

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2003



DENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Town of Plympton



ANNUAL REPORT of the Town Officers and Committees For the Year Ending December 31, 2003



Front Row- Alex Ledwell, Zachary Smith, Josh Bailey, Josh Maxaret, Billy Thornsbury
Back Row- Jon Sampson, Shaun Borelli, Tim Parker, Bo Asci, Chris Bowman, Ricky Cosato, Tom Nover

Plympton
ALL-STARS

2003 NRL All Star League
CHAMPIONS

Plympton
ALL-STARS

Plympton All-Stars win 2003 North River League Championship

In the summer of 2003 the Plympton Little League All Star team won the championship of the North River League All Stars tournament. The Plympton All Stars competed in the 11 & 12-year-old Open division against other All Star teams from Carver, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, South Plymouth and Wareham. They compiled an overall 13-1 record in the tournament, recording a 10-0 record during the regular season and a 3-1 record in the playoffs.

The Plympton All-Stars combined excellent pitching, defense, and timely hitting throughout tournament play. Most notable was their ability to battle and win the close games, demonstrated by the fact that in their last 6 victories, the difference in the score for those games was no more than 2 runs.

After completing the regular season undefeated, Plympton faced Hanson in a single elimination semi-final playoff game, the winner would move on to the final round to face Wareham (who had beaten Halifax in the other semi-final game). Trailing 8-2 after 3 innings, Plympton fought back to tie the score 9-9. The game remained tied through 7 innings, forcing a suspension of the game due to darkness. Although Plympton was the home team, a conflict over the availability of the field for the following night forced the two teams to continue the suspended game in Hanson. After holding Hanson scoreless in the top of the 8th (thanks to a clutch inning of pitching from Rick Cosato), Plympton combined back-to-back hits from Shawn Borelli and Tim Parker to score a run in the bottom of the 8th and win the game 10-9, thus securing their trip to the championship round to play Wareham.

When Plympton and Wareham faced each other in Wareham during the regular season, both teams entered the game undefeated. Plympton won that first battle 2-0 behind the ace pitching of Tim Parker. Parker took the mound again in the first game of the championship series and again bested Wareham, this time 2-1. The second game of the series moved to Wareham, and with their backs against the wall, Wareham won the contest 9-3, ending Plympton's unbeaten streak at 12 games. Turning to Parker for one more time, Plympton and Wareham squared off for the 3rd and deciding game of the championship. The game remained scoreless through 7 innings until Wareham scored the go-ahead run in the top of the 8th

inning. Plympton's leadoff hitters Jonathan Sampson and Billy Thornsby reached base. With these two runners on 2nd and 3rd base and two out, Alex Ledwell hit a perfectly placed ball for a base hit to score the tying and winning runs capping Plympton's championship season.

Team members include Bo Asci, Josh Bailey, Shaun Borelli, Chris Bowman, Rick Cosato, Alex Ledwell, Josh Masuret, Tom Nover, Tim Parker, Zach Smith, Jonathan Sampson and Billy Thornsby. Team coaches include Adam Bailey, Dennis Thornsby, Mark Parker, Henry Nover and Tom Borelli.

Opponent	Date	Score
South Plymouth-3	7/2/03	5-0
Hanson		8-3
Carver		11-0
South Plymouth-1		7-5 (7 innings)
Pembroke		4-3
Plymouth		9-3
South Plymouth-2		11-5
Wareham		2-0
Halifax		4-3
Kingston		7-5
Hanson (semi-finals)		10-9 (8 innings)
Wareham (finals, game 1)		2-1
Wareham (finals, game 2)		3-9
Wareham (finals, game 3)		2-1 (8 innings)

In Memoriam



**Norman J. Ferguson Sr.
November 9, 1917 – July 23, 2003**

Board of Assessors	1958-1960
School Committee	1958-1962
Veteran's Administrator	1951-1953

In Memoriam



Leslie G. Springer
May 15, 1916 – October 31, 2003

Planning Board	1958-1961
Democratic Town Committee	1964-1976

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
INCORPORATED JUNE 4, 1707**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - the Wednesday preceding the Town Election at the Dennett Elementary School at 7:00 PM. *The 2004 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2004 at the Dennett Elementary School.*

TOWN ELECTION - the third Saturday in May at the Town House from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. *The polls will be open for the 2004 Election of Officers from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM., Saturday, May 17, 2004 at the Plympton Town House.*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS - at the call of the Board of Selectmen, or on the petition of at least 200 registered voters.

2000 FEDERAL CENSUS

2,637

2003 CENSUS

2,795

REGISTERED VOTERS

1,821

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

William Delahunt

U.S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Therese Murray, Plymouth - *Senator*

TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Thomas O'Brien, - *Representative*

MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

All meetings are open to the public and held in the Town House unless indicated otherwise.

Board/Committee	Day	Time
Bd. of Selectmen	Mon.	7:00 pm
Bd. of Assessors	By Appointment	
Bd. of Health	Mon.	7:30 pm
Bd. of Appeals	By Request	
Planning Board	1 st Tues. & 3 rd Mon.	7:30 pm
Conservation Com.	3 rd Mon.	7:30 pm
Historical Com.	2 nd Mon.	7:30 pm
Library Trustees	2 nd Sat.--Library	8:30 am
Finance Committee	By Appointment	
Council on Aging	2 nd Mon.	1:00 pm
Jason Park Com.	3 rd Wed.	7:30 pm
Building Inspector	Mon.	7:00 pm
Wiring Inspector	Mon	7:00 pm
School Committee	3 rd Mon.--Dennett	4:30 pm
Veteran's Agent	By Appointment	

**PLYMPTON TOWN OFFICERS
2003**

MODERATOR

William Slater (2004)

TOWN CLERK

Nancy J. Butler (2006)

SELECTMEN

Richard L. Springer (2004)

Joseph A. Freitas (2005)

Christine M. Joy (2006)

TREASURER

Jeanne M. Sullivan (2006)

TAX COLLECTOR

Carolyn A. Northon (2004)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

James M. Mulcahy (2006)

ASSESSORS

David Batchelder (2004)

George Thompson (2005)

Jocelyn Anderson (2006)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Pamela Bloomquist (2004)

Lisa Hart (2005)

K. Scott Merrill (2005)

Susan Ossoff (2006)

Maureen Springer (2006)

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sally Clancy (2003)
Susan Wallis (2004)
Lisa Hart (2004)
Geraldine Carter (2005)
Brenda Traynor (2005)
Kristine Boyles (2006)
Gail Mattern (2006)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Bugbee (2004)
Barry DeCristofano (2004)
Stephen Lee (2005)
John Traynor (2005)
David Pecinovsky (2006)

PLANNING BOARD

Brian Wick (2003)
John Rantuccio (2004)
John O'Leary (2006)
Alison Raines (2005) resigned
Ken Thompson (2005)
Ann Sobolewski (2007)
Don Matattal (2008)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Scott Varley (2004)
Abdu Nessralla, Jr. (2005)
Dana Fowler (2006)

TREE WARDEN

William Hayes (2006)

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas Cambria (2005)
Maureen Springer (2006)

CONSTABLES

Dennis E. Reddy, III (2005)
Dana Fowler (2005)

2002-2003 PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS

Police Chief – Matthew Clancy (2005)

Full-time Police - Robert J. Costa, Jr., Joseph W. Stewart, Stephen M. Teri, Michael Pinnetti (2004), Patrick Dillon (2005)

Part-time Police - Wayne Sjostedt, Dennis E. Reddy, III, Linda Pomroy, Thomas Hunt (2004), Marks Brenner (2004), Ronald Clark (2003), Dana Fowler (2005)

Police Matrons (annual appointments) - Carolyn A. Northon, Suzanne Moulton

Chief of Fire Department – David L. Rich (2005)

Forest Fire Warden – David L. Rich (2005)

Town Accountant – Barbara Gomez (2005)

Zoning Board of Appeals –Stephen Mattern (2004), William McClellan (2006), Scott Sauchuk (2005); alternate – Edward Murray (2005)

Cultural Council - Cathleen Drinan (2003), Jeanne Black (2004), Jane Dannemiller (2004), Susan Ferguson (2004), Fran Lungren (2004)

Civil Defense Committee – Chief David Rich, Chief Matthew Clancy, James Mulcahy

Conservation Commission – Amos Woods (2003), Ronald Drollett (2003), Norman Ferguson (2005), Donald Nagle (2005), James Corven (2003), Keith Harlfinger (2004), Jeffrey Smith (2004)

Council on Aging - Sandra Henry (2004), Anna Donovan (2005), Helvi Lehto (2004), Dorothy Cushman (2003), Shirley Martin (2003), Carolyn Canny (2003) Associates - Emelia Kirkland, Edwina Wood, Anne Freitas

Election Officials (annual appointments) Warden: Lenore Swanson, Clerk: Tara Wick; Inspectors: Jeraldine Batchelder, Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie, Elaine McKeown, Helen Reynolds, Jean Reynolds; Tellers: Joyce Barros, Debra Batson, Cynthia Bloomquist, Mildred Collins, Lee Cook, Georgianne Doucette, Suzan Duggan, Grace Heinonen, Robert Jacobson, Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, Frances Lundgren, Helen Reynolds, Robert Reynolds, Timothy Snow, Diana Stillman, Marilyn Thompson, Sandra Zentz

Historic District Commission - Stewart Chase (2003), Alfred Norton (2005), Charles C. Nickerson (2005), Carol Quindley (2003), Anne Sayles (2004), Jonathan Shaw (2004), Marylouise Sayles (2004)

Historical Commission – Jon Wilhelmsen (2004), Tara Wick (2004), Walter Peterson (2004), Maxwell West (2006), Dorran Prescott (2003), Deborah West (2006), Jonathan Shaw (2005)

Open Space Committee – Kevin Rafferty (2005), John Newburn (2005), Katherine Hunt (2005), Robert Hunt (2005), Suzanne Smith (2005)

Recreation Commission - Dennis Dries (2005), Adam Bailey (2006), Patricia Ross (2004), Butch Joy (2003), Keith Gauley (2003)

Registrars of Voters - Anna Donovan (2004), Shirley Martin (2005), Frank Young (2006)

Wage & Personnel Board – Diane Coyne (2005), Irving Butler (2004), David Swanson (2003)

School Building Committee – Susan Earle, Richard Springer, Jeanne Black, Susan Ossoff, Henry Nover

Burial Agent - James Mulcahy (2004)

Dog Officer – Frank Bush (2004)

Animal Inspector – Frank Bush (2004)

Gypsy Moth Superintendent – William Hayes. (2003)

Building Inspector - Fred Svenson (2004), Local Inspector – Robert Jacobson (2004)

Inspector of Wiring – Robert Karling (2004); Deputy – Scott

Varley (2004)

Plumbing & Gas Inspector - Robert Woodbury (2004);

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control – William Hayes (2004)

Town Counsel - Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Director of Veteran's Services – James Corven (2004)

Veteran's Burial Agent – James Corven (2004)

Jason Park Study and Development Committee – Joseph Freitas (2005), Andrew Karparis (2003), David Whiting (2005), Gregory Fairbanks (2003), Richard Burnet (2004)

Town House Building Committee – Fred Svenson, Robert Karling, Christine Joy, Stephen Lee

Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee

Jon Wilhelmsen, Maxwell West, Brian Wick, Carolyn DeCristofano, David Proudman, Christine Joy, Debbie Anderson, Steven Ziglar, Robert Green

Long Range Planning Task Force

Ann Sobolewski, Jack O'Leary, Richard Springer, Fred Svenson, Kevin Rafferty, Jon Wilhelmsen, Dot Cushman, Jim Mulcahy, Jeanne Crockett, Alan Wheelock, Rob Vautrinot

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January: The year began with the retirement of our longtime Chief of Police, Barry Vinton. We thank Chief Vinton for his many years of dedication to the safety of Plympton residents. January 1st, Sgt. Matthew Clancy became Plympton's third Chief of Police.

February: Representatives from Southeastern Concrete meet with the Board and commit to locate adjacent to the Plympton Industrial Park. The Selectmen inform the other Town boards of their unanimous support for this project.

March: The Website Maintenance and Development Committee launched the official Town of Plympton website. The Board would like to thank the members of the Website Committee for the countless hours they have dedicated to the creation and maintenance of our award-winning website.

The Dennett Elementary School renovation/addition project, which was approved by Plympton voters in May of 2000, was completed. The Board would like to thank the members of the School Building Committee: Susan Ossoff, Susan Earle, Richard Springer, Jeanne Black, and Henry Nover. These individuals worked tremendously hard to ensure this project was completed on time and on budget.

April: The Selectmen created the Long-Range Planning Task Force to review the issues facing our Town in the areas of housing, economic development, transportation, and the environment. The goal of the task force is to produce a community development plan that will balance the Town's needs in these four areas and will result in a comprehensive plan for the Town as a whole.

May: With the long awaited promise of Route 44 finally materializing, the Selectmen worked diligently to increase awareness of our Industrial Park and pursue designation as an Economic Target Area (ETA). The ETA status will provide the Town with the option of offering tax incentives to businesses who locate in our Industrial Park.

Newly appointed Veteran's Agent, Jim Corven organized the Memorial Day parade and ceremony on the Town Green. The ceremony honored our Veteran servicemen and women as well as the men and women serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Board would like to thank Jim, the organizations who participated

in the parade, and the Plympton residents who attended the ceremony—together we honored and remembered the many men and women who selflessly dedicate their lives to defending freedom at home and abroad.

June: Selectmen Newburn resigned from the Board of Selectmen after serving a little over one year. John made many important contributions to the Board of Selectmen and he will be missed. We wish John and Marjorie all the best in their retirement.

The Selectmen applied for and received Executive Order 418 (EO418) certification through the Department of Housing and Community Development. This certification was required in order for the Town to be eligible to receive a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant. The PWED grant will be used to make improvements to the Industrial Park entrance to address safety and accessibility issues.

Due to concern over escalating legal costs, the Selectmen put the legal services out to bid. Three firms responded to our proposal and after interviews in early September, it was voted to continue with Kopelman and Paige (K & P). This decision was based K & P's performance as Town Counsel and K & P's hourly rate was significantly less than the two other law firms who responded to the Town's proposal.

July: The Selectmen (the two remaining members) debated the merits of an override question on the ballot as an alternative to budget cuts. This was a difficult issue and the Selectmen solicited public input before deciding against putting an override question on the ballot.

August: The Plympton Little League All Star baseball team won the North River League Championship. This was a tremendous accomplishment and a first for the Town of Plympton. Plympton's 11 and 12 year old All-Stars competed against teams from Carver, Hanson, Pembroke, Wareham, Kingston, and Halifax to win the Championship. Congratulations to the coaches and players for a job well done!

The State's budget is finalized and Plympton received considerably less State Aid than was projected, which facilitated the need for a Special Town Meeting to re-vote Town budgets.

Mold was discovered at the Dennett Elementary School just prior to the opening of school. The Board formed a Mold Remediation

Task Force to oversee and expedite the mold remediation. Remediation was completed in November and the children returned to their classrooms.

September: Congratulations to Joe Freitas who was elected to the Board of Selectmen. Joe brings a tremendous amount of experience to the Board and we look forward to working with him to address the many issues facing our Town.

October: Special Town Meeting to re-vote Town budgets with an 8.9% reduction in order to balance the budget without the use of stabilization funds. The Town voted to transfer \$25,000 from the Stabilization Account to pay a portion of the costs of the Dennett mold remediation with the hope that this money would be recovered.

November: Due to budget cuts, the Selectmen voted to close the Town House to the public on Wednesdays.

December: The Board and Adelpia reached an agreement for the terms of the ten-year license renewal. Digital cable and high-speed Internet service are now available to all Plympton residents. Thank you to the volunteers on the Cable Advisory Committee for assisting the Board in the negotiating process—your insight was extremely helpful.

Surplus town property including desks, tables, chairs, computers, file cabinets, dirt bike, bicycles, and a highway truck were sold at a public auction in the Town House. The auction successfully cleaned out the Town House Auditorium and raised \$495, which was deposited into the general fund.

Thank you to the many volunteers who serve on Town boards and committees. It is often a well orchestrated balancing act to manage family commitments and those associated with serving on a Town Board. Your time and dedication is truly appreciated.

