	23,114,300	23,267,730	153,430	1%
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>	<b>984,627,987</b>	<b>949,877,675</b>	<b>-57,864,612</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Less Elderly Exemptions	-10,688,000	-11,009,950	-321,950	3%
Less Blind & Disabled Exemptions	-2,460,000	-2,760,000	-300,000	12%
<b>Gross Valuation</b>	<b>971,479,987</b>	<b>936,107,725</b>	<b>-35,372,262</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Net Valuation</b>	<b>994,755,612</b>	<b>936,108,957</b>	<b>-58,646,655</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>



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### 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 Rear L	185,210.00	0.00	185,210.00
6-8	Formerly JA Noyes Land	62,190.00	0.00	62,190.00
7-1	Atkinson Line	440,000.00	0.00	440,000.00
7-4	Frog Pond Woods	293,740.00	0.00	293,740.00
7-5	Frog Pond Woods	106,500.00	0.00	106,500.00
8-22	Main Street	59,200.00	0.00	59,200.00
8-23	Main Street Rear Kelley B	75,060.00	0.00	75,060.00
9-11	Old Stage Coach Road	57,210.00	0.00	57,210.00
11-7	Near B&M Railroad	9,070.00	0.00	9,070.00
14-35	East Road Rear	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
15-8	Atkinson Town Line	250.00	0.00	250.00
16-1	45 Greenough Road	106,140.00	0.00	106,140.00
17-6	Frog Pond Woods	176,550.00	0.00	176,550.00
17-7	Frog Pond Woods	33,550.00	0.00	33,550.00
17-29	16 Culver Street	133,380.00	0.00	133,380.00
17-30	15 Lower Road	140,400.00	0.00	140,400.00
17-31	13 Lower Road	139,680.00	0.00	139,680.00
17-32	11 Lower Road	151,200.00	0.00	151,200.00
18-2	Frog Pond Woods	74,400.00	0.00	74,400.00
18-3	Frog Pond Woods	90,900.00	0.00	90,900.00
18-4	Frog Pond Woods	31,800.00	0.00	31,800.00
18-14	Main Street Rear Land	145,350.00	0.00	145,350.00
18-15	14 Culver Street	14,720.00	0.00	14,720.00
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	57,000.00	0.00	57,000.00
20-38	Mt. Misery	289,420.00	0.00	289,420.00
21-7	307 Main Street	433,080.00	0.00	433,080.00
21-8	Mt. Misery Rear	23,600.00	0.00	23,600.00
21-9	Mt. Misery	110,700.00	0.00	110,700.00
21-10	Mt. Misery	138,420.00	0.00	138,420.00
21-11	Main Street Rear	29,500.00	0.00	29,500.00
21-12	Main Street Rear	40,500.00	0.00	40,500.00
21-13	Main Street Rear	43,800.00	0.00	43,800.00
21-14	Main Street Rear	17,070.00	0.00	17,070.00
21-17	Main Street Rear	147,330.00	0.00	147,330.00
22-5	Main Street Rear	33,720.00	0.00	33,720.00
22-7	Mt. Misery Center	17,720.00	0.00	17,720.00
22-8	Mt. Misery Center	78,400.00	0.00	78,400.00
22-9	Mt. Misery Center	45,600.00	0.00	45,600.00
22-10	Kingston Line	11,020.00	0.00	11,020.00
22-11	Mt. Misery Ledge	85,820.00	0.00	85,820.00
22-12	Rear Land	22,460.00	0.00	22,460.00



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<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
22-14	Main Street Rear	25,890.00	0.00	25,890.00
25-15	35 West Pine Street	157,930.00	0.00	157,930.00
25-38	Plaistow Road Rear	35,940.00	0.00	35,940.00
26-2	Route 125 Y Road	0.00	0.00	0.00
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 Street	14,280.00	0.00	14,280.00
31-68	169 Plaistow Road	471,770.00	0.00	471,770.00
32-25	N/S Old County Road	136,820.00	0.00	136,820.00
32-28	51 Old County Road	433,740.00	75,800.00	509,540.00
32-32	Town Landfill	630,230.00	65,500.00	695,730.00
33-2	Kelley Road	55,400.00	0.00	55,400.00
37-36	2A Woodland Drive	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
37-51	North Ave Rear	2,630.00	0.00	2,630.00
38-20	7 Massassoit Boulevard	109,670.00	0.00	109,670.00
39-47	4 Bittersweet Drive	107,080.00	0.00	107,080.00
39-50-21-3	87 Main Street	303,160.00	2,276,700.00	2,579,860.00
40-1	7 Whiton Place	2,880.00	0.00	2,880.00
40-7	26 A Westville Road	20,270.00	0.00	20,270.00
40-34	120 Main St./ Pollard Sch	1,354,370.00	5,400,000.00	6,754,370.00
40-60	Davis Park Rear	261,560.00	7,500.00	269,060.00
40-67	127 Main Street	119,780.00	162,900.00	282,680.00
41-11	144 Main Street	557,010.00	15,000.00	572,010.00
41-63	145 Main Street	244,350.00	812,700.00	1,057,050.00
41-67	14 Elm Street	217,070.00	296,700.00	513,770.00
41-77	27 Elm Street	421,740.00	2,336,400.00	2,758,140.00
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	134,510.00	18,400.00	152,910.00
43-12	Plaistow Road Rear	77,900.00	0.00	77,900.00
44-52	Old County Road Rear	25,010.00	0.00	25,010.00
44-61	Plaistow Road	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
45-8	215 Plaistow Road – St of	147,000.00	0.00	147,000.00
48-26	Autumn Circle	31,030.00	0.00	31,030.00
49-35	17 Canterbury Forest	53,720.00	0.00	53,720.00
50-70	10 Harriman Road	88,440.00	0.00	88,440.00
53-27	Town Road	67,550.00	0.00	67,550.00
59-8	Autumn Circle Rear	4,950.00	0.00	4,950.00
60-28	Timberlane Road Rear	73,160.00	0.00	73,160.00
62-18	41 Sweet Hill Road	42,710.00	0.00	42,710.00
66-24	23 Newton Road	27,340.00	0.00	27,340.00
69-21	3A Dundee Drive	3,570.00	0.00	3,570.00
69-51	Newton Rear	55,080.00	0.00	55,080.00
69-54	Newton Road Rear	28,030.00	0.00	28,030.00
73-3	Off Newton Road	13,850.00	0.00	13,850.00
99-20	Utility	0.00	6,900.00	6,900.00
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS:</b>		<b>14,168,740.00</b>	<b>11,554,200.00</b>	<b>25,722,940.00</b>



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2008 REVENUES

W/H State of NH Vital Records	6,883.00
Interware Liability W/H = E-Reg	1,116.10
Dogs W/H State of NH	2,728.00
UCC Fees	2,340.00
Autos (10,196)	1,247,255.06
E-Reg Fee (640)	640.00
Mail In Registration Fee	7,941.00
Miscellaneous (Voter List, Postage, & State Rep Fees)	443.40
Dog Licenses (1,111)	6,219.50
Dog Fine Postage	255.00
Dog Pickup Fines	2,560.00
Marriage Licenses (45)	315.00
Certified Copies (875)	2,891.00
Returned Check Charges	475.00
Municipal Agent Program	24,128.00
Voter Check List	54.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	20.00
Boat Registration (434)	6,367.19
Recordings	-----
Filing Fees	4.00
Voter Registration Cards	-----
Title Fees	3,702.00
Pole Licenses	-----
Recount Fees	-----
Subtotal	1,316,337.25
Prior Year Returned Checks Collected	52.50
<u>Outstanding Checks 2008</u>	<u>(513.00)</u>
<b>Subtotal Remitted to Treasurer:</b>	<b>\$1,315,876.75</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The year 2008 brought an end to an era. Helen Hart chose to end her years of public service to the Town of Plaistow. Helen has served the Town in several different capacities. Her most recent position was as a Trustee of the Trust Funds and she held this position since 1994. Helen's experience and knowledge will be missed and the Trustees wish to thank Helen for all her years of dedicated service.

Patricia Macomber was elected in March of 2008 to fill Helen's seat and is a welcomed addition. Patricia comes to us with extensive experience, which is proving to be a valuable asset to the Board.

Due to the decline in the global investment market, the Town's Trust Funds investments have suffered the same difficulty that the rest of the nation has. State law governs the type of investments the Trustees are allowed and therefore the principal of each account is secure. We are still accruing interest even though the rates continue to be unsteady and at an unprecedented low. During the year the Trustee's decided to return all the accounts to one investment manager showing the best rate until the market stabilizes. The accounts are all now invested and managed by New Hampshire Public Pool (NH PDIP). The Trustees currently oversees thirteen (13) accounts with a total balance of \$890,634.37.

As always the Trustee 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.

### FINANCIALS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b>MBIA – NH Public Investment Pool</b>					
Plaistow Cemetery	\$103,914.13	\$8,750.00	\$3,465.74	\$1,267.15	\$110,465.54
North Parish Cemetery	\$5,737.94	\$0.00	\$213.04	\$72.22	\$5,597.12
<b>Cemetery Totals</b>	<b>\$109,652.07</b>	<b>\$8,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,678.78</b>	<b>\$1,339.37</b>	<b>\$116,062.66</b>
<b>Other Accounts</b>					
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$200,861.07	\$80,000.00	\$269.00	\$5,516.30	\$286,108.37
Recreation Commission	\$1,349.54	\$0.00	\$1,365.00	\$19.68	\$4.22
P.E.G. Cable Access	\$127,150.25	\$0.00	\$85,538.00	\$3,013.73	\$44,625.98
Recreation Field	\$1,307.45	\$0.00	\$1,325.80	\$18.35	\$0.00
Internet Expendable	\$14,036.22	\$0.00	\$ 839.58	\$343.96	\$13,540.60
Fire Suppression Capital Reserve	\$41,034.67	\$148,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,085.78	\$191,370.45
Town Hall Expendable	\$101,824.10	\$0.00	\$88,761.18	\$1,973.71	\$15,036.63
Accrued Leave Expendable	\$12,200.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.97	\$12,500.49
Outside Detail Expendable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highway Capital Reserve	\$124,351.96	\$62,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,511.25	\$190,363.21
Third Floor Renovations	\$6,375.93	\$0.00	\$6,505.92	\$129.99	\$0.00
Buildings Capital Reserve	\$20,517.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$504.46	\$21,021.76
<b>NHPDIP Total</b>	<b>\$651,009.01</b>	<b>\$290,750.00</b>	<b>\$184,604.48</b>	<b>\$17,417.18</b>	<b>\$774,571.71</b>
<b>Total Invested Funds</b>	<b>\$760,661.08</b>	<b>\$299,500.00</b>	<b>\$188,283.26</b>	<b>\$18,756.55</b>	<b>\$890,634.37</b>

*(Note: This is an un-audited report)*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Senter, Chairman



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

<b>INCOME</b>	
Town of Plaistow	\$438,365.00
Donations	\$11,864.00
Grant	\$311.00
Fines, Lost Books	\$3,811.00
Fees: Electronic Equipment, Non-Resident Cards	\$3,261.00
Interest on Deposits	\$7,409.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$465,021.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$256,593.00
Utilities	\$43,592.00
Material Acquisitions/Online Resources	\$43,130.00
Janitor Service	\$19,408.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Landscaping	\$32,659.00
Technology	\$18,857.00
Supplies	\$11,952.00
Programming	\$3,031.00
Building Insurance	\$2,625.00
Bookkeeping	\$2,187.00
Continuing Education	\$1,573.00
Legal	\$552.00
Professional Dues	\$525.00
Postage	\$342.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$437,026.00</b>
Encumbered (Repairs)	\$4,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$441,126.00</b>



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<b>LIBRARY ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/2008</b>	
Atty & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	744.27
Fines/Lost Book Account	25,425.97
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	15,286.10
Memorial Funds	21,301.31
Memorial 2 Fund	21,924.73
Special Projects Fund	63,068.84
Technology Fund	19,522.01
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	2,043.61

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair*  
*Elizabeth George, Secretary*  
*Catherine Willis, Treasurer*  
*Janet Davies*  
*Kathleen Vavra*



**2008 Toddler Trick or Treat**



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



### GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED

#### Grants

Amount	Source	Purpose	Dept.	Accepted
\$1,109.15	Dept. of Justice	Bullet Proof Vests	Police	Budgeted
\$131,106.25	NH DOT	Highway Block Grant	Highway	Budgeted
\$6,274.71	NH DHHS	Mosquito Control Activities	Health	Budgeted
\$8,603.83	Dept. of Justice	Victim Witness Advocate	Police	Budgeted
\$38,691.00	Dept. of Justice	Victim Witness Women	Police	Budgeted
\$5,000.00	NH DOT	Safe Routes to School	Planning	December, 2008
\$500.00	NH Div of Forests/Land	Water Handling Mop up Kit	Fire/Water	January, 2008
\$7,500.00	OCDETF	Crime Investigation Overtime	Police	October, 2008

#### Donations

Amount	Source	Purpose	Dept.	Accepted
\$2,500	Community Donations	DARE Program	Police	Yes
\$25,000	Plaistow Police Assoc.	Training Facility Building	Police	Yes
\$1,800	Plaistow Police Assoc.	Communications Equipment	Police	Yes
\$640	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Honda pump (gas) and supplies	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$332	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Zoeller Electric submersible pump	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$686.93	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Intraosseous Needle Gun (EZ-IO)	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$33.99	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	American Flag (Memorial area)	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$2795	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Task Force Tips Blitzfire Nozzle	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$75	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Fuel (offset pool filling activities)	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$972.89	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Jumbo Siamese LDH fitting	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$357	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	5" x 4" Storz adapters (3)	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$1500	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	5,000 gallon folding water tank	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$437.76	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	GPS units (2) through PFA	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$25.19	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Paint for rear garage doors	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$429.87	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	CPR Manikins/Case	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$7.18	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Cabinet Repair - kitchen	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$307.40	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	200 Uniform Patches	Fire Dept.	Yes
\$194.55	Plaistow Firemen's Assoc.	Holiday Lights - Fire Station	Fire Dept.	Yes



*New 2008 Recreation Program Youth Golf*



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
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, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, 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 of Plaistow's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the 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, as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in the financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is 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.

Melanson Heath & Company, PC  
Nashua, New Hampshire  
October 22, 2008



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current:	
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 7,442,971
Investments	1,088,101
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	788,754
User fees	102,647
Departmental and other	87,835
Intergovernmental	61,344
Prepaid expenses	164,119
Noncurrent:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	519,901
Capital assets, being depreciated, net	6,301,772
Capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>4,068,872</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>20,626,316</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current:	
Accounts payable	209,561
Accrued liabilities	88,855
Due to other governments	6,370,741
Other current liabilities	13,594
Current portion of long-term liabilities:	
Bonds payable	190,000
Compensated absences	15,000
Noncurrent:	
Bonds payable, net of current portion	190,000
Compensated absences, net of current portion	<u>125,000</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,202,751</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	9,990,644
Restricted for:	
Grants and other statutory restrictions	1,070,699
Permanent funds:	
Nonexpendable	82,615
Expendable	22,029
Unrestricted	<u>2,257,578</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>13,423,565</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expenses)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Revenues and</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>Changes in Net Assets</u>
			<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
					<u>Activities</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
General government	\$ 2,120,819	\$ 49,448	\$ 62,319	\$ -	\$ (2,009,052)
Public safety	2,611,715	245,520	120,923	170,275	(2,074,997)
Highways and streets	761,730	2,842	152,856	-	(606,032)
Health and welfare	171,554	7,304	-	-	(164,250)
Sanitation	638,707	-	-	-	(638,707)
Water distribution and treatment	43,758	78,057	-	-	34,299
Culture and recreation	753,891	110,176	-	-	(643,715)
Interest	19,346	-	-	-	(19,346)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 7,121,520</u>	<u>\$ 493,347</u>	<u>\$ 336,098</u>	<u>\$ 170,275</u>	(6,121,800)
<b>General Revenues and Contributions:</b>					
					4,496,804
					1,497,809
					401,793
					151,909
					321,269
					5,500
Total general revenues					<u>6,875,084</u>
Change in Net Assets					753,284
<b>Net Assets:</b>					
Beginning of year					<u>12,670,281</u>
End of year					<u>\$ 13,423,565</u>

See notes to financial statements.



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### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 7,139,553	\$ 303,418	\$ 7,442,971
Investments	291,389	796,712	1,088,101
Receivables, net of allowance:			
Taxes	1,367,144	-	1,367,144
User fees	-	102,647	102,647
Departmental and other	87,835	-	87,835
Intergovernmental	61,344	-	61,344
Due from other funds	<u>28,164</u>	<u>730</u>	<u>28,894</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>8,975,429</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,203,507</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>10,178,936</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 209,561	\$ -	\$ 209,561
Accrued liabilities	82,236	-	82,236
Deferred revenue	770,659	-	770,659
Due to other governments	6,370,741	-	6,370,741
Due to other funds	730	28,164	28,894
Other liabilities	<u>13,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,594</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,447,521</b>	<b>28,164</b>	<b>7,475,685</b>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	228,087	-	228,087
Perpetual (nonexpendable) permanent funds	-	82,615	82,615
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	1,299,821	-	1,299,821
Special revenue funds	-	1,070,699	1,070,699
Permanent funds	<u>-</u>	<u>22,029</u>	<u>22,029</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>1,527,908</u></b>	<b><u>1,175,343</u></b>	<b><u>2,703,251</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>8,975,429</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,203,507</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>10,178,936</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 4,280,295	\$ 5,255	\$ 4,285,550
Charges for services	245,150	248,198	493,348
Licenses and permits	1,497,809	-	1,497,809
Intergovernmental	905,618	2,548	908,166
Investment income	112,595	39,314	151,909
Miscellaneous	262,724	64,044	326,768
Total Revenues	7,304,191	359,359	7,663,550
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
General government	2,068,511	11,505	2,080,016
Public safety	2,296,327	177,338	2,473,665
Highways and streets	702,595	-	702,595
Health and welfare	171,347	-	171,347
Sanitation	638,707	-	638,707
Water distribution and treatment	222,719	-	222,719
Culture and recreation	243,786	489,947	733,733
Debt service	379,597	-	379,597
Capital outlay	346,513	52,083	398,596
Total Expenditures	7,070,102	730,873	7,800,975
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	234,089	(371,514)	(137,425)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Transfers in	311,049	709,086	1,020,135
Transfers out	(709,086)	(311,049)	(1,020,135)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(398,037)	398,037	-
Changes in fund balances	(163,948)	26,523	(137,425)
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year	1,691,856	1,148,820	2,840,676
Fund Balance, at End of Year	\$ 1,527,908	\$ 1,175,343	\$ 2,703,251

See notes to financial statements.



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### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 2,703,251
• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	10,370,644
• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.	712,170
• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	(6,619)
• Long-term liabilities, (net of prepaid debt service) including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(355,881)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ <u><u>13,423,565</u></u>

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#### 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, 2007

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ (137,425)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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 and reported as depreciation expense:</li></ul>	
Capital outlay purchases, net of dispositions	612,028
Depreciation	(236,859)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.</li></ul>	
	211,254
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:</li></ul>	
Repayments of debt	190,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt; whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.</li></ul>	
	6,132
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some expenses 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 the governmental funds.</li></ul>	
	<u>108,154</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u><u>753,284</u></u>

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GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) *
	Original Budget	Final Budget		
<b>Revenues and Other Sources:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 4,444,006	\$ 4,444,006	\$ 4,446,325	\$ 2,319
Charges for services	123,843	123,843	147,893	24,050
Licenses and permits	1,520,483	1,520,483	1,497,809	(22,674)
Intergovernmental	709,550	709,550	694,289	(15,261)
Investment income	91,517	91,517	112,595	21,078
Miscellaneous	338,550	338,550	316,410	(22,140)
Transfers in	262,588	262,588	310,250	47,662
Other sources	9,750	9,750	9,750	-
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>7,500,287</b>	<b>7,500,287</b>	<b>7,535,321</b>	<b>35,034</b>
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses:</b>				
General government	2,075,037	2,075,037	2,091,698	(16,661)
Public safety	2,062,474	2,062,474	2,035,684	26,790
Highways and streets	525,779	525,779	560,016	(34,237)
Health and welfare	221,972	221,972	171,947	50,025
Sanitation	697,190	697,190	641,013	56,177
Water distribution and treatment	258,392	258,392	225,156	33,236
Culture and recreation	238,859	238,859	234,666	4,193
Debt service	215,501	215,501	215,478	23
Capital outlay	495,997	495,997	482,297	13,700
Transfers out	709,086	709,086	709,086	-
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>7,500,287</b>	<b>7,500,287</b>	<b>7,367,041</b>	<b>133,246</b>
<b>Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 168,280</b>	<b>\$ 168,280</b>

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### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

#### STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Agency Funds
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ <u>5,738</u>	\$ <u>628,892</u>
Total Assets	5,738	628,892
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Other liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>628,892</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>628,892</u>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Total net assets held in trust for other purposes	\$ <u><u>5,738</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

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#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Investment Income:	\$ <u>213</u>
Total additions	213
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Benefits	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>-</u>
Net increase	213
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Beginning of year	<u>5,525</u>
End of year	\$ <u><u>5,738</u></u>

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### REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

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 is constantly being updated so that anyone needing this information may acquire it and be confident that it is accurate.

Historically, in New Hampshire, the Board of Selectmen had been directly responsible for maintaining equitable assessments. In the old days, it was not uncommon to see the Board of Selectmen riding about town once a year in a buckboard, determining what assessments should be for farms, farm animals, horses, and buggies. Along about the 1950's this job was contracted out to revaluation companies every ten years or so. Assessments would remain the same between these 10-year total revaluations excepting new construction and demolitions.

With the advent of computers and laws requiring equitable assessments every year, performed by certified individuals, the process changed again (in 1999 for Plaistow), where the Selectmen would retain real estate appraisers to perform the assessment function on their behalf and under their supervision.

Accordingly, the Assessor's Office is 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 has placed the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in an oversight roll to ensure compliance to State assessing standards, where they produce a report to the Assessing Standards Board reflecting the DRA's findings during their 5-year 'assessment review' process. This report addresses 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 will measure our performance against standards developed by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and the Equalization Standards Board (ESB). Plaistow is scheduled for their next assessment review in 2011.

#### 2008 Assessment Update:

Assessment 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 incremental changes over the 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. Due to the softening of the real estate market in 2008, assessments were adjusted to reflect these emerging changes. (See Selectmen's Policy on Assessing Updates at the conclusion of this discussion)

#### 2008 Real Estate Market:

Through the last half of 2007 and into 2008 the collapse of the mortgage loan industry has caused a slowdown in the residential real estate market. While New England has not experienced some of the wild declines reported in other areas of the country, we have experienced an increase in foreclosures and a dramatic slowing of the number of sales we are experiencing. These have resulted in a softening in sales prices for single-family homes and condominiums.

Following are some graphs that illustrate the changes in the Plaistow market over the past 6 years in terms of the number of sales that had occurred and the average selling prices of single-family homes, and then condominiums:



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Based upon a more detailed analysis of these current sales (September 2007 through August 2008), the assessments for single family homes and condominiums were decreased this year (2008) in order to keep pace with the emerging market.

### **Assessment Statistics:**

Equity in assessments is measured in statistical terms. Specifically, the **assessment ratio** is the primary measure as to how our assessments relate to market value. For example, if a property sells for \$100,000 but is assessed for \$90,000, the assessment ratio is 90% for this property (\$90,000 divided by \$100,000). Each sale is analyzed in this way, both by the Town and the Department of Revenue Administration. All sales occurring within the ratio period (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for this current year) are arrayed in this way, and the median point of all the ratios becomes the assessment ratio for the Town for that year.

Because we were witnessing a decline in market values for residential properties, and a resultant increase in the assessment ratios, the Selectmen authorized an adjustment to assessments to reflect the



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emerging market of 2008. The following chart illustrates the assessment ratios as a result of the 2008 update, and what the ratios would have been had no assessment update been authorized. 'Ratio w/o Update' indicates what the median ratios would have been had no update been performed for 2008. The '2008 ratio' column indicates what the ratio is for the year as a result of the assessment update:

Category	Ratio w/o Update	2008 Ratio
Overall	101%	96%
Single-Family	105%	96%
Condo	105%	95%
Commercial	95%	93%

### **2008 Tax Rate:**

Because the assessment update included reducing residential values, our overall value for the Town decreased from the previous year. Following are the changes in the assessed value of taxable properties from 2007 to 2008 as taken from the report sent to the State for tax rate setting purposes (MS1 report):

Category	2007 \$	2008 \$	Difference	% Change
Current Use Lands	83,737	83,745	8	0%
Conservation Lands	2,570	2,570	0	0%
Residential Lands	296,259,690	278,342,000	-17,917,690	-6%
Commercial Lands	105,946,240	105,847,930	-98,310	0%
<b>Total Lands</b>	<b>402,292,237</b>	<b>384,276,245</b>	<b>-18,015,992</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Residential Buildings	437,357,900	389,425,290	-47,932,610	-11%
Manufactured Housing	370,300	374,500	4,200	1%
Commercial Buildings	144,607,550	152,533,910	7,926,360	5%
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>582,335,750</b>	<b>542,333,700</b>	<b>-40,002,050</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Public Utilities	23,114,300	23,267,730	153,430	1%
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>	<b>984,627,987</b>	<b>949,877,675</b>	<b>-57,864,612</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Less Elderly Exemptions	-10,688,000	-11,009,950	-321,950	3%
Less Blind & Disabled Exemptions	-2,460,000	-2,760,000	-300,000	12%
<b>Gross Valuation</b>	<b>971,479,987</b>	<b>936,107,725</b>	<b>-35,372,262</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Net Valuation</b>	<b>994,755,612</b>	<b>936,108,957</b>	<b>-58,646,655</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>

### **Notes:**

The values shown above include all public utilities. However, the State of New Hampshire deducts a large portion of the utility values for use in their State School Tax rate calculations.

The Gross Valuation shown is before deductions of veteran tax credits and State share of public utilities.



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The Net Valuation shown is after elderly and veteran deductions plus inclusions of revenue from sources other than property taxes (such as registrations, licenses, etc.). The Net Valuation is what is applied against expenses approved at the public deliberative sessions to determine the tax rate for the year.

It is important that taxpayers understand that decreasing assessments do not lead to loss in revenues 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 essential municipal services approved by the taxpayers during Town Meetings or Deliberative Sessions (one for the Town, and another for the School District).

### **Tax Rate Changes:**

Had all Town, School, and County expenditures remained the same as in 2007, the tax rate would have increased by 5.9% to make up for the loss in taxable value in 2008, or, roughly \$1.12 on the overall tax rate. However, collectively, from all categories, the tax rate increased effectively by \$1.18 per thousand over the 2007 tax rate (\$1.12 from decreased valuations and \$1.18 from increased expenditures). The breakdown is as follows:

Year	Town	Local School	State School	County	Total Rate
2007	\$4.60	\$11.12	\$2.39	\$.89	\$19.00
2008	\$5.10	\$12.79	\$2.43	\$.98	\$21.30
Difference	\$.50	\$1.67	\$.04	\$.09	\$2.30
% Difference	11%	15%	2%	10%	12%

### **Property Data Collections/Accuracy:**

Personnel from the Assessors Office are continually collecting data on properties in the Town. Each property is inspected, by law, at least once in every five years. This is an important part of the assessment process for incorrect data can lead to incorrect assessments.

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 Assessors Office personnel. We remain open to any and all observations as to how we may better serve you.

### **Elderly Exemption:**

New Hampshire provides for an exemption of property taxes to qualified elderly taxpayers. The process is 'needs' based, and is applied according to the following criteria:

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 NH resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>,
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence,
- have total household income not exceeding \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married,
- all sources of income are included, and
- have total assets not exceeding \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house is situated on.

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, and
- ages 80 and over - \$190,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.



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### **Totally and Permanently Disabled:**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a NH resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>,
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence,
- be totally and permanently disabled and collecting Social Security,
- have a total household income not exceeding \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married,
- all sources of income are included, and
- 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.

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

If qualified, the exemption is as follows: \$15,000 will be deducted from the assessment and taxes will be paid on the remainder.

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

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a NH resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year exemption is claimed,
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence, and
- have served honorably at least 90 consecutive days of active duty during a qualifying period. A copy of paperwork showing date of entry and date of discharge must be supplied at time of application (DD214).

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),
- Has not remarried, and
- 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 NH has a program to rebate a portion of the state-wide property tax for qualifying elderly residents. Information is available at Town Hall in the Assessors Office.

The assessing personnel would like to take this opportunity to thank all the taxpayers in the Town for their patience and assistance throughout the year. The tax assessment process is a necessary process, however not necessarily an enjoyable one for anyone involved, however we do appreciate your unfailing courtesies extended over the past many years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Wil Corcoran, Assessor's Agent*



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### ASSESSMENT UPDATE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1. The Board will determine a budget necessary to do the work needed for the *certification year* and make that a request as part of the budget process in the fall of the year.
2. The Assessing Firm will do the sales analysis and measurement each year as part of its regular duties. All work will be done in compliance with state laws and enforceable Administrative rules that are based upon the latest changes to the state laws.
3. The Board of Selectmen will proceed with an update 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 channel 17, 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<sup>th</sup>.
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 5 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 channel 17 of the process and especially focus on the impact of the update.



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### BEEDE REUSE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

A comprehensive settlement agreement between the Federal Government, the State of New Hampshire and 101 potentially responsible parties will ensure the steady progress of clean up work at the 41-acre Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site in Plaistow.

The Consent Decree, lodged with the court last April and entered as a final order by the New Hampshire Federal District Court in July 2008, secures a commitment from the settling parties to finance and conduct a comprehensive clean up worth an estimated \$48 million, provides \$9 million to cover future federal and New Hampshire oversight cost, and secures \$17 million raised through earlier settlements for payment of past costs.

The major settling parties, who collectively contributed roughly half of the known waste, will clean up the site under EPA oversight. Under the settlement agreement, a group of "de minimis" parties and federal agencies are also resolving their Superfund liability by contributing funds needed to help clean up and restore the site.

The Beede site is located on Kelly Road and is served entirely by private drinking water supply wells. The facility was in operation from the 1920s through August 1994 as waste oil storage and recycling facility. The site is contaminated primarily with waste oil that seeped into the ground from a variety of sources, including a former unlined lagoon, underground storage tanks, aboveground storage tanks, and numerous drums located throughout the property. The site was added to EPA's National Priorities (Superfund) List in December 1996.

Under the terms of the consent decree, the settling parties are required to implement the January 2004 Record of Decision, which is the comprehensive clean up plan for the site. Specifically, the plan calls for the removal of contaminated soil and sediment for off-site disposal or treatment, the treatment of deeper soil through the use of soil vapor extraction technology, the extraction and treatment of contaminated groundwater with limited areas of natural attenuation, the long-term monitoring of groundwater and surface water, and the establishment of institutional controls.

Between 2001 and 2004, the EPA completed four "cash out" settlements with 1,199 parties who contributed relatively small volumes of waste to the site ("de minimis" parties). These settlements raised over \$17.3 million for site-related costs.



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### REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY

Each year the Town Report Committee suggests a theme for the Town Report. This year they chose "Legacy of the Past, Hope for the Future", which at face value seemed like it might be a difficult task applying to this department. The more I think about it the more I realized that this department probably has more of an impact to both the past and the future than many of the other departments in town.

Our primary focus is always, first and foremost, the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Plaistow Community and we take that job very seriously.

We may not always be the movers and shakers that some of the Town's boards are who create the change, but we, working in partnership with the Plaistow Fire Department, and using the codes adopted by the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Plaistow voters, are the ones who oversee the implementation of those changes to ensure that there is indeed a "legacy" to look back on and be proud of.

Sometimes the changes we facilitate are subtle, barely noticed, like the replacement of the handicapped access ramp at the Town Hall that we did in 2001. Sometimes they are more dramatic like the creation of our awesome office space on the third floor, which was finished last year. Some of the projects we oversee make Plaistow a more prosperous and convenient place to live and shop, such as the ongoing redevelopment of Stateline Plaza; and some increase in access and public safety, which is our future hope with the redirection of traffic from Main Street to Route 125 via the expansion in 2009 of Hazeltine Street.

Type of Fee Collected	2007	2008
Building Permit	\$52,435.75	\$29,547.50
Electric Permit	\$5,860.00	\$5,755.00
Electrical Insp.	\$8,115.00	\$6,605.00
Plumbing Permit	\$3,815.00	\$1,915.00
Plumbing Insp.	\$3,130.00	\$2,430.00
Occupancy Permit	\$4,650.00	\$4,840.00
Mechanical Permit	\$5,445.00	\$3,895.00
Mechanical Insp.	\$4,180.00	\$3,725.00
Septic	\$3,080.00	\$3,920.00
Sign Permit	\$20,350.00	\$13,350.00
Auto Dealer Permit	\$400.00	\$3,100.00
Well Permit	\$300.00	\$210.00
Copies	\$6.00	\$77.00
Fire Dept Revenue	\$570.00	\$390.00
Salvage Yard Licenses	\$300.00	\$300.00
Administrative/Misc. Fees	\$1140.00	\$530.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,776.75</b>	<b>\$80,589.50</b>

Unfortunately, as you can see by the above chart, we have to report that there has been a decrease in revenues collected in 2008 and this will be the very first year that we have not met the goal of being a self-sustaining office by collecting enough revenues to cover the budget expenditures of the department. It's certainly a reflection of the tough economic times being experienced this past year. We are hopeful that 2009 will be a better year both for residential and commercial property owners.



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It's important to note that no tax dollars will be spent expanding Hazeltine Street. The funding will come from Route 125 Impact Fees, which are collected expressly for redevelopment of the Route 125 corridor from developers who directly impact that area. We feel that responsible fiscal management directly contributes to ensuring that Plaistow will indeed have a hope for the future, while we continue to build the legacy that will be the past.

I would also like to see the downtown area of Plaistow, which has been somewhat affected by the current economic times, come back with a renewed hope and vitality in the very near future.

This office continues to strive to provide superior service to the Plaistow Community, the continuity of my staff, Dee Voss, Office Manager; Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector; and Jim Flathers, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector, as well as our continued communication and interaction with other Town of Plaistow Boards and Committees such as the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Highway Department, Highway Safety Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation Commission show the dedication of this office to work towards developing a very special hope for the future for the Town of Plaistow.

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*



***The cabinets in the Town Hall's remodeled kitchen and included in the construction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor offices were donated and installed by Plaistow Cabinet, owned by Norman Gallant.  
Thank you Norm!***



# Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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### REPORT OF THE CABLE COMMITTEE

Best Year Ever!

The year started off with wires dangling from the ceiling of the Great Hall. It was time to reorient the room so the microphone cables and one of the cameras had to be moved. At the studio, on Route 125, all the playback VCRs had worn out. This meant that only live programming could be broadcast. The Night Joint played every Sunday at 8 PM. Programs copied to DVD could be broadcast, but they had to be manually switched on and off the air. Previously, with video tapes, the playback was unattended.

New volunteers started to step forward. The Cable Committee went from one member to seven. Then the cameras broke down. This led to turmoil. Enthusiasm was growing while equipment was failing. The Cable Committee went to work to take the operation back up and then on to the next higher level. Lori Schactman and Buzzy Blinn spearheaded the fight with the support of Dan Bush, Maddy Marcotte, Mickie Conte, Dan Hooper, Norm Bouchard, and Dave Cantone. The result was a three pronged quest for excellence:

- The Great Hall,
- Robust playback automation, and
- State of the art cameras and lighting.

At the start of 2009 we have surmounted all our deficiencies and are poised to make channel 17 one of the channels on your favorites list. New programs are on the way. We are looking for more community involvement from people like you. We are working with the Sad Cafe, Vic Geary Center, Plaistow Historical Society, and anyone with a story to tell.

In the process, we lost our driving force when Lori Schactman succumbed to Lymphoma in December. Lori was indescribable in her zeal and determination to maximize our potential.



*Lori directing from the analog console.*



*Lori directing from our first digital console.*

The Cable Advisory Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 91 Plaistow Road, at 6:00 PM. Meetings are open to the public and individual orientations are available by calling (603) 382-7463.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bob Carolan, Cable Coordinator*



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### REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvement Program (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 Town Planner and Town Manager support the CIP Committee in preparation of the plan.

The CIP is a plan that contains estimates of capital expenditures over a 6 year period. The plan, prepared in calendar year 2008, has estimates for 2009 through 2014 and is used to help prepare the 2009 budget that is prepared for calendar year 2009 and voted on at the March 2009 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 approved at Town Meeting. Also note that the amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

<u>Year/Item</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
CIP Total	1,103	1,081	1,105	1,350	957
Budget Total	8,022	7,068	7,521	7,644	7,479
Percent of CIP Total to Budget Total	13.74%	15.36%	14.69%	17.66%	12.8%

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 building permit time. This sum of money is used to help offset the additional capital expenditures required because of the new residential, commercial, or industrial growth. The Town of Plaistow has impact 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 for any 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. is kept 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*



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### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Transportation	2008 CIP Approved	2008 Town Approved	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Westville Road Bridge	0	0	0	85,000	0	0	500,000	0
Garden Road Bridge	0	0	625,000	0	0	0	0	0
Highway Capital Projects/drainage	70,000	70,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Road Surface Management Projects	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Building Inspection Truck	0	0	0	22,000	0	0	0	0
(Reserve Deposit) - DPW Vehicles	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>357,500</b>	<b>357,500</b>	<b>972,500</b>	<b>454,500</b>	<b>347,500</b>	<b>347,500</b>	<b>847,500</b>	<b>347,500</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Sale of vehicles	0	0	16,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Highway Rev. Block Grant	126,466	126,466	126,466	126,466	126,466	126,466	126,466	126,466
State Bridge Aid	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	468,000	0
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>126,466</b>	<b>126,466</b>	<b>642,466</b>	<b>131,466</b>	<b>131,466</b>	<b>131,466</b>	<b>594,466</b>	<b>126,466</b>
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>231,034</b>	<b>231,034</b>	<b>330,034</b>	<b>323,034</b>	<b>216,034</b>	<b>216,034</b>	<b>253,034</b>	<b>221,034</b>
Town Buildings	2008 CIP Approved	2008 Town Approved	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Town Hall Parking	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Safety Complex Architect (net of impact fee use of \$50,000)	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	0
Public Safety Complex Expansion	* 3,500,000	0	0	0	* 3,500,000	0	0	0
Bond for Exp. Safety Complex	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	350,000	350,000
Capital Reserve for Public Safety Complex	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Concrete Apron at Fire Department (net of impact fee)	25,000	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	0
Library Bond (Final pay 2009)	122,000	122,000	109,000	0	0	0	0	0
Move Cable Studio to a different building	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0
Salt shed	0	0	0	110,000	0	0	0	0
Highway Garage	0	0	0	0	0	* 580,000	0	0
Bond Highway Garage	0	0	0	0	0	0	91,000	91,000
Highway Garage Office Trailer	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courthouse Heating	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tractor/Snow Blower Town Hall	0	0	8,500	0	0	0	0	0



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Paint the Courthouse	0	0	0	8,000	0	0	0	0
Replace furnace at Court House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
Rooftop A/C Unit at Historical Society	0	0	12,500	0	0	0	0	0
Cable studio camera, lighting, edit equip, message board	0	0	90,000	0	0	0	0	0
Beede/Cash Oil Reclamation Plan for Recreation/Community Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350,000
(Reserve Deposit) Building Systems	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>227,000</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>315,000</b>	<b>288,000</b>	<b>570,000</b>	<b>420,000</b>	<b>511,000</b>	<b>866,000</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Cable Revenue for Cable Building	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	0
Revenue from Buildings Capital Reserve	0	0	21,000	0	0	0	0	0
P.E.G. Cable Access Capital Reserve	0	0	90,000	40,000	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>227,000</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>204,000</b>	<b>198,000</b>	<b>570,000</b>	<b>420,000</b>	<b>511,000</b>	<b>866,000</b>
<b>Town Hall Services</b>	<b>2008 CIP Approved</b>	<b>2008 Town Approved</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Records Management	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	0	0	0
Copier	3,030	3,030	3,030	3,030	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Phone System - Town Hall	25,000	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	0
Surveillance Video	0	0	0	16,000	0	0	0	0
Computers - Hardware & Software	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	7,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
GIS	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>43,030</b>	<b>14,030</b>	<b>43,030</b>	<b>30,030</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>14,200</b>	<b>14,200</b>	<b>14,200</b>
<b>Fire Suppression Water</b>	<b>2008 CIP Approved</b>	<b>2008 Town Approved</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
(Reserve Deposit) 125 system expansion	200,000	148,250	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
(Reserve Deposit) Pump Replacement (\$200,000 in 2015)	0	0	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0
(Reserve Deposit) Pump House Replacement (\$150,000 in 2015)	0	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
(Reserve Deposit) Tower decommissioning	5,000	0	30,000	0	0	0	0	0
Water Tower Study	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truck replacement	13,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000



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TOTAL NET EXPENSES	223,000	153,250	395,000	365,000	265,000	265,000	265,000	295,000
(based on 37.19% assess share)	(7,735,520 & interest owed through 2020)							
Nat. Resources and Recreation	2008 CIP Approved	2008 Town Approved	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Conservation Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Drinking Water Source Study	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of open space	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recreation Projects/Playscape, Safe Surface, Shelter	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
Addition to Playscape and Additional Parking	0	0	0	0	0	75,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Fire/Rescue	2008 CIP Approved	2008 Town Approved	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
(Capital Reserve Deposit) - Fire Equipment	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
<b>TOTAL NET 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>	<b>80,000</b>
Police	2008 CIP Approved	2008 Town Approved	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Cruiser/Related Equipment Replacement	28,000	28,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
Add 1 New Cruiser to Fleet of 10	37,500	37,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Replace Management Info Computer System	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	0
Communications Monitoring/Recording System	20,500	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Reserve - Communications	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Less-Lethal Weapons	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0	0
Reverse 911	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	0
ACO Vehicle	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	0
Replace Building Camera Recorder System	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
Communications Radio Repeater Enhance	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Replacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000
Replace Various Hardware Software in Computer System	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>126,000</b>	<b>156,000</b>	<b>106,000</b>	<b>151,000</b>	<b>211,000</b>	<b>141,000</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>								



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Revenue offset of sale of used cruisers	2,850	2,850	5,700	8,550	8,550	8,550	8,550	8,550
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>8,550</b>
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>133,150</b>	<b>77,650</b>	<b>120,300</b>	<b>147,450</b>	<b>97,450</b>	<b>142,450</b>	<b>202,450</b>	<b>132,450</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL CIP EXPENSES (BY YEAR)</b>	<b>957,214</b>	<b>702,964</b>	<b>1,277,364</b>	<b>1,148,514</b>	<b>1,251,684</b>	<b>1,217,684</b>	<b>1,330,684</b>	<b>1,613,684</b>
<b>Reserve Withdrawal</b>	<b>2008 CIP Approved</b>	<b>2008 Town Approved</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Highway Department Trucks	0	0	110,000	0	60,000	40,000	0	0
Backhoe	0	0	0	70,000	0	0	0	0
Fire Department Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	300,000	0	75,000
<i>Fire Suppression - Rte 125 Danville Rd. Jesse George and Rte 121A to Walton Road 10044F</i>	0	0	0	656,000	0	0	0	0
Chart System Dismantlement	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0
<i>Fire Suppression -Rte 125 East Rd to Old Rd 10044G</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	464,000	0
<i>Fire Suppression - Rte 125 Old County to Roadstone (10044H) \$395,000 in 2015</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>746,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>340,000</b>	<b>464,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>
<b>Impact Fee Usage</b>	<b>2008 CIP Approved</b>	<b>2008 Town Approved</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Public Safety - Architect</i>	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	0
<i>Public Safety - Complex expansion</i>	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<i>Public Safety - Fire Equipment</i>	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Public Safety - Water Line</i>	0	0	51,000	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Public Safety - Concrete apron</i>	12,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL IMPACT FEE USAGE</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>WATER LINE CASH FLOW</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Revenue		148,250	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Expense				676,000			464,000	30,000
Impact Fees			51,000					
Balance	41,035	189,285	480,285	44,285	284,285	524,285	300,285	510,285



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### REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

It's that time of year again so spring can't be that far behind! In the year 2008 we had 21 burials and 46 lot purchases. Quite a busy year.