We are honored and privileged to serve as your Board of Selectmen. Through thoughtful and responsible leadership, we will meet today's challenges and plan for Plympton's future.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Joy, Chairman
Richard L. Springer
Joseph A. Freitas

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriated	25331.00
Expended:	<u>25330.92</u>
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	.08

TOWN HOUSE

Appropriated	29500.00
Expended:	<u>29500.00</u>
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	.00

BLANKET INSURANCE

Appropriated	36000.00
Transfer Town Meeting	4367.00
Transfer 6/30/03	<u>15212.00</u>
Expended	55579.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	6000.00
Transfer 6/30/03	<u>777.93</u>
Expended	6777.93

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriated	30000.00
Transfer Town Meeting	20000.00
Transfers	<u>12039.02</u>
Expended	62039.02

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated	450.00
Expended	<u>233.19</u>
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	216.81

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 14, 2003

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables or officer of the Town of Plympton, in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plympton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the

Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton
Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 7:00 PM

for the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting and then and there to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear reports of the town officers and act thereon and to receive and act upon reports of any committees and give authority or instructions, or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2004 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2003 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto:

**WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS
FISCAL 2003 – 2004**

**A. Firefighters
(Part Time)**

	SALARY RANGE	PREMIUM
**Deputy Chief	\$12.59 - \$13.19	\$18.88 - \$19.80
**Captain	\$12.47 - \$13.07	\$18.69 - \$19.61
*Lieutenant	\$12.35 - \$12.94	\$18.52 - \$19.42
*First year	\$10.89 - \$11.47	\$16.33 - \$17.22
*Second year	\$11.27 - \$11.87	\$16.89 - \$17.79
*Third year	\$12.23 - \$12.82	\$18.33 - \$19.23
Certified EMT	\$13.58 - \$14.17	\$20.36 - \$21.29
EMT Standby	\$18.00 per 12 hour shift	

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$14.80 - \$16.25
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$14.15 - \$14.74
Laborer	\$11.53 - \$12.11

C. Town Labor

Laborer	\$11.53 - \$12.11
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$13.33 - \$13.93
Disposal Attendant	\$11.88 - \$12.47

D. Clerical

Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$ 7.55 - \$ 8.15
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$ 9.67 - \$10.27

E. Accounting/ Assessor

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$10.06 - \$10.65
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 1 yr	\$11.18 - \$11.77
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 yrs.	\$12.78 - \$13.35
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 yrs.	\$13.93 - \$14.47
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$14.57 - \$16.30

F. Selectmen's Office

Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$ 9.67 - \$10.27
Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$11.29 - \$11.89
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$12.39 - \$12.98
Assistant to Board	\$14.57 - \$16.30

G. Library

Director	\$16.22	-	\$17.84
Senior Library Technician	\$12.26	-	\$14.39
Library Technician	\$11.70	-	\$12.87
Circulation Clerk	\$ 9.60	-	\$10.76
Library Clerk	\$ 8.00	-	\$ 9.50

H. Salaried Employees

Fire Chief	\$41,870.38	-	\$53,925.70
Police Chief	\$41,870.38	-	\$53,925.70
Librarian	\$23,921.10	-	\$26,608.61
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$19,790.15	-	\$21,846.30
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$22,495.20	-	\$24,658.20
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$24,945.57	-	\$28,840.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,607.03	-	\$ 2,633.73

Wage and Personnel Board

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$47,300,000 indebtedness authorized by the Silver Lake Regional School District School Committee, subject to the terms of the vote authorizing such indebtedness, for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the Silver Lake Regional High School, including the construction and reconstruction of athletic fields, which authorization shall not take effect until each member town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L.c.59. §21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay its share of the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by the Silver Lake Regional School District.

Silver Lake Regional School Committee

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$51,000 from the Receipts Reserved Account to budget line 62, Fire Services or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,000 from warrant article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting May 16, 2002 to budget line 62 to supplement the ambulance payment or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town

including debt and interest for the ensuing year or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,316 to purchase equipment and hardware to upgrade the police department PAMET police server computer system or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,518 to make the second of three (3) lease payments for two (2) patrol cars leased in FY'03 or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,920 to make the first of three (3) lease payments on a four-wheel drive patrol/utility vehicle for the police department or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$21,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal 2005 Triennial Revaluation and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Board of Assessors

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to adjust the eligibility requisite age from 70 to 65, increase the amount of the exemption from \$500 to \$1,000, increase the allowable income for applicants from \$13,000 to \$20,000 if single and from \$15,000 to \$30,000 if married, increase the allowable assets for single applicants from \$28,000 to \$40,000 and married applicants from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for property tax exemption for senior citizens under G.L. c.59§5, Clause 41C in accordance with §51 of c.184 of the Acts of 2002, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Assessors

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.2 – Scheduled Uses – as follows: Add to Section 4.2 Scheduled Uses

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Bottling and Distribution Plant for purpose of bottling and distributing water drawn from Plympton	X	X	X	X
Water withdrawal to support a private water system to serve two (2) or more lots that are entirely in Plympton	X	SP	SP	SP
Water withdrawal for commercial sale (wholesale or resale) or distribution	X	X	X	X
Water withdrawal to support a municipal water system to serve the town.	P	P	P	P
Water withdrawal as an accessory use to support an allowed principal use on the same lot.	P	P	P	P

or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 14. The undersigned registered voters of Plympton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to place the following article on the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting (2003) warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 6 – General Regulations—to add a new subsection as follows:

Lighting Systems and Fixtures

6.9.1 Purpose and Intent: Outdoor lighting is provided for a variety of purposes to the benefit of modern society. It enables people to see essential detail to conduct work or recreation activities at night. It facilitates safety or security of persons or property, for example through lighting on roads and pathways. Outdoor lighting may be used to emphasize features of architectural or historical significance. It is used to call attention to commercial premises by means of area lighting or signs. At times, the pursuit of these purposes through the selection of specific lighting fixture and systems might, in unintended ways, interfere with safety and security (by causing glare that minimizes visibility), and infringe upon the ability of residents to enjoy the nighttime environment. In addition, some lighting fixtures and systems waste public and private resources by

consuming more energy than is required to meet the lighting goals at hand.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to preserve, protect, and enhance the lawful nighttime use and enjoyment of any and all property, through ensuring the use of appropriate lighting practices and systems. Such practices, lighting fixtures, and systems--while designed, constructed, and installed such that they maintain safety, security, and productivity--also control glare and light trespass, conserve energy and resources, minimize obtrusive light, and curtail the degradation of the nighttime visual environment. Appropriate systems, therefore, will decrease lighting costs and preserve the night sky as a natural and historical resource without negatively impacting the benefits of lighting in a modern society.

6.9.2 Applicability:

The requirements of this provision shall apply to any new or replacement municipal, industrial, commercial, and special permit uses in any district. This provision also shall apply to any new sign sited in any district and also to any new multi-family uses in any district.

6.9.3 Definitions: Except as noted hereinafter, all definitions are provided in the Zoning Bylaw. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, certain words and phrases used in this section shall mean the following:

"Lamp" means the component of an outdoor light fixture that produces light.

"Direct Light" means light emitted directly by a lamp, off a reflector, or through a refractor of an outdoor light fixture.

"Light Trespass" means direct light emitted by an outdoor lamp fixture that shines beyond the boundaries of the property on which the outdoor light fixture is installed.

"Up-light" means direct light emitted by an outdoor light fixture above a horizontal plane through the fixture's lowest light emitting part.

"Shielded" when referring to an outdoor light fixture means that the fixture allows no up-light.

"Filtered" when referring to an outdoor light fixture means that the fixture is to be fitted with a glass, acrylic, or other translucent enclosure of the light source.

6.9.4 Shielding: All outdoor light fixtures subject to this bylaw shall be shielded.

6.9.5 Prohibited Light Sources:

6.9.5.1 Mercury Vapor and Quartz Lamps: For the purposes of this bylaw, quartz lamps shall not be considered an incandescent light source.

6.9.5.2 Laser Source Light: The use of laser source light or any similar high intensity light for outdoor advertising, when projected above the horizontal, is prohibited.

6.9.5.3 Searchlights: The operation of searchlights for advertising purposes is prohibited.

6.9.6 Metal Halide Lighting: All outdoor light fixtures utilizing a metal halide lamp or lamps shall be shielded and filtered. Filtering using quartz glass does not meet this requirement.

6.9.7 Outdoor Advertising Signs: Outdoor light fixtures used to illuminate an outdoor advertising sign shall be mounted on the top of the sign structure.

6.9.8 Outdoor Landscaping and Decorative Lighting: All outdoor light fixtures subject to this Bylaw and used to illuminate landscape features, flagpoles, and other objects shall be shielded and mounted so that they allow no up-light.

6.9.9 Outdoor Light Output Specifications:

(i) Total outdoor light output of any site, excluding street lights used for illumination of public rights-of-way, shall not exceed fifty thousand (50,000) lumens per acre, averaged over the entire property.

(ii) No more than five thousand, five hundred (5,500) lumens per acre may be accounted for by lamps in unshielded fixtures permitted in section 6.9.10 of this bylaw.

(iii) At no point along the property line shall the measured light exceed two tenths (0.2) of a foot candle.

(iv) No lamp shall be visible to a person of average height standing on the property line.

6.9.10 Exemptions

5 Fossil Fuel Light: All outdoor light fixtures producing light directly by the combustion of natural gas or

other fossil fuels are exempt from all requirements of this Bylaw.

- 6 *Other Light Sources:* All outdoor light fixtures using an incandescent lamp or lamps of 150 watts or less are exempt from all requirements of this bylaw. All outdoor light fixtures using any lamp or lamps of fifty (50) total watts or less are exempt from all requirements of this bylaw.

6.9.11 Special *Permit Alternative:* Outdoor light fixtures may be allowed by special permit if it is found that: (1) significant light pollution will not be created, (2) light trespass will not exceed two tenths (0.2) of a foot candle at the property line, and (3) no lamp is visible to a person of average height standing on the property line.

Robert Smith and others

Article 15. The undersigned registered voters of Plympton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to place the following article on the forth coming annual Town Meeting (2003) warrant:

***Draft Amendment to the Rules and Regulations
Governing the Subdivision of land, Plympton, MA
Section 4G. Local Streets***

Purpose: In order to provide an alternative to a standard subdivision, the Planning Board creates the new category of "Local Street". Under this section, it shall be the policy of the Plympton Planning Board to grant waivers to their Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. These waivers would reduce engineering and construction requirements provided the proposed subdivision roadway serves two lots or less. Each lot must contain 120,000 square feet of upland.

This policy is intended to substantially reduce tree removal inherent to a standard subdivision roadway and help retain the rural character of the town by allowing the road to appear more as a driveway rather than a suburban roadway with dwellings every two hundred feet on both sides. This policy is also intended to provide owners of substantial acreage the option of a limited subdivision rather being forced by the high cost of designing and constructing a standard roadway to create and market as many lots as possible.

The width of the layout shall be that required by the Subdivision Regulations and unless specifically addressed below, all provisions of the Plympton Zoning By-law and "The Rules and

Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Plympton” shall apply.

The waivers granted shall be to allow the following construction requirements:

A: Pavement; The width shall be twelve feet. 18” wide Cape Cod Berms will be required only on grades steeper than 3.5%. The pavement roundings at the public way need be 15 feet. Property line roundings may not be required. Rather than constructing a cul-de-sac, a hammerhead configuration meeting the AASHTO requirement for a single until truck (SU-30) may be used within the cul-de-sac layout.

B: Drainage: Catch basins are not required but a drainage analysis must be provided to insure adequate drainage and no adverse impacts either to abutters or any wetlands resource areas will be allowed.

C: In order to preserve as many existing trees as possible, no sidewalks or shoulders are required, and the clearing and grubbing must be extended only two feet beyond the edge of the pavement. Also, the roadway need not have a mathematically correct profile but unless authorized by the Planning Board must conform to the existing topography. There will be no minimum slope, but the maximum slope will be 6%. To verify this and to identify any problem sections of the roadway, a plan of the existing and proposed profile will be provided.

D: Unless there are existing utility lines, all utilities shall be underground. In order to reduce the cutting of trees, they shall be installed no more than 2 feet off the roadway.

E: Due to the limited scope of such a project, no EIA will be required, but all wetlands on the subject property must be shown and the required topography with two foot contours need only extend 50 feet from the proposed roadway layout.

In exchange for the reductions in the construction requirements, the subdivider will be expected to agree to the following restrictions, which must be noted on all deeds for all the land within the subdivision:

- 1) The roadway will remain a private way unless upgraded to the roadway requirements for a standard subdivision in force at the time of the upgrade.

- 2) While the roadway remains a private way, it's maintenance will be the responsibility of the owners of the land within the subdivision.
- 3) The roadway shall serve no more than two lots. The roadway will be labeled as "No Access" except at the frontage of the two newly created lots.
- 4) Abutting property owners will not be granted access to the roadway.

Ronald McAndrews and others

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II§1 of the Town of Plympton Municipal By-Laws to read as follows: The Annual Election of officers shall be held on the third Saturday in May, the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of municipal business shall be held on the first Wednesday in May or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk

Article 17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the disposition of the \$4351.06 in the dog license fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,500.00 to conduct a financial audit of Fiscal 2003 or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer & Town Accountant

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$81,851.86 as the states share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 section 34-2a of the General Laws of take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 20. To see if the Town will transfer from the sale of lots and graves a sum of money for the purpose of expanding and renovating a section of The Hillcrest Cemetery.

Highway Surveyor

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease purchase agreement not to exceed five (5) years, to purchase and equip a fire truck to replace the 1971 brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed one-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) with the first

payment of \$34,500 (first of five payments) not due before July 1, 2003 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to the sum of \$10,000 to replace siding, trim boards, and other repairs to the fire station or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 23. To see if the Town will adopt a by-law; The owner of any multi-unit dwelling of four (4) residential units or more, commercial building, public or private school, or a church shall be subject to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) after three (3) fire alarm activations which are deemed to be either false alarms, system malfunctions, or alarms activated due to lack of maintenance in any calendar year. The property owner shall be fined for the fourth fire department response and each response after until the end of the calendar year. Said fine shall be collected and deposited to the Fire Department Receipts Reserved Account.

Fire Chief

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,700.00 to purchase two (2) grass mowers or take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c140§147A or take any other action relative thereto.

Chapter 140: Section 147A. By-laws and ordinances relative to regulation of dogs.

Section 147A. Any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section is hereby empowered to enact by-laws and ordinances relative to the regulation of dogs. Except as hereinafter provided in clauses (a), (b) and (c), and notwithstanding any contrary provision of sections one hundred and thirty-seven to one hundred and seventy-four D, inclusive, relating to the regulation of dogs or any special law relating to the regulation of dogs, such by-laws and ordinances may relate to, but not be limited to dog licensing, establishing dog fees, disposition of fees, appointment of dog officers, kennel licensing and regulations, procedures for the investigation of and reimbursement for damage caused by dogs, restraining of dogs and establishing penalties for a breach thereof. No such by-law

or ordinance shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter relating to (a) the turning over or sale of animals to any business or institution licensed or registered as a research facility or animal dealer, as provided in section one hundred and fifty-one; (b) the minimum confinement period of dogs as provided in section one hundred and fifty-one A; and (c) the methods of execution, as provided in said section one hundred and fifty-one A.

In any city or town which accepts this section, all money received from licenses or recovered as fines under any by-law or ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be paid into the treasury of said town or city and shall not thereafter be paid over by the town or city treasurer to the county in which said town or city is located.

Any and all functions relating to the regulation of dogs pursuant to section one hundred and thirty-seven to one hundred and seventy-four D, inclusive, which would otherwise be performed by the county, by the county commissioner or otherwise, shall not be performed by the county on behalf of any city or town which is not a member of the county dog fund.

Any and all costs which would otherwise be paid out of the county dog fund shall not be paid by the county to any city or town which is not a member of the county dog fund, or to any city or town which accepts this section and such cities and towns shall thereupon be responsible for all costs and expenses relating to the regulation of dogs.

Town Clerk

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Article XXI §1 through §18 of the Municipal By-laws in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXI RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONTROL OF DOGS IN THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON

Section 1.

DEFINITIONS: The following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

“Dog Officer”, any officer appointed under these Rules and Regulations for the enforcement of said Rules and Regulations.

“Keeper”, any person, corporation or society, other than the owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog.

“Kennel” single premises with a collection of no more than five (5) dogs, six (6) months or older, that are maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting, or any other purpose.

“Hobby Kennel”, single premises with a collection of six (6) to ten (10) dogs, six (6) months or older, that are maintained for any purpose, and where fewer than four litters per year are raised.

“Commercial Kennel”, single premises with a collection of eleven (11) or more dogs six (6) months or older that are maintained for any purpose, or where four (4) or more litters per year are raised, or where the boarding or grooming of dogs is performed as a business.

“License Period”, the time between July 1 and the following June 30th, both dates inclusive.

“Clerk”, the Town of Plympton Clerk.

“Livestock or fowl”, animals or fowl kept or propagated by the owner for food or recreational purposes.

“Domestic Animals” shall include but not be limited to dogs and cats.

“Selectman” shall mean the Plympton Board of Selectmen.

“Board of Health” shall mean the Plympton Board of Health.

“Town” shall mean the Town of Plympton.

Section 2.

LICENSES AND TAGS:

The owner or keeper of a dog kept in the Town of Plympton is subject to these Regulations when the dog attains the age of six (6) months and annually thereafter as required by M.G.L c140§145B.

The Town Clerk shall issue dog licenses and tags on a form prescribed and furnished by the Town of Plympton. The Dog Officer may accept applications and fees for licenses and shall transmit same to the Clerk who shall cause the license to be issued. Subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the

town may permit licensing to be conducted through the mail.

The Clerk shall record each license issued, the name of the owner or keeper of each dog so licensed, and the name, registered number and description of each dog. The owner or keeper of any dog so licensed shall state upon the license form the breed, color, weight, age, and special markings of the dog. Such books shall be open to public inspection during the usual office hours of such clerk.

Each tag shall include the license number, a statement that the dog is licensed in the Town of Plympton, and the year issued.

The owner or keeper shall cause said dog to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness to which the tag shall be securely attached. In the event that any tag is lost, defaced or destroyed, the owner or keeper shall obtain substitute tags from the town Clerk at a cost of two dollars (\$2.00) to be paid to the Town.

The fee for each dog licensed shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) unless a certificate from a veterinarian stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered has been presented to the clerk, in which case the fee shall be seven dollars (\$7.00). A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any city or town clerk within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may be accepted as evidence that such operation has been performed. If the Town Clerk is satisfied that the certification by the veterinarian who neutered or spayed the dog cannot be obtained, the Town Clerk may accept in lieu thereof a statement under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the Commonwealth describing the dog and stating that he has examined such dog and in his opinion, the dog has been neutered or spayed. Until the veterinarian has examined the dog in question, license fee for the licensing period shall be at the rate of the unaltered male or female dog.

No fee shall be charged for a dog specially trained to lead or trained to lead or serve a blind or deaf person upon presentation to the clerk of a certificate of such training. No fee shall be charged for dog specially trained for police work and actively serving in law enforcement.

A license fee shall not be refunded because of a subsequent death, loss, spaying or neutering, or removal from the Town of such dog, nor because a license fee has been mistakenly paid to a city or town.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to institutions licensed under Chapter 140, Section 174D of the General Laws, to shops licensed under Section 39A of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, to any person operating a licensed kennel and where otherwise provided, by law.

Section 3.

KENNEL LICENSES:

Any owner or keeper of four (4) or more dogs, six (6) months of age or over, shall obtain a kennel license; provided, however, that if necessary to operate a kennel under the Town's Zoning By-law, the written approval of the Board of Appeals or special permit granting authority must be presented to the Town Clerk prior to the issuance of such license. Kennels are defined and classified in Section 6.1A.1 of the Town's Zoning By-laws.

The fees for each classification of kennel license shall be as follows:

Kennel License: \$30 (thirty dollars) per year
Hobby Kennel License: \$60 (sixty dollars) per year
Commercial Kennel License: \$150 (one-hundred fifty dollars) per year

A kennel license shall be in lieu of any other license required for any dog which may be kept in such kennel for any portion of the period for which the license is issued. The owner or keeper of such kennel shall renew the license prior to the commencement of each succeeding license period.

While at large, each dog in a kennel shall wear a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag upon which shall appear the number of the kennel license, the name "Town of Plympton", and the year of issuance. Such tag shall be in a form prescribed and furnished by the Town of Plympton and shall be issued by the Town Clerk along with the kennel license.

If a kennel owner desires to increase the capacity of his kennel during a license period, he shall apply for a license modification to the Town Clerk, and, if necessary, present the Town Clerk with the written approval of the Board of Appeals prior to the issuance of such license modification. The Clerk shall issue such modification upon payment by the owner of the difference between his existing kennel license and the fee for the kennel

license most recently approved.

The Clerk shall issue, without charge, upon written application and written approval of the Board of Appeals, a kennel license to any domestic charitable corporation incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse.

A veterinary hospital shall not be considered a kennel unless it contains an area for the grooming or selling of dogs, or for the boarding of dogs for other than medical or surgical purposes, in which case it shall supply to the Clerk proof of obtaining a special permit from the Board of Appeals prior to the issuance of a kennel license.

All holders of kennel licenses shall notify the Town Clerk, in writing, of the sale of any dog or pup, including a description of the animal, the age, color, identifying marks, sex and whether the dog has been spayed or neutered. The kennel owner will forward a copy of such notice, to the clerk of the city or town in which the new owner of the dog resides.

Section 4.

KENNEL INSPECTION AND REGULATION:

The Dog Officer or the Chief of Police of the Town of Plympton or other persons authorized under the General Laws, shall at any time inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel and if, in his or her judgment, the kennel is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, the Board of Selectmen shall by order revoke or suspend said kennel license. In the case of suspension of said license, the Board of Selectmen may reinstate such kennel license and impose conditions and regulations upon the operation of said kennel.

Upon the petition of six (6) citizens filed with the Board of Selectmen setting forth that they are aggrieved or annoyed to an unreasonable extent by one or more dogs at a kennel located in the Town of Plympton because of excessive barking or vicious disposition of such dogs or other conditions connected with the kennel that constitute a public nuisance, the Board of Selectmen shall, within seven (7) days of the filing of such petition, give notice to all parties concerned of a public hearing to be held within fourteen (14) days after the date of such notice. Within seven (7) days after the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen

shall make an order either revoking or suspending such kennel license or otherwise regulating the operation of said kennel, or shall dismiss such petition.

Any person maintaining a kennel after the license has been suspended or revoked shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day payable to the Town of Plympton.

Section 5.

PENALTIES FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSE:

Whoever violates any provision of Article XXI §2 or §3 of these Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be paid to the Town.

If any persons refuses to answer, or answers falsely, questions of a police officer or a Dog Officer pertaining to his ownership of a dog, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be paid to the Town.

If the dog as to which any violation occurs was unlicensed at the time of such violation, a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed to be paid to the Town, and the owner or keeper of such dog will be required to immediately procure the current license and tag.

Section 6.

RABIES:

The owner or keeper of a dog, which has reached the age of six (6) months, shall cause that dog to be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian using a vaccine approved by the Department of Public Health.

Upon vaccination, the veterinarian shall provide a tag which shall be secured to the collar or harness of the dog which shall show the year the vaccination was given and he shall prepare three copies of a form which shall specify the name and address of the owner or keeper of the dog, the name, registration number, rabies tag number, license number, life of the vaccine and the name of the company that produced the vaccine. The veterinarian shall mail one copy to the Plympton Town Clerk,

present one copy to the owner or keeper of the dog and keep one copy.

The Plympton Board of Health shall furnish upon request to any uninsured resident of the Town who has been or may be exposed to rabies, anti-rabic vaccine and treatment free of charge in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Health and accepted medical practice. Such person shall have the right to select his own physician who shall be paid by the Town at a rate established by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health shall provide a rabies vaccination free of charge upon request of the Dog Officer.

Unvaccinated dogs acquired or brought into the Town of Plympton shall be vaccinated within ninety days (90) or upon reaching the age of six (6) months, whichever is later.

Vaccinated dogs shall be revaccinated as required in accordance with rules adopted and promulgated by the Department of Public Health.

Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) which shall be paid to the Town.

Section 7.

DISPOSITION OF FEES AND FINES:

The Town Clerk shall issue said licenses and tags and receive the money therefore and pay it into the Town treasury not later than the first Monday of each month.

The Town Clerk shall make a record in books kept therefore of each licensed issued, the name and address of the owner or keeper of each dog so licensed, the registered number and description of each dog, and such books shall be open to public inspection during the usual office hours. The Town shall pay for all license forms, tags, record books and all standard operating forms.

Section 8.

DOG OFFICERS:

The Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time, appoint one or

more Dog Officers who shall receive an annual salary which shall be set by the Board of Selectmen within the amount appropriated by the Town. The Dog Officer may be a police officer or constable.

The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, may enter into a contract with a domestic charitable corporation incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse, to perform the duties of the Dog Officer.

Section 9.

DOG OFFICERS — DUTIES:

The Dog Officer shall attend to all complaints, except as assigned to the Chief of Police, or other matters regarding dogs in the Town.

The Dog Officer shall, at least twice in each year, inspect every premises holding a kennel license and shall issue a written report of the conditions of said kennel to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health, stating his opinion as to the maintenance, humane and sanitary conditions, and if records are properly kept by the owner or keeper of said kennel.

The Dog Officer shall be responsible for maintaining records of all animals that become the subject of any action and shall record each complaint and the nature thereof and what action, if any, was taken by the Dog Officer or any other authority of the Town.

The Dog Officer shall maintain records of each dog confined under his care and custody for any reason whatsoever, stating the reasons for such confinement, the breed and color of the dog, the date the dog came under the control of the Dog Officer, the final disposition of the dog and the date of this disposition.

The records maintained by the Dog Officer are considered public documents and available upon request.

The Dog Officer shall examine any premises to be used as a proposed kennel and must submit a written report to the Board of Selectmen or if a special permit is required the Zoning Board of Appeals as well, stating their opinion as to whether or not such a site would be suitable for the type of kennel license requested.

No Dog Officer shall be a licensed animal dealer registered with the United States Department of Agriculture and no Dog Officer or any representative shall sell any animal to any licensed animal dealer registered with the United States Department of Agriculture. Whoever violates the provision of this Section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) payable to the Town of Plympton.

Section 10.

DISTURBING THE PEACE:

If any person shall make a complaint in writing to the Dog Officer that any dog owned or harbored within the Town of Plympton is a nuisance by reason of biting, excessive barking, howling or any other manner that disturbs the quiet of the public, or is a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the vicinity, the Dog Officer shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint which may include an examination under oath of the complainant, submit a written report to the Selectmen of his findings and recommendations, together with the written complaint. Upon receipt of such report, the Selectmen may call a hearing, giving the owner or keeper of the dog due notice to appear, to interview, under oath, the complainant and the owner or keeper of the dog. The Selectmen after the hearing may make such order concerning the restraint, muzzling, silencing, removing or disposing of such dog, dismissal of the complaint or such other action as may be deemed necessary. The Dog Officer, after investigation, may issue an interim order that such dog be restrained or muzzled for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days to enable the Selectmen to issue their order following receipt of the report of the Dog Officer. If the Selectmen fail to act during the period of the interim order, upon expiration of the interim period, the order is automatically vacated.

Any owner or keeper who fails to comply with an order with the Board of Selectmen, Dog Officer, or District Court shall face a complaint in the District Court and shall pay to the Town a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense.

Section 11.

RESTRAINT OR MUZZLING:

The Dog Officer may restrain or muzzle, or issue an interim order to restrain or muzzle, for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days, any dog for any of the following reasons:

- A. for having bitten or threatened (worried) any person
- B. if found at large or unmuzzled, as the case may be while an order for restraint of such dog is in effect. For the purpose of this by-law, the term "at large" means a dog which is defined as any and all of the following:
- C. is outside the enclosure of the owner or keeper and not under the immediate care of the owner or keeper of such dog
- D. is not restrained by a lead or chain of less than seven (7) feet that is of suitable test for the size of the dog being restrained.
- E. if found in a school, or schoolyard or other recreational area
- F. for having killed or maimed or otherwise damaged any domestic animal, livestock, or fowl
- G. for chasing any vehicle (including bicycles) upon any public way or way open to public travel in the town
- H. for chasing people walking or running on any public way or way open to public travel in the town

All dogs must be muzzled or restrained within twelve (12) hours of issuance of such order. If the owner or keeper refuses or neglects to restrain or muzzle such dog as required, he shall receive a citation from the Dog Officer for not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Section 12.

COMPLAINT OF NUISANCE:

If any person shall make a complaint to the Dog Officer that any dog harbored within the Town of Plympton is a nuisance by reason of a vicious disposition, the Dog Officer shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint which may include an examination under oath of the complainant, submit a written report of his findings and recommendations, together with the written complaint. Upon receipt of such report, the Selectmen may call a hearing, giving the owner or keeper of the dog due notice to appear, to interview, under oath, the complainant and the owner or keeper of the dog. The Selectmen after the hearing may make such order concerning the restraint, muzzling, removing or disposing of such dog, dismissal of the complaint or such other action as may be deemed necessary. The Dog

Officer, after his investigation, may issue an interim order that such dog be restrained or muzzled for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days to enable the Selectmen to issue their order following receipt of the report of the Dog Officer. If the Selectmen fail to act during the period of the interim order, upon expiration of the interim period, the order is automatically vacated.

Any owner or keeper who fails to comply with an order with the Board of Selectmen, Dog Officer, or District Court shall face a complaint in the District Court and shall pay to the Town a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense.

Any police officer, constable or Dog Officer shall kill a dog or cause the dog to be killed, which the Board of Selectmen, and upon review, a magistrate or judge of the district court shall have ordered to be restrained or destroyed for vicious behavior, and if such dog is again found outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care. Any police officer, Dog Officer or constable may kill a dog, which is living in a wild state.

Section 13.

ANY PERSON MAY KILL A DOG, WHEN:

Any person may kill a dog, which suddenly assaults him while he is peaceably standing, walking or riding outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper. Any person may kill a dog found out of the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care of the owner or keeper of such dog in the act of worrying, wounding or killings persons, domestic animals, livestock, or fowl. If any person shall kill or attempt to kill a dog so found, he shall not be held liable for cruelty to the dog unless it shall be shown that he intended to be cruel to the dog, or that he acted with a wanton disregard for the suffering of the dog. Any person who kills or wounds a dog under this section shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, report such action to the Dog Officer and police department.

Any police officer, constable or Dog Officer shall kill a dog, which the Board of Selectmen, or upon review, a magistrate or judge of the district court shall have ordered to be restrained or destroyed for vicious behavior, and if such dog is again found outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care. Any police officer, dog officer or constable may kill a dog,

which is living in a wild state.

Section. 14.

KILLING OF DOG KNOWN TO HAVE DONE DAMAGE- BONDS:

The Selectmen or their agents duly authorized in writing, may, after written notice to the owner or keeper, enter upon the premises of the owner or keeper of any dog known to have done damage to domestic animals, livestock, or fowl, and then and there kill such dog or cause such dog to be killed, unless such owner or keeper whose premises are thus entered shall give a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), with sufficient sureties, approved by the Board of Selectmen, conditioned that the dog be under permanent restraint. If the owner or keeper declares his intention to provide such bond, he shall be allowed seven (7) business days, excluding holidays in which to provide said bond to the Town Clerk.

Section 15.

PROPERTY DAMAGE, APPRAISAL, REIMBURSEMENT:

Whoever suffers loss by the worrying, killing or maiming of domestic animal, livestock or fowl by dog(s) shall inform the Dog Officer who shall forthwith proceed to the scene to view the damage, who shall determine if the damage was done in fact by dog(s) and, if so, appraise the amount of the damage if it does not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

If in the opinion of the Dog Officer the damage exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00), the damage shall be appraised on oath by three persons, one of whom shall be the dog officer, one shall be appointed by the person alleged to be damaged and the third appointed by the other two.

The said appraisers shall consider and include in such damages the number and kind of animals damaged, the extent of the damage and the approximate weight of the killed animals. The appraisers will also note in their report whether or not any animals were sent for veterinarian treatment in an effort to save them or sent to the veterinarian to be destroyed due to extensive damage suffered, and the number and kind of such animals. Such report will be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within ten (10) days of said appraisal, who shall submit said appraisal report to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen may

require the appraisers to provide any additional information that they deem appropriate in accordance with the report of the appraiser.

Section 16.

NO REIMBURSEMENT IN CERTAIN CASES:

No owner of domestic animals, livestock or fowl shall be reimbursed for damages inflicted by his own dog or dogs, nor shall he be reimbursed if he, himself, was the owner or keeper of an unlicensed dog six months of age or older. No reimbursement shall be made in the case of damage to deer, elk, cottontail rabbit, northern hares, pheasants, quail, partridge and other livestock or fowl determined by the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Recreational Vehicles to be wild. No reimbursement will be made for damages unless the livestock or fowl are kept in proper houses or in suitable enclosed areas. Awards for damages in no case shall exceed the fair cash market value of such domestic animal, livestock or fowl.

Section 17.

LIABILITY OF OWNER:

The owner or keeper of a dog which has done damage to domestic animals, livestock or fowl shall be liable for such damage, and the Selectmen may order the owner or keeper to pay such damages after an investigation by the Dog Officer of the facts of the matter and an appraisal by the Dog Officer, one person chosen by the person sustaining the damage and a third appraiser chosen by the other two. The appraisers will submit a report to the Selectmen stating the type of damage, the number and kind of animal damages and whether any animals required medical treatment by a veterinarian to save them or if the veterinarian destroyed the animal as a result of extensive damage suffered.

In the event that the owner or keeper of such dog known to have done damage to domestic animals, livestock, or fowl refuses to pay upon the order of the Selectmen, the Selectmen shall enter or cause to be entered a complaint in district court for the enforcement of the order.

If the owner or keeper of a dog, which has previously been ordered restrained or destroyed by the Selectmen, appeals the decision to the district court, and such dog wounds any person,

or shall maim or kill any domestic animal, livestock, or fowl during the appeal process, the owner or keeper of such dog will be liable to the person injured either in body or through damage to domestic animal, livestock, or fowl in triple the amount of actual damages sustained by him.

Section 18.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Article XXI §1 through §18 inclusive shall take effect on July 1, 2003.

Town Clerk/Board of Selectmen

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 29. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. At a subsequent meeting as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws to be held at the Plympton Town House on Palmer Road Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

Article 30. To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 17, 2003. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Board of Selectmen: 1 for 3 years; Town Clerk: 1 for 3 years; Treasurer: 1 for 3 years; Assessor: 1 for 3 years; Finance Committee: 1 for 3 years; Board of Health: 1 for 3 years; Board of Health: 1 for 1 year; Highway Surveyor: 1 for 3 years; Planning Board: 1 for five years; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: 1 for 3 years; School Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustees: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustee: 1 for two years; Tree Warden: 1 for 3 years.

Question One

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for its apportioned share of the bonds to be issued by the Silver Lake Regional School District in order to finance constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the District High School, including the construction and reconstruction of athletic fields?

Yes No

Question Two

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to assess an additional \$230,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003?

Yes No

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at the main entrance of the Town House, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, Plympton Pizza and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of May 2003.

Richard L. Springer Christine M. Joy John C. Newburn

Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: Dana L. Fowler

Date: 5/6/03

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 14, 2003

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William Slater at 7:10 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. Moderator Slater led us in a moment of silence in memory of our neighbors who have passed away this year and for the Armed Forces serving around the world. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Moderator, Mr. Slater, read the call to the warrant and the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler, read the return of the warrant. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Counsel, and the Town Accountant. The tellers were Lenore Swanson and Helen Reynolds. There were 183 registered voters present.

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to allow the following non-residents to speak at the Annual Town Meeting, Representative Tom O'Brien, Police Chief Matthew Clancy, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, and Town Counsel Rich Bowen.

Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:30 p.m. to conduct the Special Town Meeting.

Unanimous

Article 1. The following people gave oral presentations: Susan Ossoff for the School Building Committee and Maxwell West for the Website Development & Maintenance Committee.

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to accept the oral presentations from the School Building Committee and the Website Development & Maintenance Committee.

Unanimous

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2004 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F.

Unanimous

Article 3. Voted (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to waive the reading of the dollar amounts for Wage & Personnel Classification Plan.

Unanimous

Article 3. (On the motion of James Ruxton) The Town to vote to amend the rate for Third Year Firefighter to a 3% increase rate.

Motion fails

Article 3. Voted (On the motion of David Rich) The Town to vote to amend the EMT Standby amount from \$19.19 per 12-hour shift to **\$18.00** per 12-hour shift.

Motion passes

Article 3. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to accept the amended Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2003 and to pay as wages the following sums.