Times are tough and budgets are tight. Cemetery lots are at bargain prices compared to what they soon will be. If you have not purchased your lots, "a word to the wise": purchase this year if you can afford it.

In the year 2009, we will try to hold the line and keep expenses to the minimum. All projects will be put on hold.

I would like to thank all the people involved with the cemetery, whether it be lot owners, Town employees, or others for their cooperation. I would also like to personally thank Tim Fisher for his tree donations, which he does annually. It is much appreciated. The trees improve the look of the cemetery and his donations help keep our costs down.

Thank you to all for taking an interest in keeping our cemetery looking good.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Herbert K. Reed, Cemetery Sexton*



*The cemetery is one of the stops during the Memorial Day Parade.*



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### THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

The Soldiers' Monument and Cannons were rededicated on Saturday, September 13, 2008, in a ceremony similar to the original dedication in 1908. An Abraham Lincoln enactor spoke, which was followed by questions and answers. At noon, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Regiment held a Re-enactment followed by ringing of the Baptist Church Bells. After the opening ceremony, poems of the Civil War era were read by children of Pollard School. J. Alden Palmer, grandson of Reverend Palmer, who spoke at the dedication 100 years ago, reviewed the dedication held in 1908. The Plaistow American Legion Post 34, Captain Morrill Cannon Company, Plaistow Historical Society, and the Freemasons, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire participated in the re-dedication. Music of the 1908 period was provided by the Timberlane Community Band and Chorus.

The Soldiers' Monument and Cannons were given to the Town by Arthur G. Pollard, in memory of the sons of Plaistow who served the Union. It was dedicated with appropriate exercises, held under the auspices of the Village Improvement Society on September 12, 1908, with approximately 5,000 people attending,

An entry from the William H. Hill diary of 1908 on Friday, September 4, 1908 reads: "Soldiers' Monument reported to have arrived in town." Records show that the monument is described as a beautiful piece of work consisting of a granite pedestal 14 ½ feet high, and a heroic figure in bronze 8 ½ feet high. The sculpture was designed by Arthur G. Pollard, a native of Plaistow, and businessman from Lowell, MA. The design was derived from three designs secured on numerous visits Pollard made to the battlefields of the Civil War. The head is from one design, the body and posture from a second, and the overall appearance from a third. He decided in which manner the soldier should appear, disregarding the usual 'parade rest' pose for one in which the soldier stands with one hand on his cartridge box while against the opposite arm leans his gun.

The figure faces the south and a bronze tablet on that side bears these words: "In honor of the soldiers of Plaistow who died to save the Union." On the east and west sides are bronze tablets bearing the names of 101 men who enlisted from the Town. On the north side is a tablet, bearing the name of the donor and the year of the gift. The pedestal is of granite from the celebrated Fletcher Quarries in Chelmsford, MA, and the bronze cast, is a full standard government quality which was cast by T.F. McGann & Sons Company of Boston, MA. Mr. Pollard also obtained the two field guns on carriages that point their muzzles toward the southeast and southwest and the mortar shells that mark the four corners of the grass plot on which the statute stands.

Arthur Pollard at the dedication said, "I was well acquainted in my youth with many who went forth in defense of the union, at the cost of severing family and social ties, and in the intervening years I have always felt that it was a privilege to consider the welfare of Plaistow a matter of personal regard. Actuated by a desire to do my share in honoring the sons of Plaistow, who served in defense of our country's integrity, and anxious that the Town may possess a visible sign of its appreciation of the bravery of her citizen soldiers in the critical hour of national peril, I ask you citizens of the Town accept this monument as a tribute to the memory of the sons of Plaistow, who died to preserve the union."

"This monument is presented to the Town, that it may serve as an abject lesson, which may tend to create and foster in this and coming generations a spirit of loyalty and patriotism relative to American institutions of which our national flag is the symbol. Trusting it may be received in the spirit with which it is given, I beg to assure you that it affords me great pleasure to consign this monumental tribute to the care and keeping of the citizens of Plaistow forever."



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Hon. Solomon W. Stevens of Lowell, president of the Lowell Historical Society was orator of the day, and in his address he referred to the inscription, "In honor of the sons of Plaistow, who died to preserve the union". He said, "This is the inscription which arrests the attention of the observer. And what a message it is! But the service of this hour means nothing to the dead. It means everything to the living." Hon. Stevens also said, "But as I look at yonder speechless statue I am reminded of the fact that the patriotism of the rank and file of the army was the majestic force which made the union cause triumphant. In rendering ascriptions of praise to the great captains of the war, let it not for a moment be forgotten that it was largely because of the bravery and the physical endurance of the plain, private soldier that the great victory was won. He belonged to every company. He went out from Plaistow and every other New Hampshire Town."

The name at the top of this Civil War Monument, facing the Elm Street side, reads Daniel George. One such brave soldier, Daniel George, was a young Plaistow man serving as an ordinary seaman on the warship "Chicopee". He is the only serviceman from Plaistow to ever be awarded the United States Congressional Medal of Honor. Seaman Daniel George and a small group of sailors were able to sink the Ironclad Ship, the Albemarle, and thus enabled the Union fleet to take control of the Roanoke River. President Abraham Lincoln sent congratulations and on December 31, 1864, the Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded to this brave crew of sailors. A time capsule that is to be opened 100 years from now in year 2108 was buried, as part of a Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 9, 2008, in a cement vault at the base of the Soldiers' Monument. Pollard School students from grade five, dignitaries, organizations, town, state and congressional officials as well as Town residents provided letters, documents, and items for the people in the year 2108 to open and read. It was fitting that we did this in remembrance of what the citizens of Plaistow did 100 years ago to honor the Plaistow men and boys that went off to war to preserve the Union. Representative Norman L. Major spoke and recalled a sentence from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address spoken at the Gettysburg battlefield during the civil war. *"The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."*

Major said "We must never forget what the 101 Plaistow men listed on this monument did to protect our nation.

Since then, more monuments have been added to our Town Hall green, more men and women have left their families and homes to serve our nation in many wars and conflicts.

We must never forget all these brave service men and women – from the war for independence to today's war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have served to protect our freedom and safety.

So, today it is fitting that we again bury a time capsule, as was done 100 years ago to honor all of these brave men and women who have given of themselves for our nation".



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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barry Sargent, Chairman  
Brenda Major, Secretary  
Bernadine FitzGerald, Treasurer  
Rep. Norman Major, Time Capsule/Program Book  
Lewis Drew, Cannons

T. Richard Latham, Safety  
Ernest Sheltry, Ads/Souvenirs  
Jason Hoch  
George Melvin, Cannons

The Committee would also like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals for their donation of their time and services:

Hobbs Towing for the placement of the time capsule,  
Hawkins Manufacturing for the actual time capsule,  
Joseph Ray and Dan Poliquin for repairs on the cannons, and  
Marilyn Davis for the Soldiers' Quilt.



*Re-enactment on September 13, 2008*



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### REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

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

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 P. O. Box 903, Plaistow, NH 03865. This P. O. 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 P. O. Box.

The Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws, and 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 copied.

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 2008 are Michael Allen, Chairman; Harry Birmingham, Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary; and Ruth Santosuosso. There is one vacant position this year. All have given of their time on this Committee for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Therese A Chouinard, Secretary*



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### REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has a long legacy of preserving Plaistow's natural resources going back to the 1960s and 1970s.

Efforts in those early years resulted in the designation of some town-owned property as a Town Forest and supporting the Fenton Keyes water study by creating a special residential zone, today known as the Residential Conservation 1 zone. This zone is located in the general area known as Frog Pond Woods. Furthermore, the Conservation Commission worked diligently to provide more protection for this area by obtaining through either gift, easement, or purchase many of surrounding properties. This effort has continued and today in cooperation with Atkinson and Hampstead, a large tract of land totaling over 400 acres in the 3 communities is now protected. In recent years, Troop 18 has had many Eagle Scouts complete their Eagle Scout project by creating trails, bridges, wildlife observation platforms, trail signs, and a Town Forest sign so that more people can enjoy the Town Forest. We hope that more people enjoy the Town Forest but when doing so please remember the motto from our Nation Park system, "Take only pictures, leave only footprints!"

Town Forest lands and surrounding parcels of land are not the only parcels worth saving. In 2005, the Conservation Commission worked very hard with the Rockingham County Conservation District and the heirs to Cox farm (Crane Crossing Road) to preserve over 20 acres of farm land. This was accomplished by obtaining a matching grant from the federal Ranch and Farm Lands Preservation Program. The Conservation District holds the easement and the Town of Plaistow is the Executor of the easement. One of the responsibilities of the holder of the easement is to monitor the entire parcel annually to make sure all of the conditions of the easement are being adhered to. Again this year, the easement monitoring effort reported 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.

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)	2005 (mg/l)	2006 (mg/l)	2007 (mg/l)	2008 (mg/l)
Little River at the intersection of Old County Rd and Kingston Rd	Nitrates	< 0.10	0.5	0.56	0.20	0.34	< 0.20	< 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	0.24	0.53	0.59	0.38
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05

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.



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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, Conservation Commission Secretary*



***WMD Training with the 12<sup>th</sup> NH Civil Support Team***



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### REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has continued to work with all of the Town of Plaistow's departments toward the goal of being prepared for any possible natural and/or man-made disaster or major health hazards. This office has continued to encourage residents to be as pre-prepared as possible in emergencies such as loss of power and heat. The Town of Plaistow was tested and passed the test of being as prepared as possible when the "Ice Storm of 2008" hit us in December. It was a true test of our preparedness and ability to cope with a natural disaster.

The intent of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has always been to coordinate emergency services during an event that draws on all departments' resources. During this ice storm the direction of emergency services operated under a unified command structure with each individual department fulfilling its tasks and reporting the results/progress. The Director of OEM opened the emergency operations center on December 12, 2008 at 2:45 AM in anticipation of wide spread services being needed by the citizens of Plaistow.

This period of time required additional police, fire, and dispatchers to be employed to handle all the citizen calls for both emergency and non-emergency (i.e. "When will the power be restored to my location?"). The Town was fortunate that the citizens had availability of one of the phone providers as well as cell phone service in order to stay in contact.

At the time the EOC was opened Police and Fire services had already received calls for aid at what appeared to be the start of a major ice storm with power outages. This ice storm was unprecedented and had massive power outages in areas of NH and central MA. It was quickly established that there were wide spread power outages in the area and it appeared that 100% of the Town of Plaistow had lost power. This ice storm event would be long term. From a Fire Department perspective, one house fire had already occurred because of the use of candles. Trees were falling creating blocked roads and damages to homes and property. Individuals, who were without power and had lost their sump pumps, were expressing need for emergency generators and pumps. As the ice storm proceeded, the need for evacuation of citizens to a shelter or to a safer environment became apparent. Sanborn Regional High School was opened as a regional shelter for those in need. During this time the Town was doing well-being checks on the young and old of the Town and making appropriate arrangements for their safety.

The variation of time without power was from 3 to 10 days, which resulted in potential freezing of water and heating systems in homes, damage due to lack of refrigeration, and structural damage from trees falling on to buildings, and flooding of cellars. Later on as power began to be restored many electrical hazards existed due to downed power lines and home meter services which had been damaged. This time proved that some individuals had prepared by having their own generators and alternative heating sources.

EOC during this time was coordinating services, giving press releases, doing well-being checks, providing water, and coordinating with Unitil as much as possible.

During the days that followed core government services were provided by having Town employees relocated to the Safety Complex.



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Many volunteers stepped up and came to the Safety Complex and spent time to assist with any service that they could help with at the time.

I would like to thank Town employees and all volunteers who gave of their time. Additionally, I would like to thank the Timberlane School District and the Plaistow Fish and Game for opening warming centers and offering their facilities for the Town's usage.

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 of Emergency Management*



*Ice Storm of 2008*



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### REPORT OF FAMILY MEDIATION AND JUVENILE SERVICES

Family Mediation and Juvenile Services is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving the Towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow, and Salem, NH. Our mission is to provide quality resources to youth and families in order to reduce delinquency and out of home placements, and to empower them as individuals, family members, and citizens of the community. Please visit us at [www.fmjs.org](http://www.fmjs.org) to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer at low or no cost to residents and their families.

Our agency is financially supported by funding from the Towns listed above and grants from the Rockingham County Incentive Fund, Heritage United Way, and the State of NH Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse via the Sad Café. In 2008, we also received private donations, some through different United Ways, and a donation from The Atkinson Women's Civic Club. Our Board of Directors, staff members, and volunteers worked tirelessly at fundraising events over the course of 2008 to raise enough money to sustain our programs. Texas Hold-em fundraisers held at Rockingham Park continue to make a necessary and significant contribution to the funds our budget requires. In addition, we sponsored a teen dance at Holy Angels with the Knights of Columbus, and a Manchester Monarchs game at the Verizon Center through Heritage United Way.

2008 achievements included:

- ❖ Our agency handled more volume than ever before, as over 2,500 individuals attended our programs and workshops, not including community service or restitution. The number of parents attending our Challenge (drug and alcohol) course doubled this year, as did the number of workshop attendees. Our diversion referrals continued to increase. We held 7 Challenge courses, 4 Stop Shoplifting courses, and 4 Anger Management courses during the year.
- ❖ 55 youth performed 1,194 hours of service to sites in our community.
- ❖ We collected \$1,095 in monetary restitution.
- ❖ Peer Mediation trainings were held at Hampstead Hospital for 38 Hampstead Middle School children and at Timberlane Regional High School for 21 teens.
- ❖ Volunteer Mediators and Community Site Supervisors worked 1,562 hours for the youth and families we serve.

Special thanks to the towns, grantors, fundraising sites, judges, police departments, schools, donors, mediators, community service supervisors, volunteers, staff, and the citizens we serve, who make it all possible.

#### Family Mediation and Juvenile Services Board of Directors

Debra DeSimone, *Atkinson*  
Rose Cavalear, *Atkinson*  
Dick Gerrish, *Kingston*  
Roclyn Porter, *Kingston*

Dale Childs, *Hampstead*  
Natalie Gallo, *Hampstead*  
Laura Bertogli, *Newton*  
Kathy Marino, *Newton*

Marta Modigliani, *Danville*  
Dan Poliquin, *Plaistow*  
Barbara Tavitian, *Plaistow*  
Pat Macomber, *At Large*



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### REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Department continued to provide the exemplary fire and rescue services which you have come to expect of us over the years. We have done this with a corps of residents that volunteer their services to fulfill one of the largest segments of the public safety sectors in the community. As in years past, our membership continues to be comprised mostly of ordinary citizens performing extraordinary tasks under less than ideal circumstances. The employment of volunteers has allowed us to keep our overall costs low, while our service remains at a relatively high level. Supplementing the volunteer contingent are 3 dedicated and highly skilled full-time staff. Last year, our membership increased by 5, as several of Plaistow's citizens decided to join our ranks. Although this can be very rewarding, it is not an easy commitment to make, and I thank them for offering to serve their neighbors and community.

### DEDICATION

We are grateful for the commitment of every member of our department. Their dedication to the community is often at the expense of their own families needs. This occurs every time we have a fire or rescue call, but was magnified during the prolonged effects of December's ice storm. Nearly every member of the department contributed to our response and supported the tireless efforts of your Emergency Management Department to ensure our residents were safe and whatever assistance that could be provided was made available. Each of our members endured prolonged electrical outages in their own homes, but were still committed to making sure Plaistow had adequate staff to deal with the numerous service calls we handled during that event. Many members volunteered to remain in the station overnight to ensure we could staff our trucks and not be delayed due to either limited access roads or the lack of power in their homes. Other members, who had power, offered their homes to others to keep warm, take a shower or have a hot meal. This has, historically, been one of the greatest strengths of our department, the commitment to the community and to each other.

### TRAINING

During the past year we continued our commitment to improve our skills and abilities to meet the changes within the fire and rescue services. We maintain a rigorous training schedule to ensure we are proficient in the basic tasks of our service, but also the more advanced skills associated with emergency medical care. We employ a training consultant on a periodic basis to keep us informed of changes in tactics, equipment use and safety. In addition, we use the experience of our staff to train and indoctrinate our newer members into this challenging profession. One of our initiatives last year was to increase the number of members that are qualified to drive and operate the apparatus. We had 4 members complete the NH Commercial Driver's License course and 8 completed the initial training for becoming pump operators. Next year, we are planning to certify at least 5 members as Emergency Medical Technicians and 4 as firefighters. This training is completed outside of the routine departmental training and is done on their own time. The only compensation they receive for their efforts is the satisfaction that they are taking on additional responsibilities that will eventually help the community.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

We are thankful to the Town for supporting our department. It has always been our goal to provide the best services possible while keeping a close eye on how we impact the overall town budget. One of the largest single expenditures any community can make is the purchase of fire apparatus. We recognize the escalating cost of this equipment and embrace the Capital Improvement Program to minimize the impact of apparatus replacement on the community.

Each year we request a deposit to our Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation of future purchases and perhaps an unexpected replacement. This year, our aerial truck (a.k.a. 'The Snorkel') experienced a



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significant transmission failure which resulted in our decision to take it out of service. Fortunately, we have located a well maintained **used** aerial truck and have placed a deposit on it. ***Our capital reserve fund has sufficient funds to cover the remaining cost of the truck without necessitating additional funds from taxation.*** With your support, we hope to put this aerial truck in service in 2009. The Town has done our due diligence in researching viable options for this necessary replacement by screening potential replacements and reviewing this truck's maintenance history. Additionally, we traveled to the community that currently owns the truck and verified that it will suit our needs for the foreseeable future. This particular truck offers us a more versatile platform from both a fire response as well as additional options for our rescue services. It provides greater horizontal reach than our current truck, can accommodate removal of medical patients from heights as well as below grade and carries a larger electrical generator than any of our existing apparatus. This particular device expands our capabilities beyond what we currently have at a very reasonable cost. ***At this point, the Town needs to approve the withdrawal of those funds from the Capital Reserve to complete the purchase of this piece of apparatus, and we ask for your support in approving the warrant article for this purpose.***

### LOOKING AHEAD

Looking to next year, we are entering into a multi-year agreement with a new ambulance transporting company. This change was necessitated by our previous vendor's request to terminate their services for financial reasons. Our staff, working with the 5 other communities that are covered by this agreement, have secured a zero-dollar based contract with another reputable ambulance company. This transition should occur seamlessly and without any impact on our customers. Over the initial term of the agreement, we predict community savings of approximately \$100,000, with no decrease in services. Aside from the financial aspects of this venture, we have opened the doors to future opportunities to partner with the surrounding communities fire and EMS services if the circumstances deem it to be appropriate.

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.

If you have a teenager who might be interested in the fire or emergency medical services, we are a proud sponsor of a Fire Explorers post. This group of young men and women, from the surrounding towns, meet weekly to study and train to become firefighters and EMTs. Plaistow has had a highly successful Explorer program going back nearly 20 years and establishing the foundation for many who have chosen this rewarding profession as their career of choice.



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Besides getting hands on experience with our fire department, our Explorers are required to maintain high academic standards at school. This helps to provide an incentive to maintaining the high standards for academic achievement and ultimately a much more enjoyable, meaningful, and successful high school education. For more information on the Fire Explorer program, we urge you to contact any member of the Department or stop by the Safety Complex.

It is our 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 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.

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.

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.

### Summary of Fire Department Responses – 2008

Type	#	Type	#
Auto Fires	12	Other (non-specific)	21
Boiler/Heater Malfunctions	10	Public Assists	14
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	14	Rescue	527
Fire Alarm Activations	92	Smoke Investigations	12
Hazardous Materials Incidents	7	Structure Fires	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	77	Woods/Grass/Brush Fires	10
Mutual Aid (Provided)	22	<b>Total Alarms</b>	<b>840</b>
Odor Investigations	13		

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John H. McArdle, Fire Chief*



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### FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

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

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Year of Mfg.</u>	<u>New/Used Purchase</u>	<u>Planned Retirement (Year)</u>	<u>Estimated Replacement Cost (2008 \$s)</u>
Command	Ford	2004	New*	2014	\$35,000
Engine-1	KME	2003	New	2027 (25 yrs)	\$400,000/\$175,000 (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)	\$450,000/\$200,000 (can purchase used)
Rescue-6	Ford	1994	New	2013	\$150,000
Engine-7	KME	1987	New	2012 (25 yrs)	\$400,000/\$175,000 (can purchase used)
Snorkel-8 (taken out of service)	Pierce/ Snorkel	1969	Used	Actual 2008	Actual Replacement cost is \$250,000 (deposit holding pending release of Capital Reserve Funds by Town vote 2009)

\* 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.



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

Your local Forest Fire Warden, 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 your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (NH RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](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.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. 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 2008 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!