Motion passes

**WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS
FISCAL 2003 – 2004**

**A. Firefighters
(Part Time)**

	SALARY RANGE		PREMIUM	
**Deputy Chief	\$12.59	- \$13.19	\$18.88	- \$19.80
**Captain	\$12.47	- \$13.07	\$18.69	- \$19.61
*Lieutenant	\$12.35	- \$12.94	\$18.52	- \$19.42
*First year	\$10.89	- \$11.47	\$16.33	- \$17.22
*Second year	\$11.27	- \$11.87	\$16.89	- \$17.79
*Third year	\$12.23	- \$12.82	\$18.33	- \$19.23
Certified EMT	\$13.58	- \$14.17	\$20.36	- \$21.29
EMT Standby	\$18.00 per 12 hour shift			

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$14.80	- \$16.25
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$14.15	- \$14.74
Laborer	\$11.53	- \$12.11

C. Town Labor

Laborer	\$11.53	- \$12.11
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$13.33	- \$13.93
Disposal Attendant	\$11.88	- \$12.47

D. Clerical

Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$ 7.55	- \$ 8.15
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$ 9.67	- \$10.27

E. Accounting/ Assessor

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$10.06	- \$10.65
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 1 yr	\$11.18	- \$11.77
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 yrs.	\$12.78	- \$13.35
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 yrs.	\$13.93	- \$14.47
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$14.57	- \$16.30

F. Selectmen's Office

Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$ 9.67	- \$10.27
Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$11.29	- \$11.89
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$12.39	- \$12.98
Assistant to Board	\$14.57	- \$16.30

G. Library

Director	\$16.22	- \$17.84
Senior Library Technician	\$12.26	- \$14.39
Library Technician	\$11.70	- \$12.87
Circulation Clerk	\$ 9.60	- \$10.76
Library Clerk	\$ 8.00	- \$ 9.50

H. Salaried Employees

Fire Chief	\$41,870.38	- \$53,925.70
Police Chief	\$41,870.38	- \$53,925.70
Librarian	\$23,921.10	- \$26,608.61
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$19,790.15	- \$21,846.30
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$22,495.20	- \$24,658.20
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$24,945.57	- \$28,840.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,607.03	- \$ 2,633.73

Article 4. Voted (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to approve the \$47,300,000 indebtedness authorized by the Silver Lake Regional School District School Committee, subject to the terms of the vote authorizing such indebtedness, for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the Silver Lake Regional High School, including the construction and reconstruction of athletic fields, which authorization shall not take effect until each member town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L.c.59. §21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay its share of the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by the Silver Lake Regional School District.

Declared 2/3 majority

Article 5. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend the sum of \$51,000 to **\$3,000** and change the budget line from 62, Fire Services to **63, Fire/EMS.**

Motion carries majority

Article 5. Voted (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to transfer **\$3,000** from the Receipts Reserved Account to budget line **63, Fire/EMS.**

Passes majority

Article 6. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend the line #62 to **#63 Fire/EMS.**

Motion carries

Article 6. Voted (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$18,000** from warrant article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting May 16, 2002 to budget line **#63 Fire/EMS** to supplement the ambulance payment.

Motion carries

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to take articles 8 & 9 out of order.

Motion passes majority

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to amend the amount of \$39,316 to **\$35,000.**

Motion carries

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$35,000** to purchase equipment and hardware to upgrade the police department **PAMET** police server computer system.

Unanimous

Article 9. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$20,518** to make the second of three (3) lease payments for two (2) patrol cars leased in FY'03.

Motion carries

Voted: (On the motion of John Newburn) The Town vote to advance to article #12 before the break for the Special Town Meeting.

Unanimous

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to adjust the eligibility requisite age from 70 to 65, increase the amount of the exemption from \$500 to \$1,000, increase the allowable income for applicants from \$13,000 to \$20,000 if single and from \$15,000 to \$30,000 if married,

increase the allowable assets for single applicants from \$28,000 to \$40,000 and married applicants from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for property tax exemption for senior citizens under G.L. c.59§5, Clause 41C in accordance with §51 of c.184 of the Acts of 2002.

Unanimous

Recessed at 8:45 P.M. for Special Town Meeting.

Reconvened Annual Town Meeting at 9:37 P.M.

Article 7. Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to take affirmative action to fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year.

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of David Batchelder) The Town vote to amend **Line #1 Assessors Salaries** from \$4,689 to **\$2,000.**

Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #3 Assistant Assessor** from \$28,000 to **\$28,840.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #4 Accountant/Auditor** from \$7,347 to **\$7,568.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #7 Town Clerk Salary** from \$20,573 to **\$21,190.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #12 Tax Collector Salary** from \$23,508 to **\$23,213.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line # 14 Selectmen Salaries** from \$3,000 to **\$3.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #22 Treasurer Salary** from \$20,573 to **\$21,190.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate Lines 1-34.

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT **\$275,453**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend **Line #35 Group Health** from \$154,280 to **\$144,280.**

Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate Lines 35 – 39.

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION **\$351,616**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Abdu Nessralla) The Town vote to amend **Line #40 Health Salaries** from \$300 to **\$3.**

Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate Lines 40 – 41.

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH **\$157,453**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #42 Surveyor Salary** from \$41,562 to **\$42,812.**

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate Lines 42 – 49.

TOTAL HIGHWAY **\$216,705**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 50 – 55.

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
\$19,970
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 56 -60.

TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT **\$33,690**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #61 Fire Chief Salary** from \$45,098 to **\$46,450.**

Passes majority

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend **Line #63** to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** and transfer from Ambulance Fund **\$51,000.** **Unanimous**

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate as amended Lines 61 – 64.

TOTAL FIRE SERVICES **\$143,080**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #68 Police Department** from \$18,500 to **\$48,443.**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #69 Police Clerical** from \$12,443 to **\$0.00.**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend **Line #70 Police Equipment** from \$17,500 to **\$0.00.**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate as amended Lines 65 -71.

POLICE SERVICES **\$436,948**
Passes majority

Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 72 – 73.

TOTAL AMBULANCE & COMMUNICATION **\$2,000**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 74 – 77.

TOTAL VETERANS **\$11,745**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend **Line 78 Library Director** to raise and appropriate

\$25,309 and transfer from free cash **\$759.**
Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended Lines 78 – 79.

TOTAL LIBRARY
\$78,068
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines 80 – 81.

TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL **\$2,195,346**
Passes majority

Voted (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote **Line #82** to raise and appropriate **\$1,338,575** and to transfer from free cash **\$49,425**.

Motion carries

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote as amended Lines 82 – 82A.

TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOL **\$1,432,841**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote as amended Lines 80 – 82A.

TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS **\$3,628,187**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote **Line #83** to transfer from the Overlay Account the sum of **\$40,000**.

Unanimous

TOTAL RESERVE FUND
\$40,000
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend **Line # 85 Interest/Loan/Refunds** to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$1,500** and **\$2,000** from the Overlay Account.

Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend **Line #86 Principal & Interest** to transfer from Free Cash **\$30,518** and **\$219,602** from Debt Reserve. **Unanimous**

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended Lines 84 – 86A.

TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST **\$705,518**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended.

TOTAL WARRANT **\$6,100,433**
Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to adjourn the Plympton Annual Town Meeting and to reconvene on Thursday May 15, 2003 at the Dennett Elementary School at 7:00 P.M. **Unanimous**

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 15, 2003**

The Reconvened Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator William L. Slater at 7:05 P.M. The tellers were Lenore Swanson and Helen Reynolds and there were 74 registered voters present. The Moderator led us in the pledge allegiance to the flag.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,920 to make the first of three (3) lease payments on a four-wheel drive patrol/utility vehicle for the police department or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article #10. **Unanimous**

Article 11. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) the town to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$21,000** for the purpose of the **Fiscal 2005 Triennial Revaluation** and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Unanimous

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.2 – Scheduled Uses – as follows: Add to Section 4.2 Scheduled Uses

	AR	B	LM	I
Bottling and Distribution Plant for purpose of bottling and distributing water drawn from Plympton	X	X	X	X
Water withdrawal to support a private water system to serve two (2) or more lots that are entirely in Plympton	X	SP	SP	SP
Water withdrawal for commercial sale (wholesale or resale) or distribution	X	X	X	X
Water withdrawal to support a municipal water system to serve the town.	P	P	P	P
Water withdrawal as an accessory use to support an allowed principal use on the same lot.	P	P	P	P

or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 13. It was noted that the Planning Board did not sponsor this article.

Article 13. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article #13. **Unanimous**

Brian Wick, member of the Planning Board gave a verbal report of the public hearing held on May 6, 2003. The Plympton Planning Board voted 2 to 1 in favor of article #14.

Article 14. Upon recommendation of Town Counsel the following changes will be incorporated within the original article.

- Amend the article by striking “flagpoles” from **Section 6.9.8** and by adding a new “**Section 6.9.10.iii, Displays of the**

United States Flag: Flagpoles displaying the United States flag are exempt from this bylaw, provided that the sole objective of the illumination is the United States flag and the illumination does not fall upon any commercial signage. For purposes of enforcement, this means that no more than 0.2 (two-tenths) foot candles of illumination may fall upon any commercial signage.

- Amend **Section 6.9.10** of the article as follows:
Renumber subsections 6.9.10 (5) and 6.9.10 (6) so they read 6.9.10.i and 6.9.10.ii, respectively; and **add: “Section 6.9.10.iv: Short-term lighting.** Any site shall be allowed to exceed the specification of this bylaw, provided that all of the following conditions are met: (a) the use of such lighting is for any 21 consecutive calendar days or partial days or less; and (b) the total number of days that any one site may be exempted by this provision shall not exceed 45 days (or partial days) per calendar year.”
- Amend the article to **add:**
Section 6.9.11.i Special Permit Granting Authority: The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for the provisions of this section of the bylaw.

Article 14. Voted (On the motion of Robert Smith) The Town vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 6 – General Regulations—to add a new subsection as follows:

Lighting Systems and Fixtures

6.9.1 *Purpose and Intent:* Outdoor lighting is provided for a variety of purposes to the benefit of modern society. It enables people to see essential detail to conduct work or recreation activities at night. It facilitates safety or security of persons or property, for example through lighting on roads and pathways. Outdoor lighting may be used to emphasize features of architectural or historical significance. It is used to call attention to commercial premises by means of area lighting or signs. At times, the pursuit of these purposes through the selection of specific lighting fixture and systems might, in unintended ways, interfere with safety and security (by causing glare that minimizes visibility), and infringe upon the ability of residents to enjoy the nighttime environment. In addition, some lighting fixtures and systems waste public and private resources by consuming more energy than is required to meet the lighting goals at hand.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to preserve, protect, and enhance the lawful nighttime use and enjoyment of any and all property, through ensuring the use of appropriate lighting practices and systems. Such practices, lighting fixtures, and systems--while designed, constructed, and installed such that they maintain safety, security, and productivity--also control glare and light trespass, conserve energy and resources, minimize obtrusive light, and curtail the degradation of the nighttime visual environment. Appropriate systems, therefore, will decrease lighting costs and preserve the night sky as a natural and historical resource without negatively impacting the benefits of lighting in a modern society.

6.9.3 Applicability:

The requirements of this provision shall apply to any new or replacement municipal, industrial, commercial, and special permit uses in any district. This provision also shall apply to any new sign sited in any district and also to any new multi-family uses in any district.

6.9.3 Definitions: Except as noted hereinafter, all definitions are provided in the Zoning Bylaw. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, certain words and phrases used in this section shall mean the following:

"Lamp" means the component of an outdoor light fixture that produces light.

"Direct Light" means light emitted directly by a lamp, off a reflector, or through a refractor of an outdoor light fixture.

"Light Trespass" means direct light emitted by an outdoor lamp fixture that shines beyond the boundaries of the property on which the outdoor light fixture is installed.

"Up-light" means direct light emitted by an outdoor light fixture above a horizontal plane through the fixture's lowest light emitting part.

"Shielded" when referring to an outdoor light fixture means that the fixture allows no up-light.

"Filtered" when referring to an outdoor light fixture means that the fixture is to be fitted with a glass, acrylic, or other translucent enclosure of the light source.

6.9.4 Shielding: All outdoor light fixtures subject to this bylaw shall be shielded.

6.9.5 Prohibited Light Sources:

6.9.5.1 Mercury Vapor and Quartz Lamps: For the purposes of this bylaw, quartz lamps shall not be considered an incandescent light source.

6.9.5.4 Laser Source Light: The use of laser source light or any similar high intensity light for outdoor advertising, when projected above the horizontal, is prohibited.

6.9.5.5 Searchlights: The operation of searchlights for advertising purposes is prohibited.

6.9.6 Metal Halide Lighting: All outdoor light fixtures utilizing a metal halide lamp or lamps shall be shielded and filtered. Filtering using quartz glass does not meet this requirement.

6.9.7 Outdoor Advertising Signs: Outdoor light fixtures used to illuminate an outdoor advertising sign shall be mounted on the top of the sign structure.

6.9.8 Outdoor Landscaping and Decorative Lighting: All outdoor light fixtures subject to this Bylaw and used to illuminate landscape features, flagpoles, and other objects shall be shielded and mounted so that they allow no up-light.

6.9.9 Outdoor Light Output Specifications:

(i) Total outdoor light output of any site, excluding street lights used for illumination of public rights-of-way, shall not exceed fifty thousand (50,000) lumens per acre, averaged over the entire property.

(ii) No more than five thousand, five hundred (5,500) lumens per acre may be accounted for by lamps in unshielded fixtures permitted in section 6.9.10 of this bylaw.

(iii) At no point along the property line shall the measured light exceed two tenths (0.2) of a foot candle.

(iv) No lamp shall be visible to a person of average height standing on the property line.

6.9.10 Exemptions

7 Fossil Fuel Light: All outdoor light fixtures producing light directly by the combustion of natural gas or other fossil fuels are exempt from all requirements of this Bylaw.

8 Other Light Sources: All outdoor light fixtures using an incandescent lamp or lamps of 150 watts or less are exempt from all requirements of this bylaw. All outdoor light fixtures using any lamp or lamps of fifty (50) total watts or less are exempt from all requirements of this bylaw.

6.9.11 Special Permit Alternative: Outdoor light fixtures may be allowed by special permit if it is found that: (1) significant light pollution will not be created, (2) light trespass will not exceed two tenths (0.2) of a foot candle at the property line, and (3) no lamp is visible to a person of average height standing on the property line.

2/3 vote

Declared 2/3 majority passes

Article 15. The undersigned registered voters of Plympton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to place the following article on the forth coming annual Town Meeting (2003) warrant:

***Draft Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Governing
the Subdivision of land, Plympton, MA
Section 4G. Local Streets***

Purpose: In order to provide an alternative to a standard subdivision, the Planning Board creates the new category of "Local Street". Under this section, it shall be the policy of the Plympton Planning Board to grant waivers to their Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. These waivers would reduce engineering and construction requirements provided the proposed subdivision roadway serves two lots or less. Each lot must contain 120,000 square feet of upland.

This policy is intended to substantially reduce tree removal inherent to a standard subdivision roadway and help retain the rural character of the town by allowing the road to appear more as a driveway rather than a suburban roadway with dwellings every two hundred feet on both sides. This policy is also intended to provide owners of substantial acreage the option of a limited subdivision rather being forced by the high cost of designing and constructing a standard roadway to create and market as many lots as possible.

The width of the layout shall be that required by the Subdivision Regulations and unless specifically addressed below, all provisions of the Plympton Zoning By-law and "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Plympton" shall apply.

The waivers granted shall be to allow the following construction requirements:

A: Pavement: The width shall be twelve feet. 18" wide Cape Cod Berms will be required only on grades steeper than 3.5%. The pavement roundings at the public way need be 15 feet. Property line roundings may not be required. Rather than constructing a cul-de-sac, a hammerhead configuration meeting the AASHTO requirement for a single until truck (SU-30) may be used within the cul-de-sac layout.

B: Drainage: Catch basins are not required but a drainage analysis must be provided to insure adequate drainage and no adverse impacts either to abutters or any wetlands resource areas will be allowed.

C: In order to preserve as many existing trees as possible, no sidewalks or shoulders are required, and the clearing and grubbing must be extended only two feet beyond the edge of the pavement. Also, the roadway need not have a mathematically correct profile but unless authorized by the Planning Board must conform to the existing topography. There will be no minimum slope, but the maximum slope will be 6%. To verify this and to identify any problem sections of the roadway, a plan of the existing and proposed profile will be provided.

D: Unless there are existing utility lines, all utilities shall be underground. In order to reduce the cutting of trees, they shall be installed no more than 2 feet off the roadway.

E: Due to the limited scope of such a project, no EIA will be required, but all wetlands on the subject property must be shown and the required topography with two foot contours need only extend 50 feet from the proposed roadway layout.

In exchange for the reductions in the construction requirements, the subdivider will be expected to agree to the following restrictions, which must be noted on all deeds for all the land within the subdivision:

- 5) The roadway will remain a private way unless upgraded to the roadway requirements for a standard subdivision in force at the time of the upgrade.
- 6) While the roadway remains a private way, it's maintenance will be the responsibility of the owners of the land within the subdivision.

- 7) The roadway shall serve no more than two lots. The roadway will be labeled as "No Access" except at the frontage of the two newly created lots.
- 8) Abutting property owners will not be granted access to the roadway.

Article 15. Voted (On the motion of Ronald McAndrews) The Town vote to withdraw the article without prejudice. **Unanimous**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II§1 of the Town of Plympton Municipal By-Laws to read as follows: The Annual Election of officers shall be held on the third Saturday in May, the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of municipal business shall be held on the first Wednesday in May or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. Voted (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to pass over Article #16. **Unanimous**

Article 17. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to amend article #17 to read to transfer the sum of **\$4,351.06** from the Dog License Fund to the **Library Expense Fund.** **Majority**

Article 17. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$4351.06** from the dog license fund to the **Library Expense Fund.** **Motion carries**

Article 18. Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$11,500.00** to conduct a **financial audit of Fiscal 2003.** **Unanimous**

Article 19. Voted (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The town vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$81,851.86 as the states share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 section 34-2a of the General Laws.
2/3 Vote **Declared 2/3 majority**

Article 20. Voted (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town to transfer from the sale of lots and graves **\$25,000** for the purpose of expanding and renovating a section of The Hillcrest Cemetery. **Unanimous**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease purchase agreement not to

exceed five (5) years, to purchase and equip a fire truck to replace the 1971 brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed one-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) with the first payment of \$34,500 (first of five payments) not due before July 1, 2003 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 21. Voted (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to pass over Article #21.

Unanimous

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to the sum of \$10,000 to replace siding, trim boards, and other repairs to the fire station or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 22. No action.

Article 23. Voted (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to amend line 2 of Article 23 and add the industrial (buildings).

Majority motion carries

Article 23. (On the motion of Maureen Springer) To amend line 2 of Article 23 and strike the word public (school).

Motion fails

Article 23. Voted (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to adopt Municipal By-law Article XVIII Section 2; The owner of any multi-unit dwelling of four (4) residential units or more, commercial or industrial building, public or private school, or a church shall be subject to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) after three (3) fire alarm activations which are deemed to be either false alarms, system malfunctions, or alarms activated due to lack of maintenance in any calendar year. The property owner shall be fined for the fourth fire department response and each response after until the end of the calendar year. Said fine shall be collected and deposited to the Fire Department Receipts Reserved Account.

Motion carries majority

Article 24. Voted (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to amend the sum of \$11,700.00 to **\$6,000** and two grass mowers to **one (1) grass mower.**

Motion carries

Article 24. Voted (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$6,000 to purchase **one (1) grass mower.**

Unanimous

Article 25. Voted (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to accept M.G.L.c140§147A.

Chapter 140: Section 147A. By-laws and ordinances relative to regulation of dogs.

Section 147A. Any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section is hereby empowered to enact by-laws and ordinances relative to the regulation of dogs. Except as hereinafter provided in clauses (a), (b) and (c), and notwithstanding any contrary provision of sections one hundred and thirty-seven to one hundred and seventy-four D, inclusive, relating to the regulation of dogs or any special law relating to the regulation of dogs, such by-laws and ordinances may relate to, but not be limited to dog licensing, establishing dog fees, disposition of fees, appointment of dog officers, kennel licensing and regulations, procedures for the investigation of and reimbursement for damage caused by dogs, restraining of dogs and establishing penalties for a breach thereof. No such by-law or ordinance shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter relating to (a) the turning over or sale of animals to any business or institution licensed or registered as a research facility or animal dealer, as provided in section one hundred and fifty-one; (b) the minimum confinement period of dogs as provided in section one hundred and fifty-one A; and (c) the methods of execution, as provided in said section one hundred and fifty-one A.

In any city or town which accepts this section, all money received from licenses or recovered as fines under any by-law or ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be paid into the treasury of said town or city and shall not thereafter be paid over by the town or city treasurer to the county in which said town or city is located.

Any and all functions relating to the regulation of dogs pursuant to section one hundred and thirty-seven to one hundred and seventy-four D, inclusive, which would otherwise be performed by the county, by the county commissioner or otherwise, shall not be performed by the county on behalf of any city or town which is not a member of the county dog fund.

Any and all costs which would otherwise be paid out of the county dog fund shall not be paid by the county to any city or town which is not a member of the county dog fund, or to any city or town which accepts this section and such cities and towns shall thereupon be responsible for all costs and expenses relating to the regulation of dogs.

Unanimous

Article 26. Voted (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to waive the reading of Article #26, to amend the following typographical errors:

Section 3 KENNEL LICENSES: The last sentence in the first paragraph to remove the words "Section 6.1A of the Town's Zoning By-law." And to amend it to read Kennels are defined and classified in "Section 1 of Article XXI."

Section 11 RESTRAINT OR MUZZLING: Amend the last sentence to read, If the owner or keeper refuses or neglects to restrain or muzzle such dog as required, he shall *be punished by a fine of not* more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Motion carries

Article 26. (On the motion of Edward Yurewicz) To amend Section 5. PENALTIES FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSE: Paragraph two (2) by striking out the words "refuses to answer, or"

Motion fails

Article 26. Voted (On the motion of Brian Wick) To amend Section 11 RESTRAINT OR MUZZLING by adding sub-section G. "G. for any activity surrounding the use of training dogs for attack, protection, guard, or similar purposes that are not performed behind an enclosed and secured fence or restrained by a lead or chain of less than seven (7) feet." **Unanimous**

Article 26. Voted The Town vote to adopt Article XXI §1 through §18 of the Municipal By-laws in its entirety.

ARTICLE XXI

RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE

CONTROL OF DOGS IN THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON

Section 1.

DEFINITIONS: The following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

"Dog Officer", any officer appointed under these Rules and Regulations for the enforcement of said Rules and Regulations.

"Keeper", any person, corporation or society, other than the owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog.

"Kennel" single premises with a collection of no more than five (5) dogs, six (6) months or older, that are maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting, or any other purpose.

"Hobby Kennel", single premises with a collection of six (6) to ten (10) dogs, six (6) months or older, that are maintained for

any purpose, and where fewer than four litters per year are raised.

“Commercial Kennel”, single premises with a collection of eleven (11) or more dogs six (6) months or older that are maintained for any purpose, or where four (4) or more litters per year are raised, or where the boarding or grooming of dogs is performed as a business.

“License Period”, the time between July 1 and the following June 30th, both dates inclusive.

“Clerk”, the Town of Plympton Clerk.

“Livestock or fowl”, animals or fowl kept or propagated by the owner for food or recreational purposes.

“Domestic Animals” shall include but not be limited to dogs and cats.

“Selectman” shall mean the Plympton Board of Selectmen.

“Board of Health” shall mean the Plympton Board of Health.

“Town” shall mean the Town of Plympton.

Section 2.

LICENSES AND TAGS:

The owner or keeper of a dog kept in the Town of Plympton is subject to these Regulations when the dog attains the age of six (6) months and annually thereafter as required by M.G.L c140§145B.

The Town Clerk shall issue dog licenses and tags on a form prescribed and furnished by the Town of Plympton. The Dog Officer may accept applications and fees for licenses and shall transmit same to the Clerk who shall cause the license to be issued. Subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the town may permit licensing to be conducted through the mail.

The Clerk shall record each license issued, the name of the owner or keeper of each dog so licensed, and the name, registered number and description of each dog. The owner or keeper of any dog so licensed shall state upon the license form the breed, color, weight, age, and special markings of the dog. Such books shall be open to public inspection during the usual office hours of such clerk.

Each tag shall include the license number, a statement that the dog is licensed in the Town of Plympton, and the year issued.

The owner or keeper shall cause said dog to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness to which the tag shall be securely attached. In the event that any tag is lost, defaced or

destroyed, the owner or keeper shall obtain substitute tags from the town Clerk at a cost of two dollars (\$2.00) to be paid to the Town.

The fee for each dog licensed shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) unless a certificate from a veterinarian stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered has been presented to the clerk, in which case the fee shall be seven dollars (\$7.00). A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any city or town clerk within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may be accepted as evidence that such operation has been performed. If the Town Clerk is satisfied that the certification by the veterinarian who neutered or spayed the dog cannot be obtained, the Town Clerk may accept in lieu thereof a statement under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the Commonwealth describing the dog and stating that he has examined such dog and in his opinion, the dog has been neutered or spayed. Until the veterinarian has examined the dog in question, license fee for the licensing period shall be at the rate of the unaltered male or female dog.

No fee shall be charged for a dog specially trained to lead or trained to lead or serve a blind or deaf person upon presentation to the clerk of a certificate of such training. No fee shall be charged for dog specially trained for police work and actively serving in law enforcement.

A license fee shall not be refunded because of a subsequent death, loss, spaying or neutering, or removal from the Town of such dog, nor because a license fee has been mistakenly paid to a city or town.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to institutions licensed under Chapter 140, Section 174D of the General Laws, to shops licensed under Section 39A of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, to any person operating a licensed kennel and where otherwise provided, by law.

Section 3.

KENNEL LICENSES:

Any owner or keeper of four (4) or more dogs, six (6) months of age or over, shall obtain a kennel license; provided, however, that if necessary to operate a kennel under the Town's Zoning By-law, the written approval of the Board of Appeals or special permit granting authority must be presented to the Town Clerk prior to the issuance of such license. Kennels are defined and

classified in Section 1 of Article XXI.

The fees for each classification of kennel license shall be as follows:

Kennel License: \$30 (thirty dollars) per year

Hobby Kennel License: \$60 (sixty dollars) per year

Commercial Kennel License: \$150 (one-hundred fifty dollars) per year

A kennel license shall be in lieu of any other license required for any dog which may be kept in such kennel for any portion of the period for which the license is issued. The owner or keeper of such kennel shall renew the license prior to the commencement of each succeeding license period.

While at large, each dog in a kennel shall wear a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag upon which shall appear the number of the kennel license, the name "Town of Plympton", and the year of issuance. Such tag shall be in a form prescribed and furnished by the Town of Plympton and shall be issued by the Town Clerk along with the kennel license.

If a kennel owner desires to increase the capacity of his kennel during a license period, he shall apply for a license modification to the Town Clerk, and, if necessary, present the Town Clerk with the written approval of the Board of Appeals prior to the issuance of such license modification. The Clerk shall issue such modification upon payment by the owner of the difference between his existing kennel license and the fee for the kennel license most recently approved.

The Clerk shall issue, without charge, upon written application and written approval of the Board of Appeals, a kennel license to any domestic charitable corporation incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse.

A veterinary hospital shall not be considered a kennel unless it contains an area for the grooming or selling of dogs, or for the boarding of dogs for other than medical or surgical purposes, in which case it shall supply to the Clerk proof of obtaining a special permit from the Board of Appeals prior to the issuance of a kennel license.

All holders of kennel licenses shall notify the Town Clerk, in writing, of the sale of any dog or pup, including a description of

the animal, the age, color, identifying marks, sex and whether the dog has been spayed or neutered. The kennel owner will forward a copy of such notice, to the clerk of the city or town in which the new owner of the dog resides.

Section 4.

KENNEL INSPECTION AND REGULATION:

The Dog Officer or the Chief of Police of the Town of Plympton or other persons authorized under the General Laws, shall at any time inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel and if, in his or her judgment, the kennel is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, the Board of Selectmen shall by order revoke or suspend said kennel license. In the case of suspension of said license, the Board of Selectmen may reinstate such kennel license and impose conditions and regulations upon the operation of said kennel.

Upon the petition of six (6) citizens filed with the Board of Selectmen setting forth that they are aggrieved or annoyed to an unreasonable extent by one or more dogs at a kennel located in the Town of Plympton because of excessive barking or vicious disposition of such dogs or other conditions connected with the kennel that constitute a public nuisance, the Board of Selectmen shall, within seven (7) days of the filing of such petition, give notice to all parties concerned of a public hearing to be held within fourteen (14) days after the date of such notice. Within seven (7) days after the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen shall make an order either revoking or suspending such kennel license or otherwise regulating the operation of said kennel, or shall dismiss such petition.

Any person maintaining a kennel after the license has been suspended or revoked shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day payable to the Town of Plympton.

Section 5.

PENALTIES FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSE:

Whoever violates any provision of Article XXI §2 or §3 of these Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be paid to the Town.

If any persons refuses to answer, or answers falsely, questions of a police officer or a Dog Officer pertaining to his ownership of a dog, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be paid to the Town.

If the dog as to which any violation occurs was unlicensed at the time of such violation, a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed to be paid to the Town, and the owner or keeper of such dog will be required to immediately procure the current license and tag.

Section 6.

RABIES:

The owner or keeper of a dog, which has reached the age of six (6) months, shall cause that dog to be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian using a vaccine approved by the Department of Public Health.

Upon vaccination, the veterinarian shall provide a tag which shall be secured to the collar or harness of the dog which shall show the year the vaccination was given and he shall prepare three copies of a form which shall specify the name and address of the owner or keeper of the dog, the name, registration number, rabies tag number, license number, life of the vaccine and the name of the company that produced the vaccine. The veterinarian shall mail one copy to the Plympton Town Clerk, present one copy to the owner or keeper of the dog and keep one copy.

The Plympton Board of Health shall furnish upon request to any uninsured resident of the Town who has been or may be exposed to rabies, anti-rabic vaccine and treatment free of charge in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Health and accepted medical practice. Such person shall have the right to select his own physician who shall be paid by the Town at a rate established by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health shall provide a rabies vaccination free of charge upon request of the Dog Officer.

Unvaccinated dogs acquired or brought into the Town of Plympton shall be vaccinated within ninety days (90) or upon reaching the age of six (6) months, whichever is later.

Vaccinated dogs shall be revaccinated as required in accordance with rules adopted and promulgated by the Department of Public Health.

Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) which shall be paid to the Town.

Section 7.

DISPOSITION OF FEES AND FINES:

The Town Clerk shall issue said licenses and tags and receive the money therefore and pay it into the Town treasury not later than the first Monday of each month.

The Town Clerk shall make a record in books kept therefore of each licensed issued, the name and address of the owner or keeper of each dog so licensed, the registered number and description of each dog, and such books shall be open to public inspection during the usual office hours. The Town shall pay for all license forms, tags, record books and all standard operating forms.

Section 8.

DOG OFFICERS:

The Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time, appoint one or more Dog Officers who shall receive an annual salary which shall be set by the Board of Selectmen within the amount appropriated by the Town. The Dog Officer may be a police officer or constable.

The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, may enter into a contract with a domestic charitable corporation incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse, to perform the duties of the Dog Officer.

Section 9.

DOG OFFICERS — DUTIES:

The Dog Officer shall attend to all complaints, except as assigned to the Chief of Police, or other matters regarding dogs in the Town.

The Dog Officer shall, at least twice in each year, inspect every premises holding a kennel license and shall issue a written report of the conditions of said kennel to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health, stating his opinion as to the

maintenance, humane and sanitary conditions, and if records are properly kept by the owner or keeper of said kennel.

The Dog Officer shall be responsible for maintaining records of all animals that become the subject of any action and shall record each complaint and the nature thereof and what action, if any, was taken by the Dog Officer or any other authority of the Town.

The Dog Officer shall maintain records of each dog confined under his care and custody for any reason whatsoever, stating the reasons for such confinement, the breed and color of the dog, the date the dog came under the control of the Dog Officer, the final disposition of the dog and the date of this disposition.

The records maintained by the Dog Officer are considered public documents and available upon request.

The Dog Officer shall examine any premises to be used as a proposed kennel and must submit a written report to the Board of Selectmen or if a special permit is required the Zoning Board of Appeals as well, stating their opinion as to whether or not such a site would be suitable for the type of kennel license requested.

No Dog Officer shall be a licensed animal dealer registered with the United States Department of Agriculture and no Dog Officer or any representative shall sell any animal to any licensed animal dealer registered with the United States Department of Agriculture. Whoever violates the provision of this Section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) payable to the Town of Plympton.

Section 10.
DISTURBING THE PEACE:

If any person shall make a complaint in writing to the Dog Officer that any dog owned or harbored within the Town of Plympton is a nuisance by reason of biting, excessive barking, howling or any other manner that disturbs the quiet of the public, or is a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the vicinity, the Dog Officer shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint which may include an examination under oath of the complainant, submit a written report to the Selectmen of his findings and recommendations, together with the written complaint. Upon receipt of such report, the Selectmen may call

a hearing, giving the owner or keeper of the dog due notice to appear, to interview, under oath, the complainant and the owner or keeper of the dog. The Selectmen after the hearing may make such order concerning the restraint, muzzling, silencing, removing or disposing of such dog, dismissal of the complaint or such other action as may be deemed necessary. The Dog Officer, after investigation, may issue an interim order that such dog be restrained or muzzled for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days to enable the Selectmen to issue their order following receipt of the report of the Dog Officer. If the Selectmen fail to act during the period of the interim order, upon expiration of the interim period, the order is automatically vacated.

Any owner or keeper who fails to comply with an order with the Board of Selectmen, Dog Officer, or District Court shall face a complaint in the District Court and shall pay to the Town a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense.

Section 11.
RESTRAINT OR MUZZLING

The Dog Officer may restrain or muzzle, or issue an interim order to restrain or muzzle, for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days, any dog for any of the following reasons:

- A. for having bitten or threatened (worried) any person
- B. if found at large or unmuzzled, as the case may be while an order for restraint of such dog is in effect. For the purpose of this by-law, the term "at large" means a dog which is defined as any and all of the following:
 - C. is outside the enclosure of the owner or keeper and not under the immediate care of the owner or keeper of such dog
 - D. is not restrained by a lead or chain of less than seven (7) feet that is of suitable test for the size of the dog being restrained.
 - E. if found in a school, or schoolyard or other recreational area
- F. for having killed or maimed or otherwise damaged any domestic animal, livestock, or fowl
- G. for chasing any vehicle (including bicycles) upon any public way or way open to public travel in the town
- H. for chasing people walking or running on any public way or way open to public travel in the town
- I. for any activity surrounding the use of training dogs for

attack, protection, guard, or similar purposes that are not performed behind an enclosed and secured fence or restrained by a lead or chain of less than seven (7) feet.

All dogs must be muzzled or restrained within twelve (12) hours of issuance of such order. If the owner or keeper refuses or neglects to restrain or muzzle such dog as required, he shall be punished by a fine or not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Section 12.

COMPLAINT OF NUISANCE:

If any person shall make a complaint to the Dog Officer that any dog harbored within the Town of Plympton is a nuisance by reason of a vicious disposition, the Dog Officer shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint which may include an examination under oath of the complainant, submit a written report of his findings and recommendations, together with the written complaint. Upon receipt of such report, the Selectmen may call a hearing, giving the owner or keeper of the dog due notice to appear, to interview, under oath, the complainant and the owner or keeper of the dog. The Selectmen after the hearing may make such order concerning the restraint, muzzling, removing or disposing of such dog, dismissal of the complaint or such other action as may be deemed necessary. The Dog Officer, after his investigation, may issue an interim order that such dog be restrained or muzzled for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days to enable the Selectmen to issue their order following receipt of the report of the Dog Officer. If the Selectmen fail to act during the period of the interim order, upon expiration of the interim period, the order is automatically vacated.

Any owner or keeper who fails to comply with an order with the Board of Selectmen, Dog Officer, or District Court shall face a complain in the District Court and shall pay to the Town a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense.

Any police officer, constable or Dog Officer shall kill a dog or cause the dog to be killed, which the Board of Selectmen, and upon review, a magistrate or judge of the district court shall have ordered to be restrained or destroyed for vicious behavior, and if such dog is again found outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care. Any police officer, Dog Officer or constable may kill a dog, which is living in a wild state.