### 2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

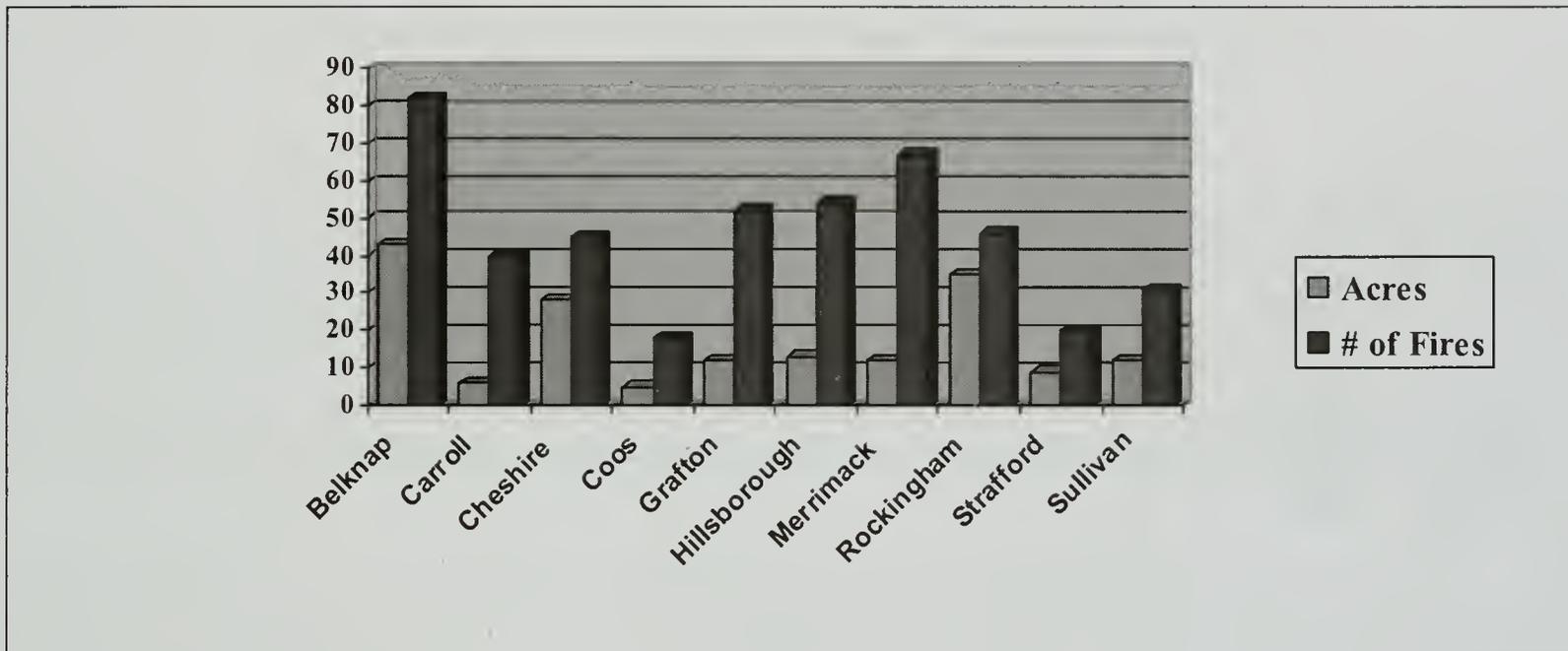
(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



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### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	175
Debris	173	212
Campfire	35	473
Children	23	174
Smoking	36	147
Railroad	2	
Equipment	11	
Lightning	11	
Misc.*	162 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE





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### SOUTHEASTERN NH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISTRICT'S ANNUAL REPORT

#### **About the District**

The District's membership is made up of 15 communities of approximately 360 square miles with a population of over 180,000 people within the Route 93 corridor. Essentially the District is bordered in the east by Route 125 and the Merrimack River to the west. North and south borders are defined by Manchester, Route 101, and the Massachusetts state line. During this year the Town of Deerfield choose to withdraw from membership in the District. The District was formed in 1993 to develop a regional approach in dealing with the increasing amounts of hazardous materials being used and transported within these communities as well as to comply with federal regulations concerning preparing for chemical emergencies.

In 2008, 11 member communities requested and were recognized by the State Emergency Response Committee as the first Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) in the State. The REPC will provide planning functions, risk analysis, and hazard identification, for its member communities. The REPC will work to further prepare the district for the potential of a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incident. These include unplanned chemical releases from facilities located within the district, transportation emergencies, as well as terrorist type events that could occur within the district.

The District draws it's funding from an annual assessment from each community as well as from grants and donations. In 2008, the District applied for and received federal grants for equipment and operational expenses for the REPC, totaling \$62,000.00. The District is managed by an Operations Committee consisting of Chief Fire Officers from each community. This Committee is overseen by a Board of Directors consisting of elected representatives from each community. This year Board of Directors approved a change to the District's By-Laws to allow a community that has withdrawn from membership to reapply for admission within one year. The Town of Deerfield did not reapply and has joined another district. The District employees a part-time REPC Director to manage the administration functions of the District, including grants management, financial management, and emergency planning.

The District operates a technical Emergency Response Team. This Response Team is overseen by one of the member community's Chief Fire Officer who serves in the Technical Team Liaison position. The Team maintains a four level readiness response posture to permit it to immediately deploy an appropriate response to a District's community's request for help involving an unplanned release of potentially dangerous chemicals within their jurisdiction. While the Team primarily prepares for response to unplanned accidental chemical releases it is equipped and trained to deal with a variety of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) scenarios. The Team maintains a host of specialized response equipment to deal with chemical and environmental emergencies.



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### **The Emergency Response Team**

The Emergency Response Team is made up of 50 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The Team consists of 6 Technician Team Leaders, 40 Technician Level members, and 4 Communication Specialists. In addition to members drawn from member fire departments, the Team also includes members from various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, a micro biologist, a medical examiner and several police officers.



The Team maintains a fleet of vehicles and specialized equipment with a value of close to \$1,000,000. The vehicles consist of a mobile Command Support Unit, 2 Response Trucks, 2 Spill Trailers, an Entry/Intervention Trailer, and a Mobile Decontamination Trailer. This mobile apparatus carries the team's equipment which includes chemical detection and identification instruments, containment supplies, plugging, patching, intervention supplies, communication equipment, computer based, and other chemical reference guides as well as chemical protective equipment. The Team equipment is stored at various locations within the District, allowing for rapid deployment when the Team is activated. Activation of the Team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Department Dispatch Center.

### **Response Team Training**

In 2008, the Emergency Response Team completed 1,200 hours of training, during monthly training drills and specialized classes attended by Team members. This training included confined space entry, hazardous materials operations, Level A entry drills, chemical detection equipment operations, chemical identification, facility familiarization, and transportation emergencies. Additionally, training was conducted with the NH State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

### **Emergency Responses**

In 2008, the Team responded to numerous calls for technical assistance for member departments where a Response Team Leader provides consultation to the fire department on the handling of an incident. Additionally, Team responded to several incidents including, spills of unknown substances, substantial hydrocarbon spills, and ammonia leaks.

For further information about the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials District please visit our website at [www.senhazmat.org](http://www.senhazmat.org).





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### REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### State Public Health Initiatives

#### Improving the Public's Health in New Hampshire

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. 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 can be found at the New Hampshire 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

#### Partner in Preparedness

Plaistow will not soon forget the ice storm that devastated our Town in December 2008. Residents and businesses were without power for days. Downed wires and trees made some roads impassable. Many families were forced to evacuate their homes and find temporary housing or stay at a Red Cross shelter. Numerous businesses were forced to close during one of the busiest shopping times of the year. But this event has certainly made people realize the importance of preparing for emergencies.

Plaistow has partnered with the Department of Homeland Security's *Ready* campaign initiative on emergency preparedness since 2007. The following activities have taken place to encourage individual, family and business preparedness:

- Informational brochures developed by the State of New Hampshire entitled, "Preparing for an Emergency: The Smart Thing to Do" were acquired by our Regional Public Health Emergency Planning Team, and with the assistance of our school district, each student (in all 4 district towns and Hampstead) received a brochure to take home to their families. These brochures are also available at the library, Senior Citizen Center, Town Hall, and Safety Complex.
- Guidance for Preparing a Family Emergency Plan is included in the Town's Annual Report.
- Emergency preparedness planning information for businesses, special populations and pets is available at the Town Hall and on the Town's website, [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com)
- Sesame Workshop, in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security's *Ready Kids* initiative and the ongoing emergency preparedness effort, has created a DVD and materials titled "Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies" targeted at 3 to 5 year-olds. These age-appropriate kits instruct young children in how to proceed if an emergency situation occurs. Plaistow received a limited quantity of these kits and distributed them to all preschool centers in town.

#### Public Protection from Foodborne Illness and Disease

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. 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.



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### **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 mosquitoes 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 2008, the Commissioner of DHHS continued the public health threat (from mosquito-borne viruses) declaration for Rockingham County. This enabled Plaistow to apply for financial assistance for specific mosquito control activities.



During 2008, the State of New Hampshire reported 1 mosquito group tested positive for WNV. Additionally, 8 mosquito groups and 1 emu tested positive for EEE. There were no human cases of EEE in New Hampshire.

### **Resource for Public Health Concerns and Information**

The Plaistow Health Department works collaboratively with State and local partners to provide the public with accurate information on emerging public health concerns. Food recalls, product recalls, seasonal influenza, MRSA, avian 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, Plaistow Health Officer*



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### REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Highway Department personnel remained the same in 2008, Dana Rabito, Foreman; Aaron Shea, Laborer; Andy Jones, Laborer; Floyd Gates, Seasonal Laborer; and myself. With assistance from hired outside contractors, we followed through with several projects in 2008. I will list some of the major ones throughout this report.

2008 was a very busy year with weather related issues. As we all know the winter weather was relentless. There was a storm event almost every other day. That really takes its toll on Highway personnel, outside contractors, town equipment, and of course, the budget.

Once we got past the winter weather, we had to be creative with summer time spending. A decision was made to reduce the amount of roadwork in order to secure money for the winter weather possible in November and December. It turns out, this was a good call because December 2008 not only had lots of snow but we had a major ice storm on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, its effect lasted for weeks/months. This had a major effect on Plaistow as a whole.

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 department. We started the season putting the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) into affect. We hired Continental Paving from Londonderry to reclaim and binder Stanwood Avenue & Duston Avenue. We also paved Birch Street, Ashe Street, Hemlock Street, Laperle Avenue, Rutledge Drive, Park Avenue, and Cheney Lane. The overlay of hot top was put down on Stanwood Avenue & Duston Avenue.

Paving these roads increased the Town's overall rating and ultimately supports the RSMS program. I would like to thank the people of the Town for continuing to support the concept of spending a decent 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 2009.

Drainage improvements were another important accomplishment in 2008. The Town hired Al Hoyt & Sons from Plaistow to install 12 new catch basins & more than 2000 feet of culvert pipe on Old County Road.

These projects are very important in helping to secure the roadway infrastructure when it rains or during massive snow melt. I have not made a decision on the drainage for 2009 because I would like to look into the situation in the Oakridge Road / Willard Way area. The Board of Selectmen have approved some money to hire an engineer to look into the different repair options to do some road improvements in this area. Also, I would like to repair the culvert on Smith Corner Road, which was scheduled for 2008 but weather did not cooperate enough for this to happen.

Other projects completed in 2008 were the restriping of all stop bars, yellow center lines, and white fog lines on the main roads along with numerous hours of cutting and cleaning roadside brush, street sign installation, vehicle maintenance, catch basin repairs, and cold patching.



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In late October, we hired R.J. Barrett of Westford, MA, to clean 479 of the 498 Town maintained catch basins. This removes a year's worth of debris from the basin and also gives us one last chance to inspect it before winter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor*



*Highway Supervisor Daniel Garlington with his 2 boys attending opening day at the new recreation field.*



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### 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 has 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 typically submit 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 the people.

<u>Year/Equipment</u>	<u>Hours of Service</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Estimated Life</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Replace</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Replace</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
2008 International 6w Dump Truck	527	4,242	8 years	2015	2023	110,000
2006 Ford F-350 Pick-Up	2,621	38,828	7 years	2012	2019	40,000
2004 Ford F-550 Dump Truck	4,135	41,349	7 years	2011	2018	60,000
2001 Caterpillar 924 Loader	2,463	---	15 years	2015	2030	120,000
2000 International 6w Dump Truck	4,546	32,551	9 years	2009	2018	110,000
1987 Ford Backhoe	1,031	---	20 years	2010	2030	70,000

### Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Cash Flow

<u>Year</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue	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)
Balance	72,500	25,000	17,500	20,000	42,500	105,000	167,500	0





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### REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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 and Wednesday evenings in the summer. We have also been available by appointment to give teaching sessions and tours of the museum.

We coordinate every year the vendors on Old Home Day. This year we are pleased to announce that what we made had increased significantly from what we made last year.

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.

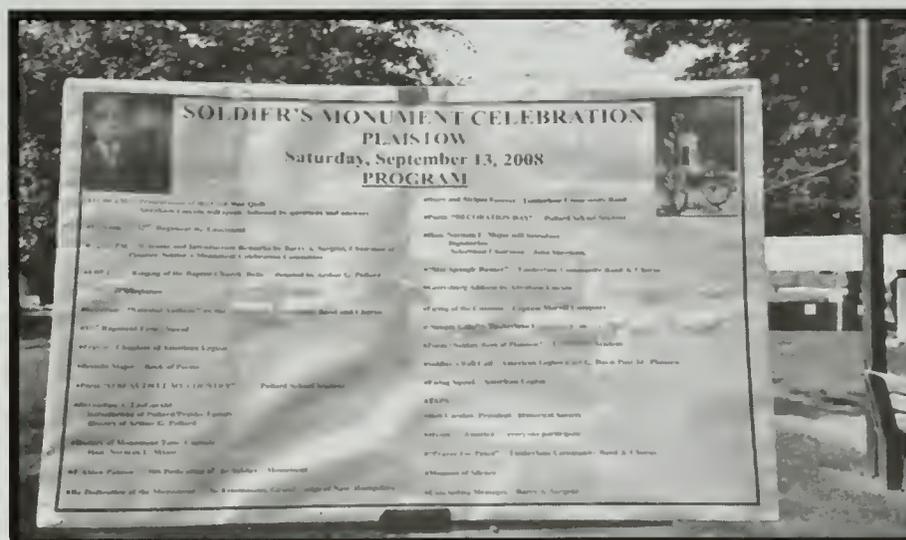
Our website is continuously being updated with Plaistow historical antidotes and other information. We are receiving many inquiries particularly from those who are researching genealogy and the history of their houses. All are welcome to visit us at [www.PlaistowHistorical.org](http://www.PlaistowHistorical.org).

We are pleased to announce that we have elected the following officers in November:

Bob Carolan, President  
Mike Smith, Vice President  
Catherine O'Brien, Recording Secretary  
Tami Smith, 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 PM. 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 tentatively Wednesday evenings 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: 603-382-1675.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Catherine O'Brien, Recording Secretary*





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### REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Imagine you are a waitress in a restaurant, you work the Wednesday through Sunday shift for less than minimum wage and are dependent on the tips you receive to make ends meet. You have no vacation, sick or holiday pay. Now imagine an ice storm hits your Town and the power goes out for more than 7 days. The restaurant manager calls to tell you that they have no power at the restaurant and are closing for 2 weeks. It will take that long to clean the refrigeration system and clean the restaurant. You will miss a total of 3 weeks of pay. Your rent is due, the food in your refrigerator has gone bad and you have a shut-off notice for your electric bill. What do you do? Where do you turn?

You turn to the Town Hall, more specifically, the Human Services Department. It is our job to make sure you do not fall through the cracks. The founding fathers of this great State, created NH RSA 165:1, which states, "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". NH 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. Here in Plaistow, we focus 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.

We have all been impacted by the rising costs of basic necessities and it comes as no surprise those living in Southern New Hampshire are among the hardest hit. As a result, we continue to see a rise in residents seeking assistance with basic necessities. In 2008, 393 residents made contact with the Human Services Department; this is up from 366 in 2007. Of those 393, 76 received direct assistance, which includes, heat, food, shelter, and electrical assistance. Below are statistics showing the number of residents making contact with the Human Services Department in 2008 and a four year comparison of expenditures for heat, electric and rental assistance.





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The Town Hall is the physical representation of the community and the staff in the building is charged with realizing the vision of the Town's people. Without the great people of Plaistow, working behind the scenes to assist their fellow neighbors, the Human Services Department could not function. Erma Bombeck said, "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another". The American Legion, Carl G. Davis Post #34, American Legion Woman's Auxiliary, First Baptist Church, Holy Angel's Food Pantry, Knights of Columbus, Plaistow Fish & Game Club, and the Plaistow Lion's Club continue to rise to the call of the community and exemplify the words of Erma Bombeck. They continually meet the needs of their neighbors, privately and unselfishly. It is an honor to be able to work with these organizations and they continually show me the true meaning of community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Nicole Carr, Human Services Coordinator*



*Plaistow Lion's Club and Plaistow Fire Department's Ambulance Drive.*



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### TOWN OF PLAISTOW MOSQUITO CONTROL

New Hampshire experienced Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) activity for the fifth year in a row. In 2008, mosquitoes carrying EEE were found in seven communities including Brentwood, Danville, Exeter, Manchester, Newfields, Newmarket and Newton. The State confirmed an emu in Barnstead died from EEE. One sample of mosquitoes from Kensington tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). There were no reported human cases of EEE or WNV in New Hampshire.

The proposed 2009 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 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're new in Town and 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. Anyone who sent a written request in 2008 may call our office to reaffirm your request. 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 WNV.

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), the Centers for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sarah MacGregor, President of Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.*



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### REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee had a very dramatic season. We started off with 2 vacancies — T. Richard Latham and Bob Gray, and an interim Town Manager, Craig Kleman, who worked with departments to begin putting together their individual budgets. When the Town hired a permanent Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald, he worked more closely with the departments to refine those budgets. Within a short period, the Town was hit by a terrible ice storm and two subsequent snowstorms that caused budgeting to take a backseat to the welfare of the citizens and kept the Committee from meeting for two weeks.

Through hard work, diligence, long hours, and the assistance of the Town Manager, Board of Selectman, department heads, and support staff, the Budget Committee was able to bring about a fiscally responsible budget that will carry the Town through 2009, while continuing to maintain existing services and provide opportunities for growth.

The proposed operating budget of \$7,382,500 can be found in the 2009 Town Warrant and is further explained on the MS-7 State Reporting Form (also in the Town Report). The proposal is \$296,573 or 4.2% more than the 2008 approved operating budget.

Total appropriations (which would include the approval of all 2009 Budget Committee recommended Warrant Articles) would increase the total budget by 3.7% from \$7,465,625 in 2008 to \$7,743,733 in 2009, a difference of \$278,108. There are 3 Individual Warrant Articles totaling \$449,000 for which no money needs to be raised. However, due to an expected decrease in revenue, the amount of money to be raised by taxation has increased.

The Budget Committee recommends that you review our report and vote to support Article P-09-02 at the second session of the Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Pollard School.

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald, the department heads, and all the support staff for their assistance and 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*



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### OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

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

The Town of Plaistow has successfully preserved the traditions of the past, while infusing an element of current customs into the Town's Old Home Day event. The Town holds Old Home Day on the last Saturday of June each year with the goal of the event to provide fun, food, and festivities to residents and visitors alike. It is a special day to socialize and enjoy the cultural benefits of living in a New England community like Plaistow.

The Old Home Day Committee experienced a number of changes between 2007 and 2008. Brian Levasseur stepped down as Chairman, and Tami Smith became the new Chairman. Sara Bush became the new Vice-Chairman and also continued to be responsible for running the baby contest. Jim Robinson, representative for the Lions Club parade, also stepped down as a Committee member and Bill Lohnes is now in charge of the parade. Wendy Bush remained on the Committee and became the new contact for the vendors representing the Historical Society. Dan Bush and Barry Weymouth also continued to serve as members.

There were a few new events in 2008 including the Town's first annual apple pie baking contest. There were three volunteers to judge the adult and junior categories. Ribbons and a gift card were given for the first, second, and third place winners. Slices of pie were sold after the contest. A raffle was also held during the day with prizes donated from local business and sports teams. The winning tickets were drawn on Sunday after the softball game. A total of \$261 was raised from the pie sales and raffle tickets and the proceeds were donated to the Plaistow Food Pantry.

The Committee also hosted the first Old Home Day "Hero's on the Diamond" softball game between the Police and Fire Departments. The game was held at the new recreation field on Old County Road and the Friends of the Recreation were kind enough to open the concession stand.

Another addition to the 2008 Old Home Day was a car show and barbershop quartet.

The 2008 Old Home Day had a record number of vendors on the green, including the New Hampshire Locked Moose Antler Project Exhibit. The parade and the road race went well, although the weather did disrupt the day a little. Unfortunately, the fireworks had to be canceled on Saturday night and were unable to be rescheduled to Sunday due to low cloud cover. Overall, the Old Home Day Committee was pleased with the turnout and believes the day was a big success.

The Old Home Day Committee meets once a month beginning in January through June at the Plaistow Town Hall. The public is always welcome and volunteers are always needed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Tami Smith, Chairman*



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### REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee (PATAC) was formed as a grass roots organization in 1990. It has charter members from Plaistow, all surrounding Towns, representatives from the 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 Road and Route 125,
- 2) Establish Plaistow to Boston express commuter bus service, and
- 3) Extend the MBTA service from Haverhill to Plaistow.

The first two goals were obtained in the mid 1990s and the third 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 Downeaster train continues its high percentage of on-time arrivals and continues to have a top rating from passengers regarding on-train services. Plans are still on schedule for the extension of service from Portland to Freeport and Brunswick to be introduced in 2010. Schedules will be coordinated with those of the Eastern Maine Railroad that will provide service from Brunswick to Rockland on a year-round basis. 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 NH Rail Transit Authority whose mission is to oversee passenger rail service in NH. It is a legal entity and consists of 27 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. What started out to be an extension of the commuter service from Lowell to Nashua has now evolved into a commuter service known as the NH Capitol Corridor service. This will provide commuter service for Concord, downtown Manchester, the Manchester Airport, Merrimack, and Nashua as well as Chelmsford, Lowell, and the multi-modal transportation center in Woburn. The consultant charged with looking at alternate transportation modes (bus, rail) before the I-93 expansion can begin has recommended the best route from Manchester to Boston would be through, Derry, Windham, and Salem south to Boston via the Lawrence, MBTA commuter line. While this route would serve more I-93 communities, it does not serve the Manchester Airport, Nashua, or Merrimack. Although the Rail Authority will support the Manchester to Lawrence service, it still places its highest priority on the NH Capitol Corridor service and finds both services to be complimentary and not a case of having to choose one service or the other. The Rail Authority also supports the extension of commuter service from Haverhill into Plaistow.