Section 13.**ANY PERSON MAY KILL A DOG, WHEN:**

Any person may kill a dog, which suddenly assaults him while he is peaceably standing, walking or riding outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper. Any person may kill a dog found out of the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care of the owner or keeper of such dog in the act of worrying, wounding or killings persons, domestic animals, livestock, or fowl. If any person shall kill or attempt to kill a dog so found, he shall not be held liable for cruelty to the dog unless it shall be shown that he intended to be cruel to the dog, or that he acted with a wanton disregard for the suffering of the dog. Any person who kills or wounds a dog under this section shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, report such action to the Dog Officer and police department.

Any police officer, constable or Dog Officer shall kill a dog, which the Board of Selectmen, or upon review, a magistrate or judge of the district court shall have ordered to be restrained or destroyed for vicious behavior, and if such dog is again found outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care. Any police officer, dog officer or constable may kill a dog, which is living in a wild state.

Section. 14.**KILLING OF DOG KNOWN TO HAVE DONE DAMAGE-BONDS:**

The Selectmen or their agents duly authorized in writing, may, after written notice to the owner or keeper, enter upon the premises of the owner or keeper of any dog known to have done damage to domestic animals, livestock, or fowl, and then and there kill such dog or cause such dog to be killed, unless such owner or keeper whose premises are thus entered shall give a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), with sufficient sureties, approved by the Board of Selectmen, conditioned that the dog be under permanent restraint. If the owner or keeper declares his intention to provide such bond, he shall be allowed seven (7) business days, excluding holidays in which to provide said bond to the Town Clerk.

Section 15.**PROPERTY DAMAGE, APPRAISAL, REIMBURSEMENT:**

Whoever suffers loss by the worrying, killing or maiming of

domestic animal, livestock or fowl by dog(s) shall inform the Dog Officer who shall forthwith proceed to the scene to view the damage, who shall determine if the damage was done in fact by dog(s) and, if so, appraise the amount of the damage if it does not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

If in the opinion of the Dog Officer the damage exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00), the damage shall be appraised on oath by three persons, one of whom shall be the dog officer, one shall be appointed by the person alleged to be damaged and the third appointed by the other two.

The said appraisers shall consider and include in such damages the number and kind of animals damaged, the extent of the damage and the approximate weight of the killed animals. The appraisers will also note in their report whether or not any animals were sent for veterinarian treatment in an effort to save them or sent to the veterinarian to be destroyed due to extensive damage suffered, and the number and kind of such animals. Such report will be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within ten (10) days of said appraisal, who shall submit said appraisal report to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen may require the appraisers to provide any additional information that they deem appropriate in accordance with the report of the appraiser.

Section 16.

NO REIMBURSEMENT IN CERTAIN CASES:

No owner of domestic animals, livestock or fowl shall be reimbursed for damages inflicted by his own dog or dogs, nor shall he be reimbursed if he, himself, was the owner or keeper of an unlicensed dog six months of age or older. No reimbursement shall be made in the case of damage to deer, elk, cottontail rabbit, northern hares, pheasants, quail, partridge and other livestock or fowl determined by the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Recreational Vehicles to be wild. No reimbursement will be made for damages unless the livestock or fowl are kept in proper houses or in suitable enclosed areas. Awards for damages in no case shall exceed the fair cash market value of such domestic animal, livestock or fowl.

Section 17.

LIABILITY OF OWNER:

The owner or keeper of a dog which has done damage to domestic animals, livestock or fowl shall be liable for such

damage, and the Selectmen may order the owner or keeper to pay such damages after an investigation by the Dog Officer of the facts of the matter and an appraisal by the Dog Officer, one person chosen by the person sustaining the damage and a third appraiser chosen by the other two. The appraisers will submit a report to the Selectmen stating the type of damage, the number and kind of animal damages and whether any animals required medical treatment by a veterinarian to save them or if the veterinarian destroyed the animal as a result of extensive damage suffered.

In the event that the owner or keeper of such dog known to have done damage to domestic animals, livestock, or fowl refuses to pay upon the order of the Selectmen, the Selectmen shall enter or cause to be entered a complaint in district court for the enforcement of the order.

If the owner or keeper of a dog, which has previously been ordered restrained or destroyed by the Selectmen, appeals the decision to the district court, and such dog wounds any person, or shall maim or kill any domestic animal, livestock, or fowl during the appeal process, the owner or keeper of such dog will be liable to the person injured either in body or through damage to domestic animal, livestock, or fowl in triple the amount of actual damages sustained by him.

Section 18.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Article XXI §1 through §18 inclusive shall take effect on July 1, 2003.

Motion carries majority

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 27. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article #27.

Unanimous

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article #28. **Unanimous**

Article 29. There was no new business to come before the meeting.

Article 30. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 17, 2003. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Board of Selectmen: 1 for 3 years; Town Clerk: 1 for 3 years; Treasurer: 1 for 3 years; Assessor: 1 for 3 years; Finance Committee: 1 for 3 years; Board of Health: 1 for 3 years; Board of Health: 1 for 1 year; Highway Surveyor: 1 for 3 years; Planning Board: 1 for five years; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: 1 for 3 years; School Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustees: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustee: 1 for two years; Tree Warden: 1 for 3 years.

Question One

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for its apportioned share of the bonds to be issued by the Silver Lake Regional School District in order to finance constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the District High School, including the construction and reconstruction of athletic fields?

Yes No **Unanimous**

Question Two

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to assess an additional \$230,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003?

Yes No **Unanimous**

Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to 7:00 am on May 17, 2003 at the Town house for choosing Town Officers and vote on ballot questions and dissolved at 8:00 pm on May 17, 2003.

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 14, 2003

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables or officers of the Town of Plympton,
in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Plympton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet
at the

Dennett Elementary School
Wednesday, May 14, 2003
8:30 PM

for the transaction of any business that may legally come before
said meeting and then and there to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will transfer from available
funds the sum of \$25.00 to pay an unpaid telephone bill from
fiscal year 2003 or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from
available funds the sum of \$20,000 to budget line 21 (Town
Counsel) to cover increased legal expenses for FY'03 or take
any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from
available funds the sum of \$4,367.00 to budget line 36 (Blanket
Insurance) to cover increased insurance costs for FY'03 or take
any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from
available funds the sum of \$14,000 to budget line 67 (Police
Services) to offset a shortfall or take any other action relative
thereto.

Police Chief

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500
from budget line 66 (Chief's Salary) and a further sum of money

from available funds to budget line 67 (Police Services) to help offset a shortfall or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500 to budget line 72 (Police Vehicles) to offset a shortfall or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line 39 (Unemployment) or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from budget line 35 (Group Health) voted on May 15, 2002 \$5,000 to budget line 38 (Town Share Medicare) and \$9,000 to budget line 84 (Reserve Fund) or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, Pogo's Restaurant and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April 2003.

(Signed)	(Signed)	(Signed)
Richard L. Springer	Christine M. Joy	John C. Newburn
Board of Selectmen		

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: _____ (Signed)
Dana L. Fowler
Date: _____ 4/22/03

A true copy,
ATTEST:
Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 14, 2003

The Plympton Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William Slater at 8:45 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. The Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant.

The Tellers were Lenore Swanson and Helen Reynolds. There were 183 registered voters present. Town Counsel was Richard Bowen.

Article 1. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend the article to read fiscal year 2002.

Unanimous

Article 1. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25.00 to pay an unpaid telephone bill from fiscal year 2002.

9/10 Majority

Unanimous

Article 2. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$20,000 to budget line 21 (Town Counsel) to cover increased legal expenses for FY'03.

Unanimous

Article 3. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$4,367.00 to budget line 36 (Blanket Insurance) to cover increased insurance costs for FY'03.

Unanimous

Article 4. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to amend the sum from \$14,000 to **\$13,000.**

Unanimous

Article 4. Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$14,000 to budget line 67 (Police Services) to offset a shortfall.

Unanimous

Article 5. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to amend the article to remove the words "and a further sum of money from available funds". **Unanimous**

Article 5. Voted (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$2,500 to budget line 67 (Police Services) to help offset a shortfall. **Unanimous**

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500 to budget line 72 (Police Vehicles) to offset a shortfall or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief

Article 6. (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article #6. **Unanimous**

Article 7. Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the amount to **\$10,646.00. Unanimous**

Article 7. Voted (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$10,646.00** from free cash to line 39 (Unemployment). **Motion carries**

Article 8. Voted (On the motion of Jeanne Sullivan) The Town vote to transfer from budget line 35 (Group Health) voted on May 15, 2002 \$5,000 to budget line 38 (Town Share Medicare) and \$9,000 to budget line 84 (Reserve Fund).

Unanimous

Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. **Unanimous**

The Plympton Special Town Meeting dissolved at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
October 1, 2003

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables or officers of the Town of Plympton,
in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Plympton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet
at the

Plympton Town House
5 Palmer Road
7:00 PM

for the transaction of any business that may legally come before
said meeting and then and there to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of
elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will
raise and appropriate including appropriations from available
funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town
including debt and interest for the ensuing year or take any other
action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept
Cushman's Landing as a public way, in accordance with the
Street Acceptance Plan of Cushman's Landing in Plympton,
Mass., Prepared for Michael R. McCaffrey Scale 1"=40", dated
February 10, 2003 by Vautrinot Land Surveying, Inc., Engineers
and Land Surveyors, P.O. Box 144, Plympton, MA, (781) 585-
5505, (781) 585-5520, (fax), which plan is on file at the Town
Clerk's office, or take any other action.

Planning Board

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000
from the stabilization fund to budget line #66 (Police Services) to
maintain 24 hour a day police coverage or take any other action
relative thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500
from budget line #68 (Police Department) to budget line #66
(Police Services) or take any other action relative thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 5. To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the receipts reserved account to the Fire/EMS budget line #63 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the receipts reserved account to the Fire Services budget line #62 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 7. To see if the Town will accept MGL Chapter 32B§2 as amended by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003. The amendment reads "A member of a call fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency serving a municipality shall be considered an employee, if approved by vote of the municipal legislative body, and the municipality shall charge such individual 100 percent of the premium."

Fire Chief

Article 8. To see if the town will transfer a sum of money from the stabilization account to budget line #62 Fire Services or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, Plympton Pizza and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of September 2003.

Richard L. Springer (signed) Christine M. Joy (signed)

Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: Dana L. Fowler (signed)

Date: 9/16/03

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
October 1, 2003**

The Plympton Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William L. Slater at 7:10 p.m. at the Plympton Town House. The Moderator welcomed everyone and introduced himself. Mr. Slater asked for a moment of silence for all members of our community who have passed on since our last meeting then, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The members of the Finance Committee, the Selectmen and the Town Clerk were introduced.

The tellers were Lenore S. Swanson and Helen Reynolds and there were 108 registered voters. The Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant.

Voted: (On the motion of Christine Joy) The Town voted to allow the following non-residents to speak at the Special Town Meeting this included Representative Tom O'Brien, Police Chief Matthew Clancy, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez.

Unanimous

Representative Tom O'Brien spoke briefly concerning the financial state of the State and advised it probably will not be any better next year.

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to take affirmative action to fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Town vote to reduce Lines 1 – 34, of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$17,429.

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

-\$17,429

Passes Majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote *no change* to Lines 35 – 39 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003.

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION

\$351,616

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 40 – 41 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$13,453.

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH **-\$13,453**
Passes Majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 42 – 49 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$13,545.

TOTAL HIGHWAY **-\$13,545**
Passes Majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 50-55 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$788.

TOTAL PROTECT. PERSL PRPRTY **-\$788**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 56 -60 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$2,878.

TOTAL BULDING DEPT. **-\$2,878**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 61 – 64 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$7,080.

TOTAL FIRE SERVICES **-\$7,080**
Passes majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 65 – 71 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$32,861.

TOTAL POLICE SERVICES **-\$32,861**
Passes majority

**Recessed at 7:45 P.M. for
Special Emergency Town Meeting.**

Reconvened Special Town Meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote *no change* to Line 72 **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to reduce Line 73 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$171 and to

transfer from Reserve Account \$171.00 to Fire & Police Communications.

TOTAL AMB. & COM. **-\$171**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 74 - 77 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$790.

TOTAL VETERANS **-\$790**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 78 – 79 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$5,202.

TOTAL LIBRARY **-\$5,202**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 80 – 81 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$187,579.

TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL **-\$187,579**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Lines 82 – 82A of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$61,392.

TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS **-\$61,392**
Unanimous

TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS **-\$248,971**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote to reduce Line 83 of the voted budget of May 16, 2003 by \$3,589.

RESERVE FUND **-\$3,589**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Bugbee) The Town vote *no change* to Lines 84 – 86A of the voted budget of May 16, 2003.

TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST **\$705,518**
Unanimous

TOTAL REDUCTION **-\$346,586**
Unanimous

TOTAL ADJUSTED BUDGET **\$5,717,265**
(See attached worksheet)

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Cushman's Landing as a public way, in accordance with the Street Acceptance Plan of Cushman's Landing in Plympton, Mass., Prepared for Michael R. McCaffrey Scale 1"=40", dated February 10, 2003 by Vautrinot Land Surveying, Inc., Engineers and Land Surveyors, P.O. Box 144, Plympton, MA, (781) 585-5505, (781) 585-5520, (fax), which plan is on file at the Town Clerk's office, or take any other action.

Planning Board

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of D. Howard Randall) The Town vote to pass over Article 2. **Declared Majority**

Article 3. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) The Town vote to transfer \$20,000 from the stabilization fund to budget line #66 (Police Services). **Declared Majority**

Article 4. Voted: (On the motion of Christine Joy) The Town vote to transfer \$2,500 from budget line #68 (Police Department) to budget line #66 (Police Services).

Unanimous

Article 5. To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the receipts reserved account to the Fire/EMS budget line #63 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 5. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article 5. **Unanimous**

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the receipts reserved account to the Fire Services budget line #62 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 6. (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to amend the sum of money to \$8,000. **Motion failed**

Article 6. The Moderator declared the article was **out of order**.

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote accept MGL Chapter 32B§2 as amended by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003. The amendment reads "A member of a call fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency serving a municipality shall be considered an employee, if

approved by vote of the municipal legislative body, and the municipality shall charge such individual 100 percent of the premium.”
Declared majority

Article 8. To see if the town will transfer a sum of money from the stabilization account to budget line #62 Fire Services or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 8. (On the motion of David Rich) The town vote to amend the sum of money to \$8,000.
Motion passed

Article 8. (On the motion of David Rich) The town vote to transfer \$8,000 from the stabilization account to budget line #62 Fire Services. **2/3 Vote**
Declared motion failed

Vote: (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Special Town Meeting dissolved at 9:10 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk, Plympton

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk, Plympton

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
October 1, 2003

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables or officers of the Town of Plympton,
in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Plympton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet
at the

Plympton Town House
5 Palmer Road
Assembly Room
7:45 PM

for the transaction of any business that may legally come before
said meeting and then and there to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$100,000
from the stabilization account to pay for the mold remediation at
the Dennett Elementary School with all expenditures under the
direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action
relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at
each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House,
Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, Plympton
Pizza and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make
due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said
meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of September 2003.

Richard L. Springer (signed) Christine M. Joy (signed)
Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: Dana L. Fowler

Date: 9/16/03

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
October 1, 2003

The Plympton Special Emergency Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William L. Slater, at 7:45 p.m. at the Plympton Town House.

The tellers were Lenore S. Swanson and Helen Reynolds; there were 108 registered voters present. The Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant.

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) Following a motion and seconded to move the article forward, the Town vote to amend the amount to transfer from the stabilization account from \$100,000 to \$25,000. **Unanimous**

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) The Town vote to transfer \$25,000 from the stabilization account to pay for the mold remediation at the Dennett Elementary School with all expenditures under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. **2/3 Vote** **Declared 2/3 majority**

Voted: (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town voted to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting **Unanimous**

Special Emergency Town Meeting dissolved 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 17, 2003**

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. at the Plympton Town House. The following Election Officials were sworn by Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler, Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan and Tara Wick, Tellers: Cynthia Bloomquist, Patricia Leslie, Elaine McKeown, Helen Reynolds, Jean Reynolds. The ballot box inspected by Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk, Election Officials and the Officer Dana Fowler, was found to be empty and the counter at zero.

Total voters:	1821
Total ballots cast including 34 absentee ballots:	728

Selectman, for three years	Vote for one
Christine M. Joy	590
Blanks	129
Others	9

Town Clerk, for three years	Vote for one
Nancy J. Butler	630
Blanks	97
Other	1

Treasurer, for three years	Vote for one
Jeanne M. Sullivan	607
Blanks	121

Assessor, for three years	Vote for one
Jocelyn Anderson	336
Carolyn G. Fontaine	327
Blanks	65

Finance Committee, for three years	Vote for one
David C. Pecinovsky	600
Blanks	128

Planning Board, for five years	Vote for one
Donald Matattal (Elected by write-in)	7
Candice McKenna-Imlach	4
Blanks	697
Others	20

Board of Health, for one year	Vote for one
Scott Varley (Elected by write-in)	11
Jesse Anderson	
10	
Blanks	692
Others	15

Board of Health, for three years	Vote for one
Dana L. Fowler	583
Blanks	143
Other	2

Highway Surveyor, for three years	Vote for one
James M. Mulcahy	609
Blanks	117
Others	2

Silver Lake Regional School Committee, for three years	Vote for one
Maureen A. Springer	503
Blanks	222
Others	3

School committee, for three years	Vote for two
Susan F. Ossoff	548
Maureen A. Springer	470
Blanks	435
Others	3

Library Trustee, for three years	Vote for two
Gail Mattern	575
Kristine M. Boyles	487
Blanks	394

Library Trustee, for two years	Vote for one
Geraldine T. Carter	575
Blanks	153

Tree Warden, for three years	Vote for one
Thomas E. Cosato, Jr	198
Keith M. Harlfinger	224
William N. Hayes, Jr	284
Blanks	22

Question 1

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the

amounts required to pay for its apportioned share of the bonds to be issued by the Silver Lake Regional School District in order to finance construction, reconstruction, adding to, equipping, remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the District High School, including the construction and reconstruction of athletic fields:

YES	520	NO	199	Blanks	9
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Question 2

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to assess an additional \$230,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003

YES	346	NO	363	Blanks	19
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The numbers of voters who need to fill out an Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence form were 3. One person came in to vote and was not on the Voting List. He was offered to vote escrow and decided not to. He took a voter registration form home.

A true copy of the vote,
Attest:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL ELECTION PLYMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables or officers of the Town of Plympton,
in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Plympton qualified to vote in elections to meet at the

**Plympton Town House
5 Palmer Road
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

to choose one selectmen to fill the balance of the unexpired term
of John C. Newburn which ends May of 2005. The polls will be
open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until
8:00 PM.

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at
each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House,
Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, Plympton
Pizza and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make
due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said
meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of September 2003.

Richard L. Springer (signed) Christine M. Joy (signed)
Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: Dana L. Fowler

Date: 9/16/03

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

The tellers were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler.

The ballot box was inspected by the tellers and the Town Clerk.

The total number of ballots cast was 807.

SELECTMAN, (To fill an unexpired term)

Vote for ONE

Barry S. DeCristofano	381
Joseph A. Freitas	414
Patricia Renee Pina	4
Matthew M. Zavracky	5
Blank	1
Others	2

The Affirmation of Current & Continuous Residence forms were filled out by 5 inactive voters, they were then allowed to vote. The Tellers were notified of several changes of addresses within the town.

At the close of the election, the Town Clerk and Officer Teri observed all the ballots were removed from the ballot box, before the counting began.

Attest:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriated 7/1/02	\$7,200.00
Expended:	\$7196.24
Returned to Treasury 6/30/03	\$3.76

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Appropriated 7/1/02	\$8559.00
Expended:	\$8552.86
Return to Treasury 6/30/03	\$6.14

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Appropriated 7/1/02	\$20,573.00
Expended	\$20,573.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/03	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

RESIGNATIONS DURING 2003

Robert E. Hunt
24 Center Street
Plympton, MA 02367

February 16, 2003

Board of Selectmen
of Plympton, Massachusetts
5 Palmer Road
Plympton, MA 02367

Gentlepersons;

In pursuit of other interests I hereby resign from the Open Space Committee of Plympton effectively immediately.

Very truly yours
Robert E. Hunt (signed)

Jane T. Dannemiller
42 Beach Rose Lane
Brewster, MA 02631

6-23-03

Dear Nancy,

I am officially resigning from the Cultural Council, as I have moved to Brewster. Please pass this info. along to the Selectmen for me. I enjoyed my 2 yrs. That I served on the committee. I hope to serve on the same committee in Brewster, once I get settled.
Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Jane T. Dannemiller (signed)

RESIGNATIONS DURING 2003 CONTINUED

June 26, 2003

Dear Fellow Board Members:

I am resigning my position as a member of the Plympton Board of Selectman effective June 26, 2003.

I have enjoyed working with the many fine people involved in town government and regret leaving before the completion of my term of office. My sincere thanks to all those who supported me and provided me with the opportunity to work in public office for this past year.

Sincere yours,

John Newburn (signed)

7/7/2003

To: Selectmen
Planning Board
Town Clerk

Due to personal reasons, I regretfully submit my resignation from the planning board, effective immediately.

Alison M. Raines (signed)

RESIGNATIONS DURING 2003 CONTINUED

December 17, 2003

Chief Mathew Clancy
Plympton Police Department
Palmer Road
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Chief Clancy:

I have been employed as a part time Police Officer in the Town of Plympton for a little over 8 years. It has been a great learning experience for me. I've had the pleasure of meeting many folks from town and have made friends with quite a few of them. Unfortunately, I have had some major changes in my life most recently. I find it difficult to keep up with the pace of working six to seven days a week both with my full time position at the court and part time at the police dept. Regretfully, I am submitting my resignation to you and Town of Plympton to be effective as of December 31, 2003.

I will miss my fellow brother officers. They have been very patient with me and my endless questions over the years. It has been a pleasure to work with them and you. I would like to request that you consider me for a position as a Special Officer with the department. Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely

Linda M. Pomroy (signed)

BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2003

There were 36 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2003.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2003

DATE	BRIDE	GROOM
May		
31	Susan W. Nelson Kingston, MA	Mark A. Shadrick Plymouth, MA
June		
14	Elisha L. Keegan Plympton, MA	Christopher D. Saucier Plympton, MA
21	Gayle A. DuBois Plympton, MA	William Henry H. Johnson, III Plympton, MA
July		
19	Jamie B. O'Neill Plympton, MA	Laurence G. Wile Plympton, MA
19	Lisa J. Kondouli Plympton, MA	Brian C. Maffioli Plympton, MA
August		
17	Sherry A. Landers Plympton, MA	Kinnon O. Ryan Plympton, MA
September		
13	Shanna K. Rubin Plympton, MA	Daniel A. Fredette Plympton, MA
20	Stacey L. Nichols Plympton, MA	Bryan E. Ellis Plympton, MA
27	Tamie J. Rice Plympton, MA	Stephen M. Teri Plympton, MA
28	Melinda S. Arnold Plympton, MA	Matthew R. Burgess Plympton, MA

DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2003

Date	Name	Age
Place of Burial		

January

30	Ida A. Bryant	91
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA		

30	George J. Davis	87
St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kingston, MA		

February

13	John J. Perry	85
Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA		

March

14	Martha Turner	87
Mt. Wollaston, Quincy, MA		

19	Doris M. McCue	86
Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA		

20	Amy T. Brown	79
Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA		

31	Albert Leo Doherty	87
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA		

April

9	Dorothy Modes	71
Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston, MA		

11	Heidi Anne Daly	21
Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA		

June

13	Maria Teri	98
St. Joseph's Cemetery, Boston, MA		

July

4	Dorothy A. Carter	89
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA		

DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2003 CONTINUED

July

23 Norman J. Ferguson Sr. 85
Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA

September

2 Roger M. Crocker 78
Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury, MA

7 Mary Elizabeth O'Connell 45
St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kingston, MA

November

11 Marian V. Saarela 68
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA

December

6 Marjorie May Bailey 76
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA

10 Olivia Alma Gamache 47min.
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA

10 Elyana Louise Gamache 1hr. 25 min.
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA

16 Eleanor Ganocek 85
Bayview Crematory, Seabrook, NH

27 Joanne Delaney 65
Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA

Respectfully submitted
Nancy J. Butler, CMC
Town Clerk

NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2003

Date Place of burial	Name	Age
January		
3 Hillcrest Cemetery	Jennie V. Abbott	90
April		
1 Hillcrest Cemetery	Jarrod Aiden Fager	9 days
May		
23 Hillcrest Cemetery	Gerald Chase	
June		
6 Hillcrest Cemetery	Clayton Bricknell	22
October		
4 Hillcrest Cemetery	Eleanor M. Nickerson	80
31 Hillcrest Cemetery	Leslie G. Springer	87
November		
15 Hillcrest Cemetery	Esther During	89

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

JULY 1, 2002 – JUNE 30, 2003 DOG LICENSES

68 Male or Female	@	10.00	\$	680.00
340 Neutered or Spayed	@	7.00	\$	2380.00
7 Kennel License	@	30.00	\$	210.00
6 Hobby Kennel License	@	60.00	\$	360.00
4 Commercial Kennel License	@	150.00	\$	600.00
24 Late Fines	@	25.00		<u>\$ 600.00</u>
		Total		\$4,830.00
		Less Fees		<u>318.75</u>
				\$4,511.25

All dogs must be licensed between **July 1st and September 1st** of each year. There is a late fine of \$25.00 for any dog licensed **after** September 1st. Licenses may be obtained in person at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail. When licensing your dog you must show a copy of the Neutered or Spayed Certificate and the Rabies Certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**2003 HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSES**

Resident Fishing	7	@	\$22.50	\$157.50
Resident Fishing				
Over 70	1	@	FREE	\$0.00
Resident Hunting	3	@	\$22.50	\$67.50
Resident Hunting				
(Minor)	1	@	\$6.50	\$6.50
Resident Sporting	11	@	\$40.00	\$440.00
Resident Sporting				
(65-69)	2	@	\$20.00	\$40.00
Resident Sporting				
(Over 70)	5	@	FREE	\$0.00
Archery Stamp	8	@	\$5.10	\$40.80
Waterfowl Stamp	7	@	\$5.00	\$35.00
Primitive Firearms				
Stamp	4	@	\$5.10	\$20.40
Wildlands				
Conservation				
Stamp	26	@	\$5.00	\$130.00
Total				\$937.70
Less Fees				<u>\$14.95</u>
				\$922.75

Respectfully
submitted,
Nancy J. Butler,
CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR

TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE

Appropriated July 1, 2002	\$13,260.00
Expended	13,212.61
Returned to Treasurer	47.39

TAX COLLECTOR SALARY

Appropriated July 1, 2002	\$23,508.00
Expended	23,508.00

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TOWN OF PLYMPTON
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2003**

GENERAL FUND

Cash		1,290,178.86
Petty Cash		50.00
Performance bonds	24,286.69	
Res. for Performance Bonds	<u>(24,286.69)</u>	0
Personal Property	39,731.41	
Real Estate	<u>276,880.90</u>	316,612.31
Allowance for Abatements		(158,730.96)
Tax Liens	194,998.54	
Tax Possessions	4,586.19	
Res. for Uncollected Tax Liens	<u>(199,584.73)</u>	0.00
Def. Property Taxes Due	4,968.89	
Res. for Def. Property Taxes Due	<u>(4,968.89)</u>	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	78,318.95	
Res. for Uncollected Excise	<u>(78,318.95)</u>	0.00
Farm Animal Excise	46.55	
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	<u>(46.55)</u>	0.00
Veterans Benefits	325.49	
Assess. Conveyance Tax	1,172.30	
Allow. Uncol. Receivables	<u>(1,497.79)</u>	0.00
Deferred Teachers Salaries		23,788.80
Overdrawn and Unprovided		
Snow and Ice Deficit		<u>41,153.73</u>
TOTAL ASSETS & DEBITS		<u>1,513,052.74</u>
Accrued Payroll Withholdings		15,281.00
Other Liabilities		
Tailings	4,302.46	
Deferred Rev. Property Taxes	157,881.35	

Over/Under Assessments	(24,602.04)	
Tax Title Recap-Treas & Col.	<u>9,932.96</u>	147,514.73
Reserve for Petty Cash		50.00
Prior Year Encumbrances		584,319.67
Unreserved Funds		
Res. for Unforeseen Expenses	42,000.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>723,887.34</u>	<u>765,887.34</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,513,052.74</u>

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Cash		(18,720.35)
State Aid to Highways	100,572.21	
Def. Ref. Intergovernmental	<u>(100,572.21)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>(18,720.35)</u>
Fund Balance-Chapter 90		<u>(18,720.35)</u>

SCHOOL GRANTS - FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		<u>2,694.49</u>
Fund Balances		
EEO Grant	444.49	
Math Grant	250.00	
Emergency Education Grant	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,694.49</u>

TOWN GRANTS – FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		<u>43,632.81</u>
Fund Balances		
Cultural Council	2,705.16	
Board of Health-Septic	6,055.19	
Elder Affairs Formula	16.60	
Police DARE 2002	1,781.42	
Police DARE 2001	649.71	
Right to Know	873.00	
Police-DARE Education	14,421.28	
Pol. Dep. Safety Grant	9,490.75	
Community Policing Grant	2,921.03	
Fire Protection Grant	479.67	
State Firearms	25.00	
Board of Health Grant	2,000.00	
Election Grant	<u>2,214.00</u>	<u>43,632.81</u>

REVOLVING FUNDS

Cash		<u>21,046.03</u>
Fund Balances		
Student Activities		1,093.56
Treas Redemption Fees		263.74
Collectors Liens		1,160.81
Detail Fees		22,013.85
Police Details		(6,941.99)
Town Clerk Fees		3,210.48
Libraries Recoveries		245.58
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>21,046.03</u>

RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND

Cash		96,292.87
Ambulance Receivables	39,387.57	
Def Ambulance Rec.	<u>(39,387.57)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>96,292.87</u>
State Aid to Libraries		8,427.29
Insurance Reimbursement over \$20,000		217.64
Dog Fund		4,351.06
Ambulance Fee Fund		83,296.88
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>96,292.87</u>

AGENCY FUND

Cash	<u>3,453.00</u>
Fish & Game Licenses Payable	<u>3,453.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Cash	<u>39,433.14</u>
Fund Balances	
School Gifts	331.15
Student Act. Gifts	1,062.89
Fire dept. Gift	100.00
Sale of Town Property	16,715.00
Library Gift Fund	8,341.33
Planning Board Deposits	10,420.52
Police Gifts	1,228.54
Cultural Council Gifts	226.43
Town House Gifts	520.34
Conservation Escrow	430.30
Jason Park Memorial Fund	<u>56.64</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES **39,433.14**

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash - Capital Projects		
Dennett School	151,185.50	
Amt. Provided for Ban	7,307,760.00	
Ban Payable	(7,307,760.00)	
Town Projects	17,022.13	
A/R Septic Loans	50,333.08	
Def. Rev. Septic	<u>(50,333.08)</u>	<u>168,207.63</u>

Fund Balances		
Dennett School		151,185.50
Board of Health		<u>17,022.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS & DEBITS		<u>168,207.63</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Cash		<u>499,080.07</u>
TOTAL ASSETS & DEBITS		<u>499,080.07</u>

Fund Balances		
Investment Funds		2,375.25
Sale of Lots		43,298.52
Cemetery Perpetual Care		90,230.82
Law Enforcement Fund		825.87
Stabilization		<u>362,349.61</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES **499,080.07**

DEBT

Amount to be Provided		<u>411,100.30</u>
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Septic Loans	58,100.30	
Town Barn	224,500.00	
Dennett Roof	<u>128,500.00</u>	<u>411,100.30</u>

Loans Authorized		<u>8,411,760.00</u>
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Loans Authorized & Unissued		<u>8,411,760.00</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Gomez, Town Accountant

TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS
JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

TAX COLLECTIONS

REAL ESTATE 2003	\$3,796,752.11
REAL ESTATE PREVIOUS	132,840.69
PERSONAL PROPERTY 2003	104,242.07
PERSONAL PROPERTY PREVIOUS	2,243.87
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2003	263,494.54
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE PREVIOUS	96,061.88
BETTERMENTS	3,343.57
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE	653.83
ROLLBACK TAXES	7,391.51
TAX TITLE	61,891.66
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	65,586.21
IN LIEU OF TAXES	3,796.59
TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS	\$4,538,298.53

RECEIPTS

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS	58,935.33
PERMITS	51,758.75
COURT FINES	837.50
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	7,990.77
VENDOR REFUNDS	40,915.50
TAILINGS	257.91
INTEREST	30,734.88
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS	28,402.91
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$219,833.55

PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	782,912.53
CHAPTER 90	94,483.53
STATE AID	823,930.00

GRANTS

GAPS GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	15,201.00
TITLE ONE GRANT	11,655.00
CULTURAL COUNCIL	2,050.11
COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT	10,000.00
FIRE SAFE GRANT	1,176.27
SEMASS GRANT	9,683.36
PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	15,000.00
HANDI-PERSONS GRANT	2,600.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT	14,361.04
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS	516.00
TOTAL GRANTS	\$97,742.78

REVOLVING FUNDS

LIBRARY	283.55
AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS	23,067.57
TREASURER'S REDEMPTIONS	257.50
DEPUTY FEES	7,822.00
TOWN CLERK FEES	2,090.61
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS	15,790.84
POLICE DETAIL FEE	1,150.90
POLICE DETAIL	26,921.75
REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES	20,593.00
STATE FIREARMS FUND	1,112.50
TOTALS	\$99,090.22
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	11,564.06
RECEIPTS RESERVED	67,458.04
INTEREST ON TRUSTS	9,558.44
LICENSE PAYABLE	5,705.50
TOTAL	\$6,750,577.18

GENERAL FUND – APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL 2003

DEPARTMENT	EXPENDITURES
TOWN MEETING MODERATOR	60.00
SELECTMEN	25,330.92
GENERAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLES	10,255.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,655.13
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	7,447.00
ASSESSORS	51,648.54
ASSESSORS REVALUATION	17,209.00
TREASURER	43,417.71
TAX COLLECTOR	36,720.61
TREASURER'S TAX TITLE	-659.35
LEGAL DEPARTMENT	62,039.02
TOWN SERVICES	7,777.15
TOWN CLERK	28,768.24
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION	8,552.86
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	5,720.00
PLANNING BOARD	390.20
APPEALS BOARD	623.35
TOWN BUILDINGS	7,869.53
NEW TOWN HOUSE	29,500.00
UTILITIES	6,773.93
POLICE	439,552.92
POLICE VEHICLES	18,422.42
POLICE ARTICLES	29,096.65
COMMUNICATION CENTER	2,000.00
FIRE	116,098.00
FIRE ARTICLES	24,000.00

FIRE SERVICES	46,351.25
BUILDING	20,001.43
PLUMBING AND GAS	3,341.88
WIRE	7,680.19
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE – INT. TRAN	3,810.24
CIVIL DEFENSE	300.00
DOG OFFICER	6,240.00
TREE DEPARTMENT	14,812.07
PLYMPTON SCHOOL SYSTEM	2,059,568.78
SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL	1,067,268.20
HIGHWAY	244,935.90
HIGHWAY ARTICLES	43,448.65
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	4,664.36
HEALTH OFFICES	162,796.73
COUNCIL ON ELDER AFFAIRS	3,489.89
VETERAN'S SERVICES	11,769.44
MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE	233.19
COUNTY EXTENSION	125.00
LIBRARY	81,609.06
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	651.00
PARK DEPARTMENT	7,855.87
DEBT SERVICE	100,085.78
INTEREST	1,926.51
RETIREMENT	64,678.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	13,955.58
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	116,593.56
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	55,463.04
LIABILITY INSURANCE	55,579.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	5,179,478.43

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUNDS

DARE COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	2,667.67
COMMUNITY POLICING	16,414.76
PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS	21,713.67
SEMASS GRANT	9,683.36
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANT	2,617.60
CULTURAL COUNCIL ARTS LOTTERY	3,803.70
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS	\$56,900.76

REVOLVING FUNDS

TREASURERS REDEMPTION FEES	306.50
COLLECTORS FEES	7,865.00
TOWN CLERK FEES	1,790.61
POLICE EXTRA DETAIL	26,200.25
STATE FIREARMS FUND	1,112.50
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	14,952.33
LIBRARY RECOVERIES	43.12

TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS	\$52,270.31
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RECEIPTS RESERVED

AMBULANCE FEE FUNDS	120.00
LIBRARY STATE AID	1,118.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED	1,238.90

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

GIFTS HARRY JASON JR. PARK	83.25
CONSERVATION	382.00
PLANNING BOARD ESCROW	6,883.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT GIFTS	385.12
BUILDING DEPARTMENT ESCROW	450.00
STUDENT ACTIVITY DONATIONS	1,103.97
LIBRARY GIFT ACCOUNT	237.71
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$9,525.05

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

PERPETUAL CARE FUND	2,688.27
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	\$2,688.27

AGENCY

AGENCY FUNDS	5,706.00
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,706.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Sullivan
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Real Estate market continued to soar during calendar year 2003 with residential home sales outpacing assessments by as much as 30%. The average sale price of the 34 single-family homes sold was \$367,000. The average sale price of the 4 vacant land sales was \$128,000. Interim adjustments have become the standard rather than the exception in order to keep assessments reflective of fair market value and will become mandatory beginning in Fiscal 2005. Lack of development in the town's Industrial Park continues to burden the residential taxpayer, increasing its share of the levy once again.