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**Plaistow Rail Station Update:** The MBTA has been under pressure for several years to move their layover station (where the Haverhill line commuter trains are stabled at night) out of Bradford. I believe this will be completed in 2009 with a worst case scenario of some of the physical relocation extending into 2010. This is good news for the commuter rail station in Plaistow. State (NH, MA), local (Plaistow, Haverhill), regional (Rockingham Planning Commission, Rockingham Economic Development Corporation), and MBTA officials are conducting a series of meetings to discuss the layover relocation and the rail station. The location of the layover station will determine the MBTA's cost to provide service to Plaistow. Three sites are being considered: Haverhill/Plaistow border off of Hilldale Ave., former site of Westville Homes off Railroad Ave., and the Plaistow/Newton border in the current general location of ProBark and Atlas Motor Express. Any site that includes any land of Plaistow will of course have Planning Board public hearings just as any other development. Although for nearly 10 years through the 1990s, we thought the rail station would be only a couple years away, it now does appear that it can be a reality in 2010.

**Route 125 Update:** There is no scheduled construction for the Route 125 widening project in 2009. The monies allocated for 2009 will go to purchasing rights-of-way necessary to complete the widening through out Plaistow. Construction will resume in fiscal 2010 (starts Oct, 2009) with the next phase of construction – the Danville Road, Old Road, Jesse George Road, and Main Street intersections.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Timothy Moore, Chairman*



*Summer 2008 Hail Storm*



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### REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

#### Legacy of the Past

The Plaistow Planning Board was established in 1956 and is comprised of five members – four elected citizens and one Selectmen's representative. The Planning Board is an important elected 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.

During 2008, the Planning Board proposed and adopted numerous Master Plan, Zoning and Regulation amendments. Highlights include:

- ❖ Updates to the Population and Housing and Transportation Chapters of the Master Plan,
- ❖ Changes to the location of septic systems in relation to the wetlands,
- ❖ Requirement for driveways in residential districts to be located within the frontage of the lot to comply with the rear and side setbacks,
- ❖ Additional definitions for various uses and minor changes to existing definitions,
- ❖ Requirements for garage or barns larger than permitted by the ordinance,
- ❖ Specification of different types of restaurants and in what zones they are allowed,
- ❖ Adding and removing various uses in the Commercial I District,
- ❖ Specification of criteria for special exceptions for the care and treatment of animals,
- ❖ Addition of fraternal, service, charitable uses and day care facilities to the Commercial II and Village Center Districts,
- ❖ Removal of various uses allowed by special exception in certain zoning districts and the addition of permitted uses,
- ❖ Modifications to the sign ordinance including restrictions to temporary signs,
- ❖ Removal of references to fees in the ordinance and regulations and placement in one schedule,
- ❖ Modifications to the Planning Board's Rules of Procedure.

Also throughout 2008, the Planning Board reviewed and approved numerous subdivision, site plans and minor site plan applications. Highlights include:

- ❖ A preliminary hearing on a 3-lot subdivision for property located in the MDR Zone at 27 Westville Road,
- ❖ An addition to a tire store located at 147 Plaistow Road,
- ❖ Approval of an addition to an existing office building located at 23 Atkinson Depot Road,
- ❖ Approval of a condominium conversion of an office part located at 29 and 31 Westville Road,
- ❖ Approval of the storage of box trailers and containers at 214 Plaistow Road,
- ❖ The merger of four lots and associated approval of a site plan for two new commercial buildings at the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 125 and Westville Road,
- ❖ A lot line adjustment for property located at Newton Road,
- ❖ A change of use site plan for 222 Plaistow Road to convert the property from an RV sales company to two uses, an electrical contractor and used car sales,
- ❖ A change of use site plan for 7 Rose Avenue from an auto body shop to a landscaping business,
- ❖ Approval of the addition of pavement for an existing vehicle sales areas at 89 Newton Road,
- ❖ Approval of a machine refurbishing company at 144 Main Street,
- ❖ Approval of a forty unit elderly housing complex at 18 Chandler Avenue,
- ❖ Revocation of a site plan for a commercial building approved by the Planning Board located at 113 Plaistow Road,
- ❖ Numerous minor site plan reviews and special event approvals.

Throughout 2008, there were several legal issues that arose that required staff to prepare various memorandums and packets, including a complete affidavit for a hearing on an appeal regarding one of the elderly housing project applications. This entailed working closely with the Planning Board Attorney, Craig Donais of Bostock Donais, LLLC. Staff was also subpoenaed to testify at two court hearings.



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The Master Plan continues to be updated and in order to facilitate this process, a subcommittee has been established. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was also updated this year including both text and the spreadsheet. This process involves numerous meetings of the CIP Committee which is made up of representatives of the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board, with staff assistance from the Town Manager and Town Planner.

### Hope for the Future

While commercial development activity has decreased, there continues to be numerous inquiries into various sites regarding the possible redevelopment of existing buildings, or, in the case of vacant land, various proposed developments. It is expected there will continue to be commercial redevelopment and development in 2009. Commercial growth on Route 125 north of the railroad tracks will especially be of interest to the citizens of Plaistow as businesses seek to locate along the entire Route 125 commercial district.

Residentially, it is expected that there will be the construction of additional elderly housing units, one project already approved along Chandler Avenue.

Other planning issues such as the increased traffic along Main Street will be important planning focuses and will continue to be addressed in the coming year. The possible extension of rail service into Plaistow by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) is also being investigated and studied. Much work must be done to determine the feasibility of this public transportation option.

The NHDOT Route 125 widening project will also continue in 2009 with the reconstruction of the portion of the roadway from Danville Road to just north of Main Street occurring in 2010. Public hearings will be held on the final design of this project in 2009.

The Planning Board was joined by two citizens who requested to serve as alternates. 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!

The following citizens served on the Planning Board in 2008:

Timothy E. Moore, Chairman  
Steven Ranlett, Vice Chairman  
Barry Weymouth  
Peter Bealo  
Robert Gray, Selectman Ex-Officio  
Larry Gil, Alternate Selectman Ex-Officio  
Neal Morin, Alternate  
Marilyn Senter, Alternate

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Leigh G. Komornick, Town Planner*



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### REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

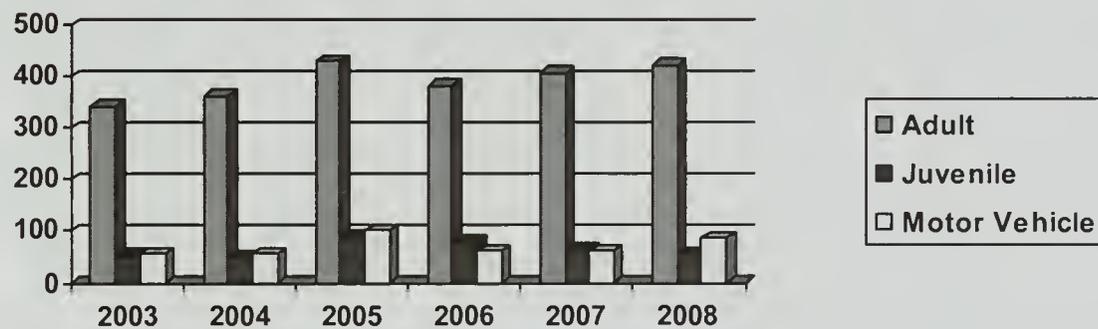
Twenty-three years ago, in the 1986 Town Report, the Police Department wrote about significant personnel attrition and the need to create a professional Communications Center. The personnel attrition stabilized within a few short years of that Report, and has remained so. The Communications Center was created in 1986 and is still going strong today. By virtue of what we do daily, the Department is always ever-mindful of where we have been and how important it is to shape our tomorrows.

During February of 2008, we transferred Master Patrol Officer George Wickson into the Special Investigations Unit to exclusively conduct drug investigations. Little did we realize the scope of work confronting him. He has initiated over 87 narcotic cases, identified well over 80 targets of interest, and recovered approximately \$41,800 in cash and three vehicles. Many more cases are pending cooperatively with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, Kingston, Haverhill, and Lawrence Police Departments, to name only a few.

<b>Special Investigation Unit Cases January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008</b>			
Assaults/Sexual Assault	7	Secondhand Dealer Licenses	13
Burglary/Robbery	21	Pawn Transactions	11,000
Theft/Receiving Stolen Property	68	Sex Offender Registrations	8
Fraud	38	Calls for Service	524
Drug	87		

The Office of the Prosecutor, located in the Safety Complex, handled 1,225 cases or a total of 1,932 individual complaints. 702 complaints were filed by Plaistow. The Office, staffed by Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook and a support person, prosecutes all cases heard in the Plaistow District Court from the Towns of Hampstead, Plaistow, Kingston, Atkinson, Newton and Danville.

### 6 YEAR ARREST COMPARISON



Over the past full year, we commenced a Records Management project that, in short, customizes our entire approach to paper filing by color coding all work product, purging duplicative forms, and installing bi-file units in Central Records. The cost of the system was paid for by Impact Fees in the amount of \$15,000. In the long run, this records restructuring will create personnel efficiencies and reduce space needs for Central Records. This complicated records restructure (which is ongoing) is capably managed by Executive Secretary Sarah Gibbs and Secretary Jennifer Page. Our Records Clerk Wendy Ventura is slowly transitioning into the new system.



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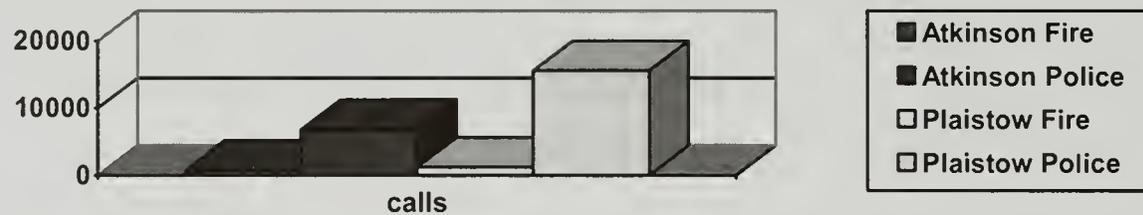
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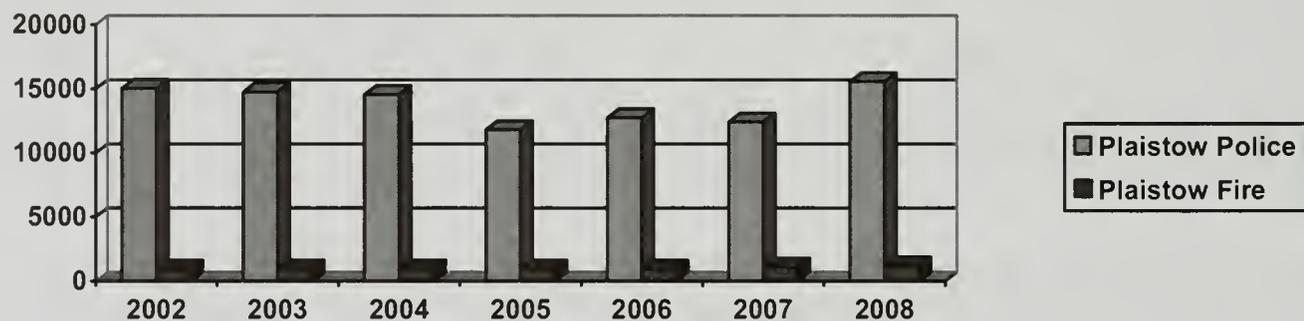
Our K-9 team of Master Patrol Officer Alec Porter and Kraken initiated 46 deployments during the year, which was down from the previous year due to the team being assigned to 12 weeks of training. The team is an outstanding complement to our drug investigator, Master Patrol Officer George Wickson.

The Communications Center admirably rose to the occasion during the severe ice storm in late 2008. The staff of five dispatchers worked 12 hour shifts during the event, quietly and capably handling all calls for Police and Fire in two communities. The dispatchers represent many long years of dedicated exemplary service to Plaistow and Atkinson, which is often unnoticed.

### 2008 CALLS FOR SERVICE



### THE CALLS FOR SERVICE OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS ARE:



The calls have remained pretty much static with a small spike in 2008 due to the ice storm event. In 2008 the Police Department had 15,573 calls for service and the Fire Department had 1,185 calls for service.

Calls for service continue to become more complex as the laws change each year and society often dictates changes in how our patrol units handle themselves and their functions. They are the foundation for all other operations listed in this report and are the most important service within the Department.

The Victim Witness Advocate, a regionally supported position, handled a total of 447 clients in 2008, an important service to our Prosecutor as well as to victims of domestic violence. The client contacts dealt with restitution, court witnesses, notifications, sexual assaults, and so forth.

The Department has always focused on the importance of training each and every year in order to deliver the best possible service to taxpayers. Well coordinated by Deputy Chief Kathleen Jones, we amassed a total of 1,593 man-hours during 2008.

Our Animal Control Officer David Sargent has become extremely visible handling a variety of calls. Although the position is part-time, he logged over 730 calls for service. Many of the calls dealt with animals other than canine and, in fact, he is working on conducting equine and bovine inspections/investigations.



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<b>Crime Statistics for 2008</b>			
Murder/Manslaughter	0	Alarms (Police)	806
Burglary	49	Assaults	65
Theft/Robbery	262	Sexual Assaults	23
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	Traffic Citations	552
Criminal Mischief	137	Motor Vehicle Stops	6,108
DWI	27	Domestic Calls	116
Motor Vehicle Accidents	420		

In 2008, we initiated construction of a small building at our firing range for storage of range equipment, which shall be completed in spring of 2009. Funding for the building came from a fundraiser by the Police Association in the amount of \$25,000.

The Association also raised enough funds to equip Honor Guard with new dress uniforms (which should be available soon), in the amount of \$7,500.

As we head into FY2009, we begin this journey with our usual optimism and enthusiasm, although tempered in part, by doubt and some worry. We were unable to add an entry-level officer for 2009 but currently have two officers at the Police Academy. We are committed to our partnership with Plaistow in good times and bad, and look forward to emerging from this difficult financial period as a more resilient, better defined Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Chief of Police Stephen C. Savage*

"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team,  
but one man cannot make a team." - Kareen Abdul-Jabbar



*New Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald congratulates newly promoted Sgt. Valquerio Eiro, Jr., at the promotion ceremony.*



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### REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Plaistow Public Library was an integral part of the community throughout 2008 as it served the varied needs of the residents. As the economy tightened it became even more apparent that the services of the library were a tremendous value. Attendance at library sponsored programs was high as residents took advantage of the free services. The library provided meeting space for numerous community organizations with a total of 1,041 meetings held in the Mary Nelson Meeting Room, the Barbara Baratt History Room and the children's craft room which resulted in an average of 3 ½ meetings or programs per day. The DVD collection was extremely popular with a circulation return of 5 to 1 and the savings by residents for materials borrowed versus materials purchased was \$128.29 per capita.

The interlibrary loan service provided another benefit for patrons seeking materials that were not available in our library. We borrowed 974 books, DVDs, and audio tapes for our patrons and lent 785 materials to other libraries. This service has become extremely popular and continues to grow as our patrons become aware of the availability of materials in other libraries in the State. The library also increased the number of online databases available to the public, both at the library and through remote access from your home. Our website, [www.plaistowlibrary.com](http://www.plaistowlibrary.com), will connect you to all the databases we provide.

The summer reading program, "G'Day for Reading", was a rousing success. After a vacancy of several months the position of Head of Youth Services was filled in June by LuAnn Blair. She brought a great deal of experience to the position and enthusiastically dove right into planning the summer reading program. LuAnn offered 32 programs related to the summer theme with "Tucker Tasting" and Australian crafts being the most popular. There were over 200 children involved in G'Day for Reading and the program had an attendance of 708 children through June and July. She has continued the popular baby laps sit story hours as well as toddler and preschool story hours. During the fall she also ran a young authors program and a monthly evening story hour.

The library was again fortunate to be able to update the patron computers. This past year the focus was in the adult area. The need for the most up to date software was evident and in order to support that software it was important to update the computers to current standards. The patron computers, adult and children, were used 11,056 times during the past year so obviously there was a demand for the service.

Once again, the Friends of the Library offered their great support throughout the entire year by volunteering at programs, organizing and implementing the annual book sale, sponsoring the annual holiday fair and purchasing passes to 7 museums in the greater Boston and New Hampshire area. They also purchased interactive literacy materials for story hours, prizes for the summer reading program, a multimedia digital projector to be used for programming and training, and sponsored the "Welcome New Baby" baskets and the Dr. Seuss birthday party. The staff and trustees are very appreciative of all their efforts.

Volunteers also continued to support the library through various projects such as the summer reading program which was enhanced by several students and their volunteer efforts. Volunteers also aid the librarians by straightening shelves and working on the ongoing inventory project. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to call the library for further details.



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Thank you to all who chose to spend their time volunteering at the library. We had over 400 hours of volunteer time logged in for 2008.

Our major goal for the upcoming year is to focus on maximizing all the services we have available for the residents of Plaistow and providing the most “bang for the buck”. During difficult economic times libraries become increasingly busy because of the variety of services they provide at minimum cost to the public. We want to make all citizens aware of what their library can do for them and encourage everyone to take advantage of what we have to offer. We truly are one of the best bargains in town!

All of the above mentioned programs and services would not be possible without the supportive staff at the library. We had changes this past year in staffing positions and the reorganization has been very effective. I would like to thank all staff members for genuinely making themselves part of the team and working together for the common goal which is serving the library patrons to the best of our ability.

I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees for their direction and support during the past year. One of their focuses in 2008 was on energy conservation and they have made a strong commitment toward making the library as energy efficient as possible in order to maximize the tax dollars we receive for the library. Their commitment is truly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Houlihan, Director

### LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 2008

<b>LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 2008</b>	
Materials purchased	
Adult (includes Reference)	1,020
Juvenile	862
DVD	128
Audio Books	98
CD/Music	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,110</b>

<b>Gifts added to the collection</b>	
Books	251
DVD	38
Audio Books	7
CD/Music	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>

<b>Materials in Collection</b>	
Total video/DVDs in collection	1,548
Total audio books in collection	1,273
Total musical CDs in collection	272
Total Magazine/Newspaper subscriptions	72
Gift subscriptions	2
Materials lost/paid	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,558</b>

\*(including periodicals)

<b>Circulation</b>	
Total circulation	66,369
Registered patrons	3,461
Total visits by patrons	50,448
Days open	295
Programs sponsored by the library	159
Attendance at sponsored programs	2217
<b>Total count of meeting rooms usage</b>	<b>1,041</b>



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### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE

During 2008, the Public Safety Complex Building Committee morphed with new members and a new Town Manager. Formed in FY2003, the Committee was organized to plan out either an addition to the current facility or a stand-alone facility for the Police Department. The project currently appears on the CIP for the Town for FY2012. During the last meeting in 2008, the Committee was presented with two (2) conceptual plans as stated above, that maximizes the use of the current site occupied by the Safety Complex. Significant discussion evolved about the current site with comments about any other potential site that might be available.

It was reported by the Chairman that the Town currently has a State of New Hampshire dredge and fill permit for the pond next to the Complex, which would need to be mitigated if the current site was utilized for expansion. HKT Architects of Somerville, MA, has been on board with the Town since 2004, as the selected architects when the project finally materializes. Readers should view minutes of all meetings online at the Town's website for further information as the project goes forward.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Chief of Police Stephen C. Savage*  
*Chairman, Public Safety Complex Building Committee*



*John Fitzgerald Safety Complex*



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### REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department's largest 2008 accomplishment occurred with the opening of the Recreation Fields on Old County Road. The statement made in last year's town report, "we will be using the fields in the spring of 2008" became a reality. Thank you Plaistow! Without your support and understanding of all the construction delays this project never could have happened. We moved 80% of all our spring teams out there in May. Now the focus is the future utilization of the park and concession stand. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us in 2008 to make this a reality.

2008 was a year to continue strengthening our Senior Programming. Partnerships with Wal-Mart, Penacook Place, Home Depot, Larry's Clam Bar, Stillwell's Ice Cream, TD Banknorth, and the Friends of the Vic Geary helped make socials, monthly specials, additional trips, and our special Christmas Giving Trees a reality. Plaistow sponsors the arts and crafts, knitting, special lectures, monthly teas, socials, monthly luncheons, and trips at the Vic Geary Senior Center. In these hard economic times we worked together to keep our seniors a priority in our community.

2008 brought baseball to Little League. This was an exciting year for our boys playing in tournaments right into the summer time. Little League opened up a new playing field for them. So, combined with the opening of the new fields, this was a double exciting year. This was our second year in Pony Baseball, Softball, and Babe Ruth Softball, all of which proved to be very exciting for the children. Thank you to all the volunteer coaches and helpers for making the season a wonderful experience for the players.

This year we had the trials of New England weather. Our community events were all well attended. Whether it was during rain, snow, wind, or a horrific ice storm people had to battle, residents of Plaistow still came out. Easter was the best yet with record numbers to visit with the Easter Bunny and collect eggs at the hunt. Toddler Trick or Treat proved to be challenging with the wind blowing all the goblins around Main Street but everyone had a smile on their face. Thank you to all the businesses for supporting this event for a fifth year.

Summer recreation once again was the largest attended activity we sponsor. This year we focused on community service raising over \$278 for the Plaistow Lions Club in pennies for children less fortunate. Cards were made for home bound seniors and sent home with Meals on Wheels. Lastly, we had a food drive for the Holy Angels Food Pantry, which the children collected three large bins of peanut butter, pasta, and canned meats. We had a new summer staff this year with a new Summer Director, Erin McArdle, whom I would like to thank for all the time and effort she put into learning the Directors position and making summer fun for all the children attending.

#### 2009 Goals

- Having the concession stand and fields on Old County Road running full steam.
- Increasing Town event programs.
- A Farmers Market.
- Increasing partnerships between other nonprofit groups to accomplish more events for the Town.



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Since this is a department of one, I would not be able to accomplish all the events that this department offers without the support of the Town Hall staff. Special thanks to the Plaistow Highway Department for their endless support and caring about our programs. A thank you to the seniors who travel with us to attend the programs and lastly, to the parents in Plaistow who share their children with Recreation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Carli Malette, Recreation Director*



*Opening Day*



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### REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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 subdivision 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.



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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.

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.

Through their work with conservation easements the district now manages more than 80 different easements protecting over 3,800 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 by the Conservation Commission for the Conservation District,  
*Timothy Moore, Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission*



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### REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is a voluntary local public regional planning commission established under NH State Law (NH 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 Town of Plaistow has been a member community in good standing for many years. The Town's representatives to the Commission have served in many of the Commission's Officer positions including Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer. In addition, Plaistow commissioners have been members of the Executive Committee, Regional Master Plan Committee, the Legislative Committee and the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee. Plaistow's representatives have established themselves as stalwarts of the organization.

The Town benefits from the services of the RPC in numerous ways including transportation planning and project development, developing and distributing GIS mapping products directed specifically toward individual Towns as well as providing assistance in both drafting and amending zoning ordinances and local regulations dealing with land use and development. The Commission in the past has assisted the Town with master plan updates, preparing the Town's capital improvements program and assisting the community in the long range planning for the Route 125 corridor. Specific local technical assistance to Plaistow in the past year has included providing the Town with information regarding newly adopted State legislation dealing with local provision of workforce housing. The RPC has identified a site in Town, the Chart property, for inclusion in our Brownfield's redevelopment program; the goal of which is to assess and facilitate the redevelopment of former industrial properties. Finally, the RPC will be working with the Town in the coming year to study traffic issues on Main Street. The scope of this project includes among other things, developing traffic calming measures to lessen the negative impacts associated with high traffic volumes in the center of Town.

Membership in the Commission enables communities to interact with each other on a frequent basis (through monthly commission meetings) and to make them 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 of concern to Plaistow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rockingham Planning Commission*





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### REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The tax dollars that are collected each year are used to fund the many services for which the residents voted. Some of those services are the school system, Firefighters, Police Officers, emergency equipment, recreational programs, and many other services provided by the Town Hall staff.

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, which is printed on the tax bill and is on channel 17 and on [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com).

#### Legacy of the Past:

- ❖ 1884 Tax Commitment: \$4,368.76

#### 50 Years Ago (1959):

#### Today (2008)

- |                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ❖ Tax Collector: Stanley Herrick | Tax Collector: Rosemarie Bayek  |
| ❖ Tax Commitment: \$242,853.05   | Tax Commitment: \$19,791,827.00 |
| ❖ Rate: \$5.50 per \$100.00      | Rate: \$21.30 per \$ 1,000.00   |
| ❖ Poll Tax: \$2,520.00           | Poll Tax: N/A                   |
- ❖ Poll Tax: The Poll or Head Tax, which was \$10.00/per head, was voted out in 1987 because it was felt that the cost of billing the tax outweighed the benefit it brought to the Town. This tax had to be paid before a person could register a vehicle or obtain licenses such as fishing or boating licenses.
  - ❖ Tax Collectors worked from their homes until the Town Hall was renovated in April 1978.
  - ❖ In 1993, the Town changed the collection of taxes to bi-annual to distribute the monies more evenly through the year and reducing the probability of having to take out a loan in order to meet the Town's financial responsibilities.
  - ❖ In 1987, the office began using computers, prior to then everything was entered manually.

#### Hope of the Future:

- ❖ To move into more modern technology while maintaining our personal, friendly, professional atmosphere, and relationships with the Town residents.
- ❖ To continue education through seminars and conferences, and to stay up to date on regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rosemarie Bayek, Tax Collector*



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### REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office, as in past years, continues to record Vital Records, License Dogs, and Register Motor Vehicles. We have come a long way in the Clerk's Office since the days of working from our homes and doing registrations on a typewriter, to now working in a modern office with computers doing vehicle look up and all calculations. This year the State changed both driver licenses and vehicle registrations to a new style, which includes a bar code for law enforcement. This change brought another printer to desk tops. Our transitions went very smoothly.

### Legacy of the Past

- ❖ There has been a Town Clerk in place since the early days of Plaistow's Incorporation as a Town.
- ❖ We have Town Report Booklets in the office dating from 1886 to 2008.
- ❖ Town Meeting Minutes are hand written into large record books.
- ❖ **1952:** The first typewritten reports show up in the record books, but a lot of records were still hand written until 1967.
- ❖ **1978:** In April, Town Clerk moves from her home office into the Town Hall.
- ❖ **1990:** Town hires a third part-time clerk for the office.
- ❖ **1991:** Vital Records Department provides a new computer to do marriage licenses and death certificates.
- ❖ **1992:** Safety paper is introduced to issue copies of vital records.
- ❖ **1994:** Motor vehicle registrations and titles are completed on a computer system called AMASE. Dog licenses now go through the computer instead of the typewriter.
- ❖ **1998:** Vital Records Department upgrades to a new computer system, which also prints certified copies.
- ❖ **2001:** Computer software system is updated to a new Windows based program
- ❖ **2003:** Town Hall renovations start and the Clerk's Office is moved to the Library from June until December.
- ❖ **2003:** A quilt is completed by the Clerk, Maryellen Pelletier, which hangs in the office.
- ❖ **2004:** The current Vital Records System called NHVRIN, an internet based system, is introduced.
- ❖ **2007:** In the fall the Clerk's Office is renovated and is temporarily relocated to the great hall on the second floor from September to December.
- ❖ **2008:** Town Clerk's office goes on line with the State Motor Vehicle System and now offers more transactions to the public at the local level.

### Hope for the Future

- ❖ The future: The state is in the process of changing the Title System, which may be paperless in the future.



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### HOW TO AND WHAT YOU NEED!

**AUTO REGISTRATIONS:** Renewals can be done in person, by mail, with a mail notice, or by e-registration at [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) (cost is \$2.50 each vehicle plus a \$0.35 per transaction fee). To register a new vehicle, you will need to present a certificate of origin, title, or title application prepared by a New Hampshire dealer for 1995 and newer vehicles. For 1994 and older vehicles, a bill of sale is required along with a previously issued New Hampshire 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 identification. Fees for the town tax are based on the vehicle's value. State fees are based on the vehicle's weight. There are additional fees for the title, plates, special plates, mail notices, and e-registration 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 current rabies certificate is required for all dogs. Plaistow holds an annual Rabies Clinic in early Spring at the Fire Station. During this Rabies Clinic 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:** We can provide certified copies of Divorce, Birth, Death, and Marriage records which were recorded anywhere in New Hampshire (1990 to the present) from any New Hampshire Town Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals that demonstrate a "direct and tangible" interest may request the records by showing identification and filling out the required paperwork. The cost is \$12.00 each for the first copy and subsequent copies (at the same time) are only \$8.00. Marriage or Civil Union licenses cost \$45.00 and are available to anyone who is at least 18 years old and wants to be joined in New Hampshire. Identification is required as well as the certified document ending any prior marriage or civil union (if applicable).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



*Left to right: Nancy Bolduc, Deputy Tax Collector  
Rosemarie Bayek, Tax Collector; Joyce Thurston,  
Deputy Town Clerk; Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



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### REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

#### 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>
Murphy, Taryn Lee	Murphy, Thomas	Darling, Deborah	01/05/08
Jones, Jack Michael	Jones, David	Jones, Maria	03/01/08
Ward, Ava Elizabeth	Ward, Brian	Desalvo, Natalie	03/05/08
Murray, Cara Justine	Murray, Daniel	Murray, Jaime	03/25/08
Freeman, Lillian Grace	Freeman, Daniel	Freeman, Jaclyn	03/31/08
Sawyer, Ava Lynn	Sawyer, Christopher	Welch, Amy	04/14/08
Petry, Landon James	Petry, Jeffrey	Petry, Lisa	05/22/08
Hill, Ayla Mae	Hill, Robert	D'Arcangelo, Elizabeth	08/21/08
Sawyer, Emily Brooke	Sawyer, Thomas	Hackney, Jessica	09/04/08
Jones, Chevvy Edmund	Jones, Charles	Fain, Shila	09/15/08
Smith, Sophia Michelle	Smith, Matthew	Dollard, Jessica	09/16/08
Porter, Jahmyah Lynn-Beverly	-----	Jordan, Jessica	09/21/08
Lister, Jordan Robert	Lister, Richard	Lister, Jenny	10/04/08
Ciampa, Nicholas Kenneth	Ciampa, Wayne	Dunn, Heidi	10/26/08
Ciampa, Benjamin Daniel	Ciampa, Wayne	Dunn, Heidi	10/26/08
Liszewski, Lindsey Ann	Liszewski, Theodore	Liszewski, Stacey	11/20/08
Jackson, Savannah Almeta	Jackson, John	Lassor, Shirley	11/24/08

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



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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>
Vlasuk, Daniel	Vlasuk, Andrew	Procopchenko, Zena	01/14/08
Young, James	Unknown	Young, Christine	01/16/08
Hailson, David	Hailson, Daniel	Dow, Evelyn	01/24/08
Burnham, Scott	Burnham, George	Grant, Thelma	01/28/08
Drelick, Joseph	Drelick, Blazej	Bala, Catherine	01/30/08
Scarelli, Joseph	Scarelli, Americo	Caradonna, Bridgett	02/12/08
Libby, Gladys	Gebow, Herbert	Gray, Hazel	02/13/08
Hayward, Joyce	Appel, Emil	Baker, Villa	02/17/08
Reed, Franklin	Reed, Melvin	Hardy, Barbara	04/07/08
Sykes, Rita	Reed, Othie	Collins, Lydia	04/27/08
MacFarlane, Ann	Fiore, Marco	Pagani, Marian	05/03/08
Wyatt, Loretta	Boucher, Charles	De Amour, Louise	05/16/08
McGinley, William	McGinley, James	Dean, Anne	05/18/08
Parkhurst, Daniel	Parkhurst, Eugene	Spencer, Annie	06/06/08
Merker, Sheldon	Merker, Abraham	Wilner, Raye	06/08/08
Frye, Donna	Pincence, Omer	McCarthy, Mary	06/23/08
Fraize, Malcom	Fraize, William	Cudmore, Annetta	07/11/08
Rossetti, Jr., Anthony	Rossetti, Sr., Anthony	Severance, Madeline	07/27/08
Pardi, Mary	DeFronzo, Saverio	DiPietro, Anna	08/15/08
Clare, Roxy	Peters, James	Garabedian, Agnes	08/23/08
Bonnell, Sr., William	Bonnell, Wilfred	McNamara, Nora	10/12/08
Miller, Scott	Miller, Douglas	Preiss, Margaret	10/13/08
Packard, Artemas	Packard, Artemas	Lord, Marjory	10/29/08
Guthrie, David	Guthrie, David	Scott, Shirley	12/04/08
Shactman, Loretta	Snyder, Robert	Shwartz, Carol	12/07/08
Poulsen, Esther	Nelson, Ralph	Cann, Arlene	12/16/08

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*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



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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>
Lewis, Martin G.	Nye, Christine L.	Plaistow	01/19/08
Reed, Kevin M.	Greywolf, Cynthia T.	Derry	01/26/08
Schena, Mark F.	Waldron, Jennifer E.	Plaistow	02/22/08
McGibbon, Scott C.	Fulper, Billie J.	Kingston	03/12/08
Madigan, Jason E.	Jones, Joanna, E.	Newton	04/05/08
Agyeman, Eric A.	Bourgoin, Laura M.	Plaistow	06/06/08
Proulx, Daniel E.	Chapman, Lisa M.	Raymond	06/21/08
Sinotte, Courtney C.	Leeds, Candi R.	Plaistow	06/28/08
Sainsbury, Anthony M.	Maguire, Tiffany N	Salem	07/01/08
Sickel, Matthew J.	Denault, Lisa L.	Plaistow	07/17/08
Gatti, Michael L.	Martinez, Meagan J.	Salem	07/21/08
Alvino, Anthony M.	LaFrancis, Tamara O.	Newton	07/30/08
Reese, James M.	Peel, Justeen M.	Epping	08/02/08
MacKinnon, Shawn M.	Browne, Patricia A.	Plaistow	08/16/08
McDermott, Michael P.	Nute, Deborah A.	Plaistow	08/23/08
Giorgi, Cory, L.	Falwell, Brigitte M.	Plaistow	08/23/08
Beuque, Harvey L.	Champagne, Linda T.	Salem	08/25/08
Rossi, Christopher J.	Edmunds, Ruth W.	Plaistow	08/30/08
Chery, Mike	Marcotte, Rebekah H.	Salem	09/06/08
Haggett, Adam E.	Surette, Katherine R.	Plaistow	09/07/08
Griffin, Alan F.	Hodgkins, Evelyn R.	Plaistow	10/11/08
Gianakos, Thomas J.	Deal, Marla M.	Plaistow	10/18/08
Richard, Peter E.	Hession, Cynthia M.	Plaistow	10/18/08
Kelly, Paul J.	Famulari, Cynthia E.	Plaistow	10/18/08
Walker, Robert C.	Leonard, Pamela A.	Hollis	11/01/08
Soricelli, Joseph	Mello, Nicole M.	Plaistow	11/01/08
Schott, David A.	Hamson, Tara L.	Plaistow	11/01/08
Pickering, Justin R.	Greene, Meghan M.	Plaistow	11/08/08
Silva, Jesse E.	Cote, Michelle R.	Plaistow	11/15/08
O'Connor, Brian D.	Fontaine, Nicole K.	Plaistow	11/28/08

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*Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk*



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### REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Plaistow's Water Department continued the goal of ensuring the availability of the Town's fire suppression system. This year, we began the process of conducting flow tests on each hydrant connected to the system. In the past, this had been done sporadically by developers looking to use the system for sprinkler coverage. By completing these tests, and documenting the results, we can hopefully identify potential problems in the system before they become a crisis and plan corrective actions, as appropriate.

This past summer, we completed an inspection of the liner for the reservoir. Two divers, lead by Plaistow resident Peter Campbell, volunteered to survey the bottom and sides of the reservoir to determine if there were any immediate threats to the integrity of the liner. Fortunately, the liner appears to be in very good condition.

In addition, we completed an assessment of the Water Tower located on the former Process/Chart Industries property. The results of the assessment are being used to ensure the Town adequately addresses the maintenance needs of the tower and support structure in order for it to be continuously to be used as a source of revenue through various communications/cellular communications contracts.

Due to the economic situation we are facing, we have investigated options regarding the planned expansion of the fire suppression system. We concluded that if we were to limit the expansion to one of the 3 projects proposed by NHDOT, that project would be to construct the segment from the existing line termination at Old Road/Route 125 up to the latest NHDOT project at Walton/Old County Road. This will tie 3 segments of the system together providing system redundancy and give us the greatest impact for our dollar. We hope that you will support the warrant article requesting the funding for this project. If the economic climate changes before the remaining DOT projects are completed, we would consider additional expansion of the system at that time. In addition, we have confirmed the use of alternative piping materials that will provide the same level of service as our standard ductile iron pipe has. There are cost savings to be realized in the use of PVC piping (of the appropriate class and strength) in our applications. We have confirmed that this material has stood the test of time in similar installations and should perform equally well if installed in our system.

#### Legacy of the Past

- Capitalize on opportunities to expand the fire suppression system when road construction is scheduled;
- Review/test system components periodically to ensure reliability when needed in an emergency; and
- Look for alternatives to historical practices to get the best value for our spending dollars.

#### Hope for the Future

- Maintain a healthy capital reserve so we can continue to expand the services as Route 125 is expanded by NHDOT;
- Continue our testing and maintenance programs to ensure the system provides the service we demand of it; and
- Remain proactive in our efforts to identify areas for additional cost savings to ensure the value of our tax dollars is maintained.



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We 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*



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**TOWN OF PLAISTOW**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**2009 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**AND BUDGET**  
**Town Meeting (Senate Bill 2)**



- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, January 31, 2009**  
**Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street**  
**Great Hall (2nd Floor)**  
**10:00 a.m.**
  
- **Deliberative Session Snow Date - Saturday, February 7, 2009**  
**Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street**  
**Great Hall (2nd Floor)**  
**10:00 a.m.**
  
- **Ballot Voting - Tuesday, March 10, 2009**  
**Pollard School, 120 Main Street**  
**Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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**PLEASE NOTE: Articles P-09-02 - P-09-12 may be amended at the Deliberative Session.**  
**Any changes will appear as part of the Warrant and Budget insert in the Annual Report**



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**2009 Plaistow Town Warrant  
State of New Hampshire**

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

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Plaistow Town Hall 145 Main Street in said Plaistow on Saturday, January 31, 2009 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 Saturday, February 7, 2009 starting at 10:00 AM.

The final voting on all Warrant Articles will take place by official ballot at the second session. Therefore, you are hereby notified to meet for this second session of the annual town meeting at Pollard School, Main Street, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, from 7:00 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-09-01** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

<u><b>SELECTMAN</b></u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>
Joyce C Ingerson		Elizabeth George	
Daniel J Poliquin		Catherine Willis	
Michelle Curran			
Daniel Bush			

<u><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN FOUR</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>
Benjamin Sadewicz		Therese A Chouinard	
Michele R Conte			
Catherine Willis			
Gayle Hamel			

<u><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></u>		<u><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></u>	
<u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>		<u>TWO YEAR TERM</u>	

<u><b>PLANNING BOARD</b></u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u><b>AUDITOR</b></u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>	<u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>
Neal J Morin		
Lawrence W Gil		

<u><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b></u>		<u><b>TAX COLLECTOR</b></u>	<u>VOTE FOR</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>		<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>NOT MORE THAN ONE</u>
B Jill Senter		Rosemarie L Bayek	



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### OPERATING BUDGET

**Article P-09-02:** 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 (\$7,382,500)? SEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be (\$7,341,153) SEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS 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 (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (8-2-0)*

### REPLACE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DUMP TRUCK

**Article P-09-03:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 for the purchase of a replacement 6-wheel 2009 dump truck for the Highway Department and further to authorize the trade-in of the Town's 2000, 6-wheel dump truck for a value of not less than \$16,000 and to withdraw up to \$144,000 from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>
<b>Estimated Revenue from Trade in</b>	<b>-\$16,000</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Withdrawal</b>	<b>-\$144,000</b>
<b>Amount to be raised from 2009 taxes</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)*

*and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board*

[Intent: To replace the Highway Department's 2000, 6-wheel dump truck. This also authorizes trading in the 2000 vehicle and applying the proceeds toward the purchase of a new truck. The new 2009 truck will be equipped with a dump body, plow, wing and sander. This uses the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006, which has a balance of \$190,184.57 as of November 30, 2008. Successful votes at prior Town Meetings have already deposited more than the \$144,000 needed for the acquisition of this vehicle.]

### FIRE SUPPRESSION WATER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

**Article P-09-04:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,233 for the Fire Suppression Water Capital Reserve Fund for the planned future expansion of the Fire Suppression Water System.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (10-0-0)*

*and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board*

[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future expansion of the fire suppression system so that the Town can do the work at the same time as the NH Department of Transportation rebuilds sections of Route 125. Putting \$116,233 aside each of the next two years will level the tax impact and allow the Town to install the water line from Old Road to Walton Road. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account. The balance of the account is \$291,035 as of November 30, 2008.]



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### FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

**Article P-09-05:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)  
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board*

[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future purchases 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.]

### FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT

**Article P-09-06:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to replace the 1969 Snorkel Truck that has been taken out of service due to mechanical failure. The Town has placed a \$10,000 deposit on a used 1991 ladder truck that meets the needs of the Town; the balance to be provided for delivery is \$240,000. Out of the total cost, \$240,000 is to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Capital Reserve and the \$10,000 deposit is to be withdrawn from impact fees.

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Deposit (from Impact Fees)</b>	<b>-\$10,000</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Withdrawal</b>	<b>-\$240,000</b>
<b>Amount to be raised from 2009 taxes</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)*

[Intent: The intent of this article is to authorize expenditure of existing money in the reserve account to replace the Town's 1969 Snorkel truck with a pre-owned 1991 ladder truck. If purchased new, this truck would cost approximately \$1,000,000. The current account balance is sufficient to accommodate the entire purchase without the need for supplemental funds raised from the general fund. The balance of the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund is \$285,839.84 as of November 30, 2008. Successful votes at prior Town Meetings have already deposited more than the \$240,000 needed for the purchase of this truck.]

### ESTABLISH REVOLVING FUND – RESCUE VEHICLE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT

**Article P-09-07:** To see if the Town will vote to create a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the future purchase of a new or replacement Rescue Ambulance Vehicle and/or medical equipment and to designate the Board of Selectmen as the Agents of the fund. Funds received for transporting patients using the Town's rescue vehicle will be placed in this fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)*

[Intent – To offset the cost of future vehicle replacement and/or purchase of non-routine emergency medical equipment with funds received from transporting patients in the Town's rescue vehicle. In 2008, revenue from transports was approximately \$11,000. All revenues received from billable ambulance services provided by the Plaistow Fire Department will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be included as part of the Town's general fund unreserved balance. The fund shall be used to purchase a replacement rescue vehicle and/or medical equipment for the fire department. If used to purchase a replacement vehicle, these funds will be used to supplement any funds in the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Account. This money will be placed in an interest bearing account.]

### WESTVILLE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

**Article P-09-08:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,000 for the widening of Westville Road at its intersection with Route 125 as required by the New Hampshire Department of



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Transportation (NHDOT) in conjunction with the development project to be constructed at the southeast corner of Westville Road and Route 125. \$15,000 shall be funded by the Town through funds previously received from the NHDOT that were deposited to, and will be withdrawn from the unreserved fund balance. The balance of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) shall be funded by the developer as negotiated with the Town.

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>
<b>Revenue from NHDOT</b>	<b>-\$15,000</b>
<b>Funds From Developer</b>	<b>-\$24,000</b>
<b>Amount to be raised from 2009 taxes</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-0-0)*

[Intent: To appropriate \$39,000 as required by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for widening Westville Road at its intersection with Route 125. This project has sometimes been referred to as the "RiteAid Project". This will allow the Town to improve the Westville Road/Route 125 intersection with no tax impact to the Town.]

### CONSERVATION FUND

**Article P-09-09:** 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 (5-0-0) and recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0-0) 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 \$49,532.27 in the Conservation Fund as of December 31, 2008. There is also approximately \$33,508.95 in the Forestry Fund as of December 31, 2008. This money will be deposited in an interest bearing account.]

### DANVILLE ROAD SIDEWALK MATCHING GRANT

**Article P-09-10:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk along the western side of Danville Road from Greenough Road to Route 125. \$12,000 will be the Town's 20% share of the total project cost of \$60,000. The balance of the funds (\$48,000) is to be provided by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). Construction will take place as part of the Danville Road/Route 125 intersection improvements during the NHDOT's fiscal year 2010. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. Funds will be withdrawn to match NHDOT's construction schedule.

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Estimated Revenue from NHDOT</b>	<b>-\$48,000</b>
<b>Amount to be raised from 2009 taxes</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (9-1-0)*

[Intent: The Town of Plaistow has already been awarded a separate grant from the NHDOT for construction of a sidewalk from the Middle School along Greenough Road to Danville Road. This \$12,000 requested in the above article will allow for the additional construction of a sidewalk from Greenough Road along Danville Road to Route 125. This would allow students to safely access Danville Road and Route 125 businesses without walking in the road or cutting through the woods across private property. A longer range future goal will allow for sidewalks connecting the Middle and High Schools to the Town Center.]

**Article P-09-11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment with a safe surface underneath and the construction of a sheltered



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area at the recreation fields located off Old County Road? This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will lapse on 12/31/2013.

*(By Petition)*

*Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (1-3-0)*

*and Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-4-0)*

[Intent: To install a playground with playground equipment primarily for children ages 2 to 12, including a required safe surface underneath. The playground equipment will be comprised of a multipurpose playscape which promotes: physical fitness, quality of play and community involvement while providing an outdoor classroom using physical fitness. The playscape is constructed of brightly colored, heavy, galvanized steel tubing with various "fun and learning" stations and with a safe surface (to help prevent injuries from falling, tripping or other hard landings) of fiber material to be installed on the ground below. The shelter will be an approximate 30' X 40' wood structure with a pitched shingled roof and picnic tables underneath. The shelter's main purpose is to ensure that children and all individuals visiting the facility may be protected from the elements of New England weather. The completion of this project will allow the Town to move the summer recreation program, currently held at Ingalls Terrace, to the Old County Road site as intended with the conception of the Old County Road recreation fields (PARC) project. By moving the summer recreation program to this larger, modern facility: there will be less parking and transportation issues; improved conditions for the children and staff, and, greater opportunity for advanced and unique programming than what was offered in the past. This will allow more children to engage in recreation in a safer environment not only during the summer program but at all other times the facility is open. Moreover, the Ingalls Terrace facility will remain as an alternative site for smaller groups to play.]

**Article P-09-12:** Shall the Town vote to study the reclassification of Main Street from the Hampstead NH town line to the NH/MA State Line from a Class II (State Road) to a Class V (Town Road) and deliver such report by December 1, 2009?

*(By Petition)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0)*

[Intent: To study the financial impact, traffic patterns and control, safety and other related issues if Main Street is controlled by the Town.]

**Article P-09-13:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV, Section 220-100, Impact Fees, Section D(3), to update the methodology as follows:

*"...in a manner consistent with the methodology described in the document, "Impact Fee Update for Public Safety Facilities," final report by Bruce Mayberry, April 30, 2008."*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason for change: Each impact fee must have some methodology for the computation of the impact fee. Bruce Mayberry updated the calculations for the Public Safety Impact fee and hence the zoning ordinance needs to be updated to reflect the latest calculation methodology. Bruce Mayberry was the consultant who was hired by the Planning Board to generate the methodology.]

**Article P-09-14:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Wetlands, as follows:

*Add a new section to read as follows:*

*220-27. Shoreland Protection.*



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- A. Any development or redevelopment within 250 feet of any shore of the Little River requires compliance with the State of NH Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, RSA 483-B.
- B. Notes must be added to a site plan or subdivision plan that lists the State Shoreland Protection permit number or a note or notes stating why the State permit is not required.
- C. In some cases, both a Dredge and Fill permit and a Shoreland Protection permit may be required. In case of a conflict between State and Local regulations, the stricter regulation shall apply.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason for change: The State of NH reclassified Little River as an Order 4 stream and hence it becomes necessary to meet all provisions of the Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B) when any development activity is taking place within 250 feet of the Little River. This change links our local protection of the Little River to the State protections.]

**Article P-09-15:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32B, Commercial I Zone, as follows:

*Move uses 15 – 21 (allowed by special exception) to Permitted Uses and add Nursing/Convalescent Homes to Permitted Uses.*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason for Change: This change makes uses 15 (Public use, limited to public safety and service), 16 (Accessory use), 17 (Storage of equipment/vehicles used to service a product), 18 (Essential service), 19 (Small industry), 20 (Multimodal park and ride lots), and 21 (Theaters) that are currently only allowed by special exception to be standard permitted uses. This change also adds Nursing/Convalescent homes to the list of permitted uses (previously permitted by special exception but inadvertently deleted by a previous change).]

**Article P-09-16:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32G, Integrated Commercial/Residential Zone, as follows:

*By removing Produce Stands and Day-Care facilities from uses allowed by special exception, and by adding Nursing/Convalescent Homes to Permitted Commercial/Industrial Uses.*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason for Change: Produce Stands and Day-Care facilities were approved last year as permitted uses; however they did not get removed from the allowed by special exception list. Nursing/Convalescent homes were deleted in error by a previous zoning change; this change restores them as permitted uses.]

**Article P-09-17:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32J, Residential Conservation II Zone, as follows:

*Add Home Occupation and In-Law apartment to the list of uses allowed by special exception.*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason For Change: This change makes the RCII zone compatible with other residential zones regarding uses allowed by special exception.]

**Article P-09-18:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-



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32G, Integrated Commercial/Residential Zone, paragraph C., Uses and Dimensions, as follows:

*Update the lot coverage as follows:*

*(b) For commercial/industrial use only: 50%*

*(c) For combined uses: 50%*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason for change: This change increases the lot coverage from 35% to 50% to allow more flexibility in the arrangement of buildings, driveways, and parking lots on the lot. Building sizes are also limited in size by this ordinance and no change to the building size is being proposed.]**

**Article P-09-19:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII, In-Law Apartments, by modifying the following:

1. Modify the title of the ordinance from "In-Law Apartments" to "In-Law/Accessory Apartments". For consistency in nomenclature also modify all occurrences of "In-Law Apartment" to "In-Law/Accessory Apartment" in Article V, in the list of uses allowed by special exception.

2. Modify all occurrences of "in-law apartment" to "in-law/accessory apartment" in the text of Article VIII.

3. Replace paragraph 220-57.J in its entirety with the following text:

J. Once the initial family member(s) ceases to occupy the unit and prior to it being occupied as a rental unit, the property owner shall apply for a certificate of occupancy in the new tenant's name. Before a certificate of occupancy will be issued the unit shall be inspected for compliance with building and life safety codes. A new certificate of occupancy shall be issued each time there is a change in tenancy.

4. Replace paragraph 220-57.K in its entirety with the following text:

K. If a home that had a special exception for an in-law/accessory apartment is sold, the occupancy permit for the in-law/accessory apartment shall cease to exist. The new property owner shall make an application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a special exception for the in-law/accessory apartment prior to using the in-law/accessory apartment under the provision in letters A through J in this ordinance.

5. Add the following two (2) new paragraphs:

L. In-law/accessory apartments may be added to single-family residence, an attached garage, or a detached garage. The garage apartments may be added on the same floor as the garage proper or may be built as a second story to the garage.

M. For lots exceeding 160,000 square feet, an in-law/accessory apartment may be added as a stand-alone structure provided all other provisions of this ordinance are met.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason for Change: This change to the ordinance clarifies what happens when an in-law apartment is no longer occupied and when a new owner buys a residence that includes an in-law apartment and the new owner also wants to make use of the in-law apartment. It further clarifies locations where an in-law apartment may be added.]**



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**Article P-09-20:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, by modifying Section 220-58 title as follows:  
Section 220-58. All Districts

The following definitions shall apply to all sections of Article IX:

1. Flag: Only the official flags of countries, states, and government agencies (United Nations and US military flags) shall be considered flags for the purpose of this ordinance. All proper flag etiquette must be observed. Flags shall not be considered signs and shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance except that if more than one (1) flag is flown, there must be at least 30 feet between the flag poles or supporting structures.

2. Sign: Any material attached to a structure, a pole, or some object such as a rope or wire between structures, poles, or the ground shall be considered a sign and subject to the provisions of this ordinance. Delete the definition of a sign that currently appears in Article II, Definitions.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason for Change: To add definitions that help to clarify what is regulated by this ordinance.]**

**Article P-09-21:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, by replacing Section 220-62, Temporary Signs, paragraph B.(1).(a).[1] as follows:

[1]. No single business shall be issued a permit for a temporary sign more than nine (9) times in the same calendar year or for more than three (3) consecutive months.

Replace paragraph B.(1).(b).[1] as follows:

[1]. No single business shall be issued a permit for a temporary sign more than nine (9) times in the same calendar year or more than three (3) consecutive months.

Modify paragraph B(1)(b) as follows:

For business locations with eleven (11) or more businesses, no more than four (4) thirty-day permits shall be issued at the same time.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason to Change: To increase the number of times a temporary sign may be issued to a business in the same calendar year from 6 to 9. The change to B(1)(a)[1] is for business locations with 10 or fewer businesses and the change to B(1)(b)[1] is for business locations with 11 or more businesses. The final change increases the number of temporary sign permits from 2 to 4 for locations with 11 or more businesses.]**

**Article P-09-22:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, as follows:

### **Delete §220-58 (2) (a) & (b) Requiring Permits For Real Estate Signs**

**§ 220-58. All districts.**

A. Signs may be erected for the following purposes:

(1) Nameplates and identification signs.

~~(2) **Property sale or rental signs.**~~

~~(a) **Real estate signs shall pay a one-time fee of as set forth in the Planning Board Fee Schedule.**~~

~~(b) **Sign shall indicate the street address and unit number and must be displayed in front of the unit.**~~

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason for Change: To eliminate the requirement for Real Estate Signs to have a permit.]**



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**Article P-09-23:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, as follows:

**Add a New Section §220-61 (1) (a) To Permit One (1) Real Estate Sign Without a Permit In Front Of a Property Only**

**§ 220-61. Prohibited signs.**

A. The following types of signs are expressly prohibited in all districts unless otherwise provided for in this article:

(1) Off-site signs.

**(a) Exemption: One (1) real estate sign may be placed in front of a parcel or unit for sale, lease or rent without a permit.**

*Recommended by the Planning Board.*

[Reason for Change: To allow Real Estate Signs without a permit.]

**Article P-09-24:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, as follows:

**Add Two (2) New Sections §220-62 G. And H. To Article IX (Temporary Signs)**

G. If a business is issued two (2) consecutive notices of violation for the display of a temporary sign without a permit then no temporary sign permit shall be issued to that business for a period of six (6) months.

H. If a business has been suspended from obtaining a temporary sign permit, and a temporary sign is still displayed then a fine of \$50.00 per sign/per day may be assessed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason for Change: To address those businesses that continued to display temporary signs without permits after multiple notices of violation.]

**Article P-09-25:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, as follows:

**Add a new section §220-59 B (4) (Freestanding Commercial/Industrial Signs)**

**§ 220-59. Commercial I and Industrial Districts.**

B. Freestanding signs.

(4) *The Building Inspector may grant a permit for a single sign for a single business provided the sign is in keeping with the intent expressed in this article and provided its dimensions are no more than 50 square feet, if 20 square feet of that freestanding sign is permanently dedicated as a manual reader board.*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

[Reason for Change: To allow a single business on its own single lot to have a larger freestanding sign if a portion of that sign is a reader board.]

**Article P-09-26:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Signs, by modifying Section 220-58, paragraph B, Exempted signs, as follows:

**Add the following text to paragraph B, Exempted signs, "Exempted signs do not count in sign totals and hence do not need a permit" Add the following new exemptions:**



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(2). Signs no larger than three (3) feet by five (5) feet with one (1) of the following words, "Open", "Closed", or "Welcome". Only one (1) of these signs may be displayed at the same time to qualify for the exemption.

(3). Help Wanted signs

(4). Political signs

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason for Change: To help clarify what is considered an exempt sign by this ordinance.]**

**Article P-09-27:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Establishing Districts and District Regulations, by splitting the current Industrial zone into two (2) zones Industrial I and Industrial II as described below:

The Industrial II zone shall be bounded to the east by Rt. 125, to the north by the Plaistow/Kingston state line, to the south by Old County Rd, and to the west by the current Industrial zone boundary. Any proposed use must not violate 220-5., Prohibited Uses.

The Industrial I zone shall be all of the remaining parcels in the current Industrial zone. Please refer to the proposed revised zoning map for further details.

In order to accomplish the splitting of the Industrial zone, the following changes must also be made:

1. Modify section 220-28., Establishment of districts; Zoning Map, paragraph by modifying the zone described as "IND – Industrial" to "IND I – Industrial I" and add a new line immediately below the IND line as follows: "IND II – Industrial II".

2. Modify Table 220-32A to rename the zone from "IND' – Industrial" to "IND1' – Industrial I".

3. Add the following text to the end of Table 220-32A, paragraph A: "One of the major characteristics of this zone is its proximity to the rail line which carries both freight and passenger service and should favor those industries that are able to take advantage of the rail connection. The zone is also surrounded by residential uses and in general does not have good access to a major thoroughfare such as Rt. 125. These areas are extremely traffic sensitive and noise and dust issues will be of paramount importance. Any proposed use must not violate 220-5., Prohibited Uses.

4. Add a new permitted use as follows: "16. Rail services and rail stations"

5. Remove the following uses: "10 – Aviation use" and "14 – Bank".

6. Add a new table, Table 220-32K, "INDII' – Industrial II" as follows:

Table 220-32K

"(INDII)" – Industrial II

A. Objectives and characteristics. The purpose of this district is to provide locations for the establishment of plants to improve employment opportunities and broaden the tax base in the community. These areas should be selected so that they will not adversely affect developed residential areas, will have good access to transportation facilities, and will have the potential for being served by public water and sewer systems. A variety of types of manufacturing activities, distribution facilities, and offices should be permitted as well as certain support facilities, especially of a commercial nature.

**B. Uses**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Light industry

2. Warehouse

3. Recycling facility (construction debris, household waste, and trash facilities are expressly prohibited)

4. Outdoor storage

**Allow by special exception**

1. None



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5. Contractor's yard
6. Publishing
7. Research and testing labs
8. Office
9. Essential service
10. Aviation use
11. Public use limited to public safety, service, and recreation
12. Accessory use
13. Mini-storage
14. Bank
15. Bank kiosk

### C. Areas and dimensions.

- (1) Minimum lot size:
  - (a) Area 80,000 square feet.
  - (b) Frontage: 150 feet.
- (2) Minimum yard dimensions: Refer to Table 220-32I.
- (3) Maximum lot coverage: 75%
- (4) Maximum height: 45 feet or three stories whichever is less.
- (5) Minimum building setback: 50 feet from the front property line.

D. No certificate of occupancy for any bank or bank kiosk use may be granted before at least one 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.

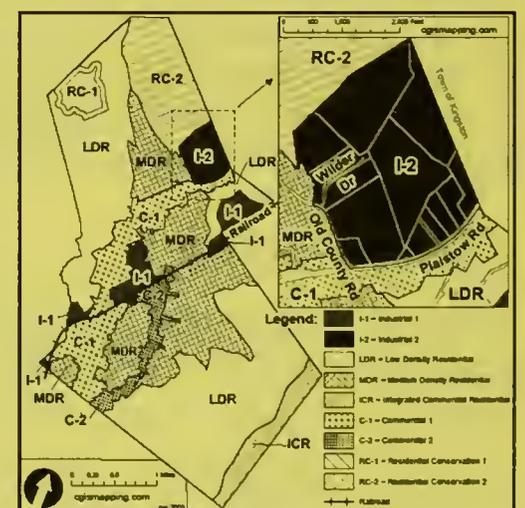
F. The intent of allowing a bank or bank kiosk in an industrial zone is to provide a convenient service for the employees of the industries in an industrial zone.

### *Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason For Change: The purpose of this modification is to split the current industrial zone into two (2) different zones so that the unique attributes of both zones can be better matched to permitted uses. Recycling facility is being added as an allowed use in the Industrial II Zone, and Rail Services and Station is being added as an allowed use in the Industrial I Zone.]**

**Article P-09-28:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Definitions, by replacing the current definition of "Industry (Light)" and by adding a new definition of "Industry (Heavy)" as follows:

"Industry" (Light): Enterprises using processed or previously manufactured materials engaged in the processing, manufacturing, compounding, assembly, packaging, treatment, or fabrication of materials and products. Light industry is capable of operation in such a manner as to eliminate at the property border the external effects of the manufacturing process, such as smoke, noise, soot, dirt, vibration, odor, harmful wastes, etc. Traffic impact on surrounding residential neighborhoods must be minimal. A machine shop is included in this category. Also included is the manufacturing of apparel, electrical





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appliances, electronic equipment, camera and photographic equipment, ceramic products, cosmetics and toiletries, business machines, fish tanks and supplies, food, paper products (but not the manufacture of paper from pulpwood), musical instruments, medical appliances, tools or hardware, plastic products (but not the processing of raw materials), pharmaceuticals or optical goods, bicycles, and any other product of a similar nature. Warehousing, wholesaling, and distribution of the finished products produced at the site is allowed as an ancillary use. "Light industrial" shall not include uses such as mining and extracting industries, petrochemical industries, rubber refining, primary metal, concrete, cement or asphalt manufacture or related industries. Light Industrial uses not contained in the above definition must be judged to be compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhoods prior to being allowed, and not being a prohibited use as defined in 220-5 of this ordinance. Any industrial use that doesn't meet the definition of light industry will be considered heavy industry.

"Industry" (Heavy): All uses not defined as light industry and judged by the Planning Board not to be a prohibited use as defined in 220-5 of this ordinance.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**[Reason for Change: To further refine the definition of light industry and to provide a new definition of heavy industry.]**

**Article P-09-29:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the "Town of Plaistow March, 2007 Zoning Map" to rezone a parcel located off of Duston Avenue in the Medium Density Residential (MDR) District to CII, including the Village Center Overlay District as depicted in a diagram.

*Recommended by the Planning Board.*

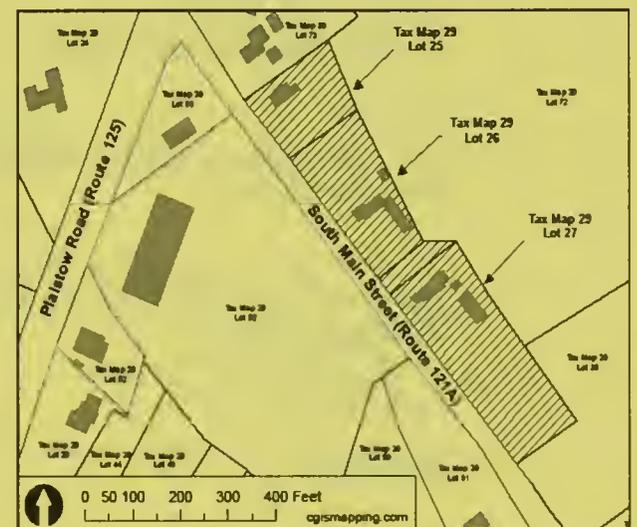
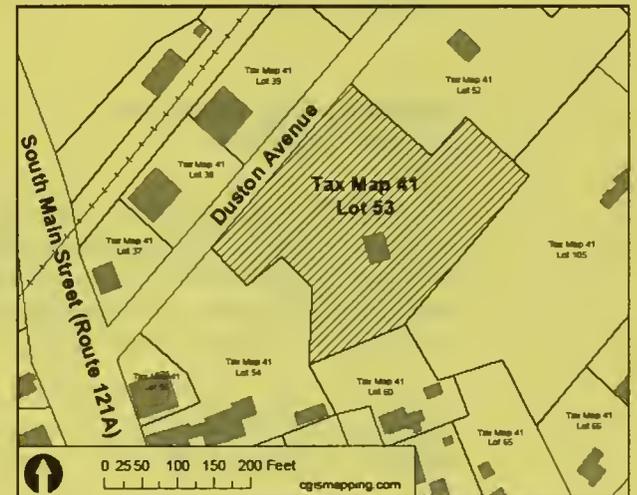
**[Reason for Change: As requested by property owner. Property owner unaware of original rezoning enacted by the Planning Board in 2007.]**

**Article P-09-30:** CITIZEN'S PETITION: Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment Z-09- to the existing Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, as follows:

Amend the official Zoning Map to designate the following property as lying within the Commercial I District:

- a) All of Tax Map 29, Lot 25;
- b) All of Tax Map 29, Lot 26;
- c) All of Tax Map 29, Lot 27;
- d) All of the approximately 40 foot parcel of land that is shown on Tax Map 29 as lying between Lots 26 and 27.

*(Not Recommended by the Planning Board. In a 2-2 tie, this article failed to achieve a majority vote of the Planning Board [By Petition])*



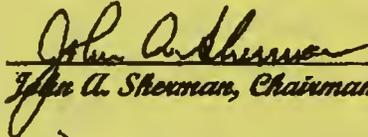


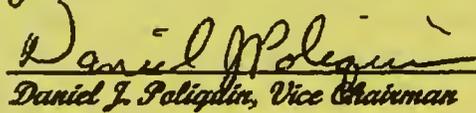
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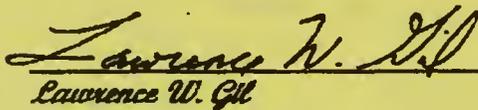
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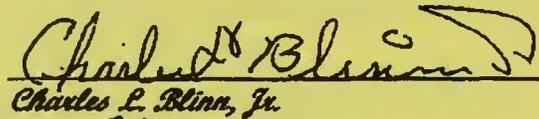


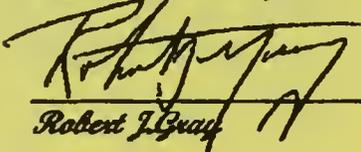
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 John A. Sherman, Chairman

  
 Daniel J. Poliquin, Vice Chairman

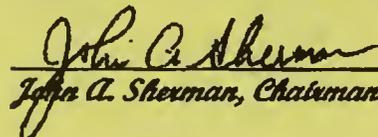
  
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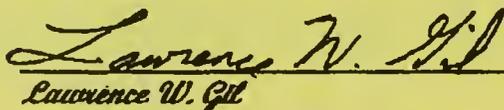
  
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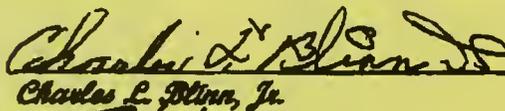
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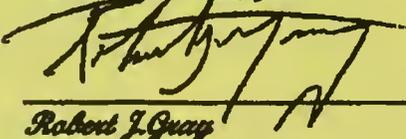
We certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named town to meet at the time and place for this purpose, within mentioned, by causing to be posed an attached copy at the Plaistow Public Library, the Pollard Elementary School and the Plaistow Town Hall, being public places in said Town on the twenty-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
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### VOTER NOTES

		Yes	No
P-09-01	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-02	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-03	Highway Department Dump Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-04	Fire Supp. Water Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-05	Fire Department Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-06	Fire Truck Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-07	Revolving Fund Rescue Veh. & Equip.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-08	Westville Road Widening Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-09	Conservation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-10	Danville Road Sidewalk Match	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-11	Petition for Playground Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-12	Petition to Reclassify Main Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-13	Public Safety Impact Fee Update	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-14	Wetlands/Shoreland Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-15	CI Zone – Additional Permitted Uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-16	ICR Zone – Additional Permitted Uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-17	RCII Zone – Allow In-Law Apts. and Home Occupations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-18	ICR Zone – Lot Coverage Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-19	In-Law Apartment Clarifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-20	Flag and Sign Definitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-21	Temporary Sign Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-22	Permit Req. for Real Estate Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-23	Allow Real Estate Signs Without Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-24	Increased Penalties to Businesses Without Sign Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-25	CI and Ind Zones – Larger Free-Standing Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-26	Clarification of Exempt Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-27	Split the Current Industrial Zone into Two (2) Different Industrial Zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-28	Modification of Definition of Light Industry and New Definition of Heavy Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-29	Rezone One (1) Parcel on Duston Ave.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-09-30	Petition to Rezone Three (3) Parcels on Main Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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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, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_  
or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

#### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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.

**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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1 ACCT.#	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	3 OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	4 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	5 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	6 SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	7 (NOT RECOMMENDED)	8 BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	9 NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
4130-4139	Executive		\$ 239,495	\$ 212,212	\$ 273,778		\$ 273,778	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		\$ 126,125	\$ 126,346	\$ 118,237		\$ 118,237	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		\$ 257,566	\$ 214,702	\$ 264,839		\$ 264,839	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense		\$ 24,500	\$ 25,962	\$ 24,500		\$ 24,500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$ 1,176,057	\$ 1,098,528	\$ 1,216,387		\$ 1,216,387	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		\$ 88,266	\$ 74,382	\$ 88,490		\$ 88,490	
4194	General Government Buildings		\$ 186,681	\$ 168,487	\$ 220,603		\$ 220,603	
4195	Cemeteries		\$ 13,465	\$ 11,825	\$ 13,465		\$ 13,465	
4196	Insurance		\$ 56,875	\$ 61,376	\$ 67,000		\$ 67,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		\$ 24,670	\$ 22,460	\$ 23,643		\$ 23,643	
4199	Other General Government		\$ 44,543	\$ 39,449	\$ 45,800		\$ 45,800	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
4210-4214	Police		\$ 1,529,328	\$ 1,458,944	\$ 1,765,981		\$ 1,765,981	
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$ 700	\$ 755	\$ 750		\$ 750	
4220-4229	Fire		\$ 472,777	\$ 300,115	\$ 447,002		\$ 447,002	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$ 108,579	\$ 95,236	\$ 105,681		\$ 105,681	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$ 5,979	\$ 915	\$ 5,857		\$ 5,857	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>								
4311	Administration		\$ 244,368	\$ 213,579	\$ 263,181		\$ 263,181	
4312	Highways & Streets		\$ 488,700	\$ 305,116	\$ 500,750		\$ 500,750	
4313	Bridges							

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<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS cont.</b>								
4316	Street Lighting		\$ 78,000	\$ 64,699	\$ 85,800		\$ 85,800	
4319	Other							
<b>SANITATION</b>								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$ 655,750	\$ 520,127	\$ 671,800		\$ 671,800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		\$ 46,000	\$ 22,403	\$ 46,000		\$ 46,000	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services		\$ 49,274	\$ 27,761	\$ 37,278		\$ 37,278	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
<b>ELECTRIC</b>								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>								
4411	Administration		\$ 78,487	\$ 67,401	\$ 79,586		\$ 79,586	
4414	Pest Control		\$ 15,620	\$ 12,361	\$ 16,136		\$ 16,136	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		\$ 73,341	\$ 56,743	\$ 69,410		\$ 69,410	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		\$ 43,350	\$ 61,018	\$ 64,854		\$ 64,854	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		\$ 247,646	\$ 197,675	\$ 244,079		\$ 244,079	
4550-4559	Library		\$ 438,365	\$ 438,365	\$ 432,501		\$ 432,501	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$ 1,300	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		\$ 38,118	\$ 24,858	\$ 21,619		\$ 21,619	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		\$ 4,800	\$ 3,182	\$ 4,800		\$ 4,800	
4619	Other Conservation							
<b>REDEVELOPMENT &amp; HOUSING</b>								
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>								
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		\$ 110,000	\$ 124,994	\$ 105,881		\$ 105,881	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		\$ 17,001		\$ 4,736		\$ 4,736	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 1		\$ 51,077		\$ 51,077	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>								
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>								
	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>			\$ 7,085,927	\$ 6,053,097	\$ 7,382,500		\$ 7,382,500	

\* 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.

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Fire Supp. Capt. Res	P09-04			\$ 116,233		\$ 116,233	
	Fire Dept Cap. Reserve	P09-05			\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000	
	Est Revolving Fund	P09-07			\$ -		\$ -	
	Conservation Fund	P09-09			\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
	Denville Rd Sidewalk	P09-10			\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000	
	Rec Playscape Petition	P09-11				\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	\$ 261,233	\$ 100,000	\$ 361,233	xxxxxxxx

### \*\*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.

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Replace Hwy Dept Dumptruck	P09-03			\$ 160,000		\$ 160,000	
	Fire Truck Replacement	P09-06			\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	
	Westville Rd Widening	P09-08			\$ 39,000		\$ 39,000	
<b>INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	\$ 449,000	xxxxxxxx	\$ 449,000	xxxxxxxx

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<b>TAXES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 53,550	\$ 27,414	\$ 88,000
	Inventory Penalties			\$ 3,957	
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$ -	\$ 50	
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		\$ 3,000	\$ 2,340	\$ 3,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$ 1,257,150	\$ 1,247,255	\$ 1,300,500
3230	Building Permits		\$ 102,750	\$ 89,847	\$ 105,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		\$ 66,905	\$ 82,454	\$ 26,400
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>FROM STATE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 56,931	\$ 75,483	\$ 56,932
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		\$ 326,310	\$ 342,666	\$ 326,310
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$ 131,106	\$ 130,654	\$ 131,105
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$ 87,744		\$ 100,000
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		\$ 85,168	\$ 105,034	\$ 71,000
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 144,060	\$ 86,046	\$ 68,000
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 120,570	\$ 119,442	\$ 164,500
3502	Interest on Investments		\$ 116,000	\$ 51,137	\$ 60,000
3503-3509	Other		\$ 181,566	\$ 220,582	\$ 170,000
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				



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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)		\$ 102,647		\$ 78,057
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				\$ 465,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			<b>\$ 2,835,637</b>	<b>\$ 2,584,361</b>	<b>\$ 3,213,804.00</b>

### \*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	\$ 7,085,927	\$ 7,382,500	\$ 7,382,500
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$ 296,750	\$ 261,233	\$ 361,233
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$ 82,948	\$ 449,000	\$ 449,000
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>\$ 7,465,625</b>	<b>\$ 8,092,733</b>	<b>\$ 8,192,733</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$ 2,835,637	\$ 3,213,804	\$ 3,213,804
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 4,629,988</b>	<b>\$ 4,878,929</b>	<b>\$ 4,978,929</b>

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18:  
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

\$ 808,212





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### TRASH, RECYCLING, AND LANDFILL INFORMATION



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

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING:** is easy, economical, and environmentally necessary. Your efforts save natural resources. Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash collection weekday.

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

**WHITE GOODS:** stoves, refrigerators, and other appliances are picked up, by appointment, on the first Saturday of each month. To schedule a 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.

#### 2009 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 to 8:00 PM on the second and fourth 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 time are subject to change without notice, pending weather and facility conditions. See the Landfill schedule.



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### 2009 LANDFILL SCHEDULE

<b>MAY:</b>	Sat:	2 <sup>nd</sup>	&	16 <sup>th</sup>	*HHW 9 <sup>th</sup>
	Wed:	6 <sup>th</sup>	&	20 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>JUNE:</b>	Sat:	6 <sup>th</sup>	&	20 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	10 <sup>th</sup>	&	24 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>JULY:</b>	Sat:	11 <sup>th</sup>	&	18 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	8 <sup>th</sup>	&	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
<b>AUGUST:</b>	Sat:	1 <sup>st</sup>	&	15 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	5 <sup>th</sup>	&	19 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>SEPTEMBER:</b>	Sat:	12 <sup>th</sup>	&	19 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed:	9 <sup>th</sup>	&	16 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>OCTOBER:</b>	Sat:	3 <sup>rd</sup>	&	17 <sup>th</sup>	& 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>NOVEMBER:</b>	Sat:	7 <sup>th</sup>	&	14 <sup>th</sup>	

**NOTE:** The facility is open on the listed Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Wednesdays 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Dates & times are subject to change pending on weather or facility conditions. Any questions, call the Highway Department at 382-6771.

\* HHW: Household Hazardous Waste Day

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:** is a program designed to properly dispose of common household items such as lawn and garden pesticides, automotive fluids, leftover paint, and other potentially harmful chemicals. This day is held once a year. Please check our website [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com), channel 17, or your local paper for the 2009 date.

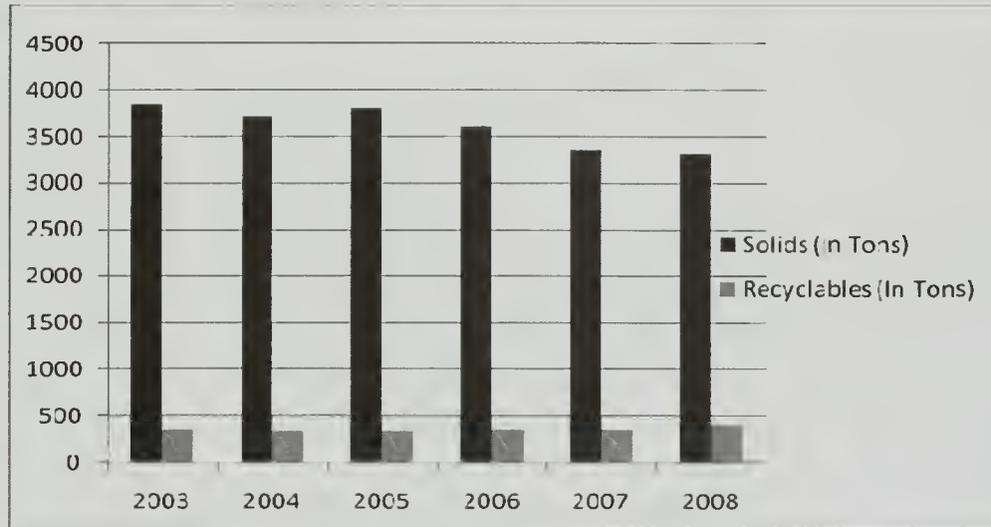


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### RECYCLING TRENDS IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW (2003 – 2008)



According to the company Environment-Green, approximately 60% of our rubbish thrown away today could be recycled. A survey was conducted and 9 out of 10 people surveyed said they would recycle more if it was easier.

#### What are the recycling facts and benefits?

Recycling is the process of turning one products useful parts into a new product; this is done to conserve on the consumption of resources, energy and space used in landfills.

#### Doing Your Part

Taking just a moment to put your newspaper, soda can and glass spaghetti jar in the recycling bin will save everyone years in environmental harm from production of new materials, over crowded landfills and the depletion of our natural resources.

Statistically, the United States recycles just about 28% of its waste today, which is doubled from what it was a decade ago. The United States is the world's largest trash producing country at 1,609 pounds of trash per person per year. What this means is that just 5% of the world's population produces about 40% of the worlds waste and with the total rate of recycling in the United States being only at about 28%; well, there is a great need for improvement.

At the state level, the NH Department of Environmental Services reports that the State of New Hampshire is below the national recycling average at a rate of 20.5%. Despite this, the important benefits from recycling over the years in New Hampshire include:

#### THINK GREEN!

Plaistow Residents Can Play a Powerful Role in Helping to Keep Our Environment Safe, Clean and Healthy!

For every ton of glass that is recycled to make new glass products, 693 pounds of carbon dioxide is saved.

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions!
- Energy savings!
- Reduced air and water pollution!
- Conservation of natural resources!



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### WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

<u>PROBLEM/QUESTION</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>
AIDS Hotline	Aids Response Seacoast	433-5377
Animal Problems	Plaistow Animal Control Officer	382-1200
After School Program	Sad Café	382-8893
Assessments	Plaistow Assessing Department	382-8469 X11
Auto & Boat Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Battered Women Shelter	A Safe Place	1-800-852-3388
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	Wal-Mart	382-2839
Food & Nutrition Assistance	WIC (pregnant & child under 5)	1-800-256-9880
Food & Nutrition Assistance	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
Health Care	Lamprey Health Care	659-2494
Health Care	Community Health Services	425-2545
Health Officer	Plaistow Health Department	382-2494 X21
Heating Assistance	Fuel Assistance 10/01 thru 4/30	898-8435
Heating Assistance	Rock. Community Action Program	893-9172
Home Budgeting	Credit Counseling	1-800-327-6778
Homeless	NH Coalition for Homeless	1-800-852-3388



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<u>PROBLEM/QUESTION</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>
Housing	NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
Human Service Department	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X25
Human Service Department	Help Line	1-800-852-3388
Humane Society	NH SPCA	772-2921
Hunting License	Wal-Mart	382-2839
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
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	1-800-447-5303
Red Cross	Great Bay Chapter	978-766-5440
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
Sheriff	Rockingham County	772-4716
Social Security	Social Security Administration	978-374-1960
Superior Court	Rockingham Clerk of Courts	642-5256
Teen Pregnancy	Pregnancy Care Center	978-373-5700
Town Ordinances	Plaistow Code Enforcement Officer	382-1191 X20
Transportation	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



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### APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Plaistow is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the town to continue this tradition.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees are made up of volunteers. Recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations, and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Plaistow residents.

If you are a registered voter of Plaistow and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectmen's Office.

- |       |                              |       |                          |
|-------|------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| _____ | Zoning Board of Adjustments  | _____ | Building Needs Committee |
| _____ | Cable TV Advisory Committee  | _____ | Conservation Committee   |
| _____ | Highway Safety Committee     | _____ | Planning Board           |
| _____ | Recreation Commission        | _____ | Recycling Committee      |
| _____ | Other (please specify) _____ |       |                          |

Special Qualifications:

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Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CARD

In an effort to assure preparedness in the event of an emergency in Plaistow, please complete this Emergency Assistance Card and either mail it to Plaistow Emergency Management, 27 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH 03865 or fax to 382-4172 or call Plaistow Emergency Management at 382-5847 and provide the information below.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Please mark an "X" in EACH box that applies to you.

I/This person will need help in the event of an emergency:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TDD \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you to update this information? Yes  No

I consider myself to be:

Help needed:

- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Blind/Low Vision
- Wheelchair user
- Confined to bed
- Developmentally disabled
- Learning disabled
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

- Translator (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Need a ride
- Need a wheelchair accessible ride
- Need an ambulance for transportation
- Need individualized notification
- Service Animal
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Relative or emergency contact:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (work) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be for emergency use only.



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### 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: _____	Telephone Number: _____
Email: _____	
Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____	Telephone Number: _____
Regional Meeting Place: _____	Telephone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Telephone Number: _____

**Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.**

Name: _____	Social Security Number: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Medical Information: _____
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Date of Birth: _____	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.**

<p><b>Work Location One</b>          Address: _____          Phone Number: _____          Evacuation Location: _____</p> <p><b>Work Location Two</b>          Address: _____          Phone Number: _____          Evacuation Location: _____</p> <p><b>Other place you frequent</b>          Address: _____          Phone Number: _____          Evacuation Location: _____</p>	<p><b>School Location One</b>          Address: _____          Phone Number: _____          Evacuation Location: _____</p> <p><b>School Location Two</b>          Address: _____          Phone Number: _____          Evacuation Location: _____</p> <p><b>Other place you frequent</b>          Address: _____          Phone Number: _____          Evacuation Location: _____</p>
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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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# *Legacy of our Past . . .*

## *Plaistow, New Hampshire's Colonial History*

### *Geography*

Plaistow is located in the southeastern part of Rockingham County in the state of New Hampshire. It is bordered on the north by Hampstead, northeast by Kingston, east by Newton, west by Atkinson, and south by Haverhill, Massachusetts. Plaistow's area, which covers about nine square miles, lies at 42 degrees and 50 minutes north latitude and is nearly equidistant from Concord, N.H. to the north and Boston to the south. From the center of town, it is a 10 minute drive to I-495, 20 minutes to I-93, and 25 minutes to I-95. Route 125 passes through the western part of the town.

Plaistow is one of only two towns in the state that does not have a major pond or a lake within its boundaries. (The other town is Rollinsford). This is ironic since much of Plaistow was once submerged beneath an ancient lake, formed about 11,000 years ago by receding glaciers. Plaistow does however have an abundance of streams. They include Little River (Pollard Brook), Kelley Brook, Seaver Brook, Bryant Brook, Mankill Brook, Snow's Brook, as well as several streams that dry up during the summer.

### *Early History*

Plaistow was originally part of Haverhill, its area having been part of the land purchased from the Pentucket Indians in 1642. This area, then known as "Haverhill District," was used as a pasture by residents of the town's North parish during the first century of Haverhill's history. It remained largely unsettled until the threat of Indian attack abated in the 1720s and 1730s. Shortly thereafter, in 1741, King George II resolved a longstanding border dispute between the colony of Massachusetts and the heirs of New Hampshire's founder John Mason. Under this settlement, much of the disputed territory was given to New Hampshire. Thus, Haverhill's area was substantially reduced, as it lost what are now the towns of Plaistow, Atkinson, Hampstead, and part of Salem. Prior to this measure, residents in many border communities, including Plaistow, were taxed by both Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

### *Plaistow Becomes a Town*

On February 28, 1749, during the administration of Royal Governor Benning Wentworth, "Haverhill District" was incorporated into two separate towns: Plaistow and Hampstead. Why the name Plaistow was chosen is not known. There is only one other town in the world that shares the name; it is located in Essex, England, on the outskirts of London. The word origin of the town's name is similarly murky. It may derive from the Middle English *Pleystow* or *Plegstow*, which meant "play place" and was where the maypole stood and holiday sports were played in medieval English villages. It is also possible that Hugh de Plaiz, who was a manorial lord in the Southeast of England, inspired the name.

Thirty days after the town's incorporation, Nicholas White, the town's first moderator, called Plaistow's first Town Meeting. The townsmen gathered inside the North Parish Meeting House, which is where Town Meetings were held until the first Town Hall was built in the 1831. In the 1700s, these meetings involved setting the minister's salary and electing annual officers, which included the moderator, three selectmen, a surveyor of highways, tithing men, and "hog reafs".



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### SCHEDULE OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

#### Meeting Schedules

GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
Board of Selectmen	Mondays	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Planning Board	First & Third Wednesday	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Conservation Commission	First & Third Thursday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Last Thursday of Month	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Recreation Commission	Second Wednesday	6:30 PM	Town Hall

#### 2009 Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY	DATE
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>
President's Day	Monday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> (Town Hall Closed Friday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Labor Day	Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving (2 Days)	Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas (2 Days)	Thursday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> Friday December 25 <sup>th</sup>

#### Town Hall Department Schedules

TOWN OFFICE	HOURS
Assessing Office	Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Finance Department	Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Health Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Human Services Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Selectmen's Office	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tax Collector Office	Monday – Wednesday 8:30 AM – Noon and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Town Clerk Office	Monday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM Friday 7:00AM - Noon

Remaining Town Hall Departments are open from  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday



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### TELEPHONE NUMBERS



#### TOWN HALL – 145 Main Street

Assessor's Office .....	382-5200	X 11
Department of Building Safety .....	382-1191	X 3
Finance Department .....	382-5200	X 12
Health Department .....	382-2494	X 21
Highway Department .....	382-6771	
Human Services Coordinator .....	382-5200	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 .....	382-5200	X 13
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	382-1191	X 3

#### DISTRICT COURT – 17 Elm Street

Clerk of Court.....	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
Animal Control Officer .....	382-1200
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

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