TOWN VALUE BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 250,143,200	91.47%
COMMERCIAL	\$ 7,971,600	2.92%
INDUSTRIAL	\$ 7,734,600	2.82%
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 7,622,633	2.79%
TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY \$ 273,472,033		

Fiscal year 2005 will be a Triennial Revaluation year, as mandated by state statutes. The Board has entered into a contract with Vision Appraisal Technology to assist the department with the Industrial and Commercial update portion.

As of January 1, 2004, the Assessors' Office had viewed over 175 properties having outstanding building permits which included 10 new starts of single family homes. The Board also acted on 213 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise tax abatements.

The Board welcomed Jocelyn A.P. Anderson, voted at Town elections in May to serve a three year term, replacing her father John Anderson, who passed away in November of 2002.

The Board would also like to acknowledge with great appreciation the updating of the Assessors' maps this year by Vautrinot Land Surveying, Inc. at no cost to the Town.

Due to budget cuts experienced town-wide, the Assessors' open office hours are now Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday evenings, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Batchelder, Chairman
George I. Thompson, Clerk
Jocelyn A.P. Anderson, Member

FY 2003 ASSESSORS EXPENDITURES
Assessors Expenses

Appropriated July 1, 2002	\$20,184.00
Expended:	
Clerical	12,138.68
Postage	254.85
Telephone	358.97
Registry	73.75
Meetings, Supplies, Mileage	3,661.00
Computer	2,445.10
Map Maintenance	59.75
	<u>\$18,992.10</u>
Balance returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	\$1,191.90

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR/APPRaiser

Appropriated July 1, 2002	\$28,000.00
Expended:	
Assistant Assessor/Appraiser Salary	28,000.00
	<u>28,000.00</u>
Balance returned to Treasurer June6/30/03	0.00

ASSESSORS SALARIES

Appropriated July 1, 2002	\$ 4,689.00
Expended:	
Assessors Salaries	4,656.44
	<u>4,656.44</u>
Balance returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	32.56

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

On the occasion of my first annual report to the residents of Plympton I would like to thank retired Chief Barry Vinton for his gracious assistance to me during this transition. Without his help the department could not possibly realize the gains made in the past seventeen months. Many of our accomplishments were programs initiated by Chief Vinton during his tenure. I would also like to thank all our town employees, elected officials and residents for welcoming me to the community.

I must also recognize the men and women of our police department whom have all given their absolute best over the past year. They have faced countless changes and a funding crisis and yet they continue to dedicate themselves to the mission at hand. I am grateful for their service.

Your police department continues to be successful in locating and obtaining grant funding. In the past year we have received new breath testing equipment, a new phone system, a department web site, new radar equipment, a new all-terrain vehicle, and many other upgrades all of which were funded through grants and donations. We have completed two significant computer upgrades which were funded at previous town meetings. Our in-house computerized records system was replaced and our patrol cars are now outfitted with a new state-of-the-art mobile data system in which we joined forces with the Weymouth, Rockland, and Hanover police departments in a regional cost sharing network.

Increased training for your officers has been a priority of mine. Due to the budget crisis we needed to find creative ways to improve in this area. We were fortunate to locate a great deal of no-cost training classes and we were able to utilize grant funding for other training programs. Recently we teamed up with the Taunton Police to provide additional training for our officers on a regular basis. I thank Chief O'Berg of Taunton for his generous offer of providing free training for our staff.

In August of 2003 we participated in the first annual Plympton "Nite Out" which was modeled after the "National Nite Out" program. What originally began as a "take back the streets" campaign many years ago has evolved into a celebration of community. The night was a great success. The event was sponsored by your Police and Fire departments with assistance

from many other public safety organizations. We look forward to this years "Nite Out".

Over the past six months you may have noted construction work at the police station. The station was in dire need of security upgrades. We undertook an ambitious project based on donations and volunteerism. As we reach town meeting I am pleased to inform our residents that this project is very near completion and it has addressed all the security concerns. The project provided a much larger, user friendly public lobby while properly securing sensitive areas of the station. We were truly overwhelmed at the support received from so many local businesses and residents. All the work was completed by volunteers from the local trades, a sheriff's work crew, and the officers themselves and their families. This however is a temporary fix. In the future we will need to address the police department's building needs in a more permanent fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew M. Clancy
Chief of Police

PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Police Budget Activity
Fiscal Year 2003**

Police Services	(Officers Salary & Wages)
Appropriated 7/1/2003	312,000.00
Transfer from Free Cash (Addition)	-13,000.00
Transfer from Chief's Salary (Addition)	-2,500.00
Expended	327,489.98
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	10.02
Chief Salary	
Appropriated 7/1/2003	63,155.00
Transfer to Services (Reduction)	-2,500.00
Expended	60,360.00
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	2.95
Clerk Salary	
Appropriated 7/1/2003	12,443.00
Expended	12,047.51
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	395.49
Department Expenses	
Appropriated 7/1/2003	18,500.00
Expended	18,496.44
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	3.56
Equipment	
Appropriated 7/1/2003	17,500.00
Expended	17,500.00
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	0.0
Vehicles	
Appropriated 7/1/2003	20,400.00
Expended	20,376.73
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	23.27
Police EMT	
Appropriated 7/1/2003	3,750.00
Expended	3,750.00
Returned to Treasurer 6/30/03	0.0

Patrol Activity 2003

By-Law Violation	10
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary (Commercial)	3
Burglary (Residential)	15
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)	3
Burglary (Other)	2
Larceny	15
Stolen MV	5
Simple Assault	7
Warrant Arrest	7
Trespassing	40
Citizen Assist	203
Disabled Motorist Assist	57
Transports	6
Building Check	54
Message Delivery	13
Animal Complaint	65
Mutual Aid	135
Suspicious Activity	162
911 Accidental	46
Deaths-Suicide	1
Deaths- Unattended (Natural)	2
Deaths- Accident	1
Requested Radar	60
Motor Vehicle Accidents	87
Weapons Violations	1
Assist Ambulance	65
Vandalism	21
Domestic Violence	25
Restraining Orders	9
Threats	10
Narcotics Investigations	2
Directed Patrols	1821
Traffic Stops	977
Noise Complaint	14
Field Interview	27
Fire Alarm	14

Burglar Alarm	145
Misc. Service	37
Community Policing Activity	116
Total Incidents	4,284

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Stops	977
Citations Issued	661
Criminal MV Violations	29
OUI Arrests	5
Fines Issued	\$52,880.00
Fines Collected	\$14,425.00

Firearms Permits

Issued/Renewed	108
Fees Collected	\$5,625.00
Fees Retained by Town	\$1,875.00

Private Detail Administration

Hours Billed	1944.5
Amount of Billing	\$60,692.83
Admin. Fee Retained	\$6,035.00

Public Records Requests

Number of Requests	117
Fees Collected	\$461.00

Court Activity

Traffic Hearings	147
Criminal Complaints	27
Criminal Appeals	3
Arrests	24
Court Fines Collected (Non-traffic related)	\$1,360.00

Police Vehicle Fleet

Car 111	2000 Ford 128,000 miles
Car 117	1998 Ford 225,000 miles
Car 118	2003 Ford 50,000 miles
Car 119	2003 Ford 65,000 miles

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Over the past year we have experienced another increase in our call volume. One area with significant increase is the response to fire alarms. Many of these fire alarms are in commercial buildings and present a burden to the residential taxpayer. In 2003 we were successful in getting a bylaw passed at Town Meeting to encourage commercial building owners to maintain their fire alarm systems. As a result of this bylaw the fire department was able to bill \$2,000 in fines to be returned to the Town's General Fund.

With significant cuts in funding we have also seen the elimination of the Massachusetts Student Awareness of Fire Education Grant. The SAFE Grant allowed fire fighters to spend time in the classroom, teaching students about the dangers of smoking, ways to prevent fires, self-preservation, and valuable life skills.

The fire department ambulance, operating budget continues to be self-funding through medical billing allowing us to provide ambulance service to everyone with out increasing property taxes.

The fire department web site continues to allow people to interact with the us 24 hours a day. The site can be found at www.plymptonfire.com this is where you can find information about the department, the incidents we respond to, and important information on protecting yourself from harm.

Respectfully submitted
David L. Rich
Fire Chief

ACTIVITY FOR 2003

Structure Fire	12
Vehicle fire	2
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	8
Refuse Fire	1
Medical Emergency	153
Extrication/EMS/Auto Accident	43
Spill, Leak No Fire	2
Power Line Down	7
Medflight Standby	0
Haz. Condition, not classif.	1
Lockout	2
Smoke, Odor Removal	2
Unauthorized Burning	1
Mutual Aid to Others	13
Service Call, not classif.	2
Controlled Burning	0
Vicinity Alarm	31
Good Intent Call	6
System Malfunction	6
Total Incidents	292

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2002	4,688.00
Expended	<u>4,664.36</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2003	23.64

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2002	6,500.00
Transfer	1,485.87
Expended	<u>7855.87</u>

LABOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated July 1, 2002	62,130.00
Expended	<u>61,700.40</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2003	429.60

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriated July 1, 2002	41,562.00
Expended	<u>41,562.00</u>

GENERAL HIGHWAY

Appropriated July 1, 2002	65,575.00
Expended	
Fuel	5,756.51
Utilities electric	2,302.30
Utilities gas	3,242.74
Telephone	1,778.34
Tools	1,109.26
Road Maintenance	35,739.73
Office Supplies	480.55
Vehicle Repairs	1,995.14
Building Maintenance	2,771.40
Equipment Rental	780.00
Equipment Repair	3,035.80
Uniform Items	1,515.98
Meetings	220.00
Miscellaneous	794.00
Labor & Supplies	2,895.91
Signs	947.88
Licenses	180.00
Dues & Memberships	<u>44.46</u>
Expended	65,560.54
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2003	14.46

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated July 1, 2002	5,000.00
Expended	4,997.23
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2003	2.77

SNOW & ICE

Appropriated July 1, 2002	30,000.00
Expended	85,476.77
Emergency Funding (FEMA)	-
Total Budget	<u>14,361.04</u>
	71,115.73

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Mulcahy
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

What do Tree Wardens Do? A Tree Warden is a person who cares for all of the shade trees on public lands in our town, such as the town green, public streets, school, and town house. Since 1899 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has required by law that every town have a Tree Warden. I thank the voters for electing me the Tree Warden this past May and I look forward to continuing to serve the community.

The mission for the Tree Department is to protect and enhance the health of trees belonging to the citizens of the Plympton community. To manage hazard trees to ensure public safety, provide corrective pruning to manage the health of trees and to plant the right trees in the right place for future generations.

The objective I have managed first is to reduce the number of high-risk trees with defects. I have evaluated trees in town and prioritized those trees that I believe to be the greatest public safety issue. The result so far is that I have removed over 30 large diameter trees that were completely dead and/or hazardous. I have also had large tree branches pruned back to healthy limbs to minimize branches falling into our streets. I continually patrol the town evaluating risk of tree failures to minimize the emergent tree demands. The tree defect objective is a process of priorities that will be performed on a continual basis.

A second objective is to manage the health of our trees and to pursue funds and resources for tree planting. I have provided corrective arboricultural services to our trees around the town house, school and public streets and intend to provide more in depth plant health care to specific trees in need. I have outlined an "Arbor Day Proclamation" to be celebrated annually the last Friday of April. The purpose of the celebration of Arbor Day is to provide outreach to the community and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands. I have secure grant money and granted trees to plant in 2004. I will be reviewing appropriate planting sites with local community organizations and plant in the spring.

General tree business in town included; tree hearings, supervision of tree contractors for electric, telephone and road tree maintenance, response to emergent tree calls, roadside chipping of tree limbs and Christmas tree chipping at the town transfer station.

I am the appointed town Gypsy Moth Superintendent / Superintendent of Insect Control. There has not been a significant insect or disease tree issue concerning town trees. However, an insect pest of interest is the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. This pest feeds on Eastern Hemlocks and can cause the death of the tree within a few years. White cottony sacs at the base of needles, the discolor of needles from green to gray and to drop prematurely are good evidence of the insect. The insect is unusual in that it is active through the winter and dormant from mid-July to October. Private property owners can control the damage by the insect on individual hemlocks with horticultural oil applied by a plant health care professional.

For more information in regards to the "Tree Warden" and "Gypsy Moth Superintendent/ Superintendent of Insect Control", refer to the town of Plympton website.

I look forward to continue to develop the tree department, promote an awareness and appreciation of trees and to provide professional arboriculture service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Hayes, Jr.
Plympton Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health meets Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the lower level of the Town House. In the event of a Monday holiday the board will meet on Tuesday evening. The board will conduct inspections, observe percolation tests, perform restaurant inspections and other Board of Health related duties on alternating Saturday mornings throughout the year.

Along with normal meeting activities of plan reviews, scheduling percolation tests and reviewing permit applications, the board completed several other important projects. The board sponsored a rabies clinic in the spring and has scheduled another clinic for the upcoming spring. We had a thermometer exchange program this year, which was very successful. All residents were encouraged to come to the board meeting and exchange an older mercury type thermometer for a new digital type. The purpose was to remove the mercury type from service due to the hazardous nature of the chemical inside.

We welcomed a new member to the board this year. We were very pleased to have Scott Varley fill the seat vacated by former member Arthur Bloomquist. Scott is a local businessman with deep ties to this community. A family man with a broad scope of knowledge has made Scott an asset to the board.

In addition to Monday evenings, our Administrative Assistant is in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the morning hours. This has helped streamline the day-to-day clerical work. The board operates at a much higher efficiency than ever before. Our assistant has branched out to the building department also. She works with the building inspector two days a week. This change has brought the building department and the Board of Health into a much closer working relationship.

The board continues to fine tune our local regulations. This is necessary to provide maximum protection to the natural resources and also the health and well being of our residents. This year there will be more changes. We encourage our residents to come to our meetings, as your input is very important to us.

One of the greatest challenges for the Board of Health is the rising cost of trash. As you may have noticed, we managed to hold the cost of the transfer station stickers at fifty dollars. We have made every effort to hold the line on all other expenses.

Unfortunately next year we anticipate the cost to use the transfer station will rise significantly. We cannot cut expenses any more than we have. Please bear with us as we try to manage through a very difficult fiscal situation.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT (DOG OFFICER)

Pet care is usually one of the most enjoyable of activities for us all. Dogs, cats, horses, birds, and a host of other domesticated animals provide families and individuals with a wealth of humane activities and personal enjoyment. The proliferation of wildlife and 'animal planet' type programs in our daily news and television programming gives testimony to this fact. Pet owners have increased in numbers in our Town and surrounding communities as rapidly as the popularity of owning certain "designer dogs" has increased throughout our Nation. Because of this pet explosion animal control organizations and Municipal animal control officers are now overloaded with the quantity of unwanted animals either "given up" or cruelly abandoned by their owners when the novelty of the new pet has worn off.

The number of Plympton residents seeking relief from dogs running at large on their properties increased sharply in 2003; (316) calls and responses were recorded requiring (55) road trips to rescue animals or investigate complaints. Most of these calls were for lost animals. Allowing your pet to roam unsupervised spells trouble. Some of the pitfalls that dogs can run into when allowed to roam are as follows:

1. Being stolen. Dog thieves are a fact of life. They entice animals into their vehicles and whisk them away to sell to any careless buyer with the money. You will never hear from the new 'buyer' and his stolen property.
2. Being injured or killed. Several dogs per year are found deceased on Plympton roadways after being struck by vehicles. Roaming dogs or cats can also fall prey to coyotes and other predator wildlife.
3. Becoming aggressive when encountering pedestrians and/or other pets.
4. Injuring or killing livestock or fowl being raised by residents. Or, perhaps unjustly, being blamed for the work of a stealthy coyote.
5. Losing life to the perils of nature. Falling through ice during winter, being bitten by a rabid wild animal, or becoming incapacitated or trapped in an untravelled woodlot or swamp never to return are a few tragic examples.

Stray dogs and feral cats represent a prime source for the spread of rabies as they are more likely to come into contact with local wildlife (especially raccoons, skunks, coyotes and foxes).

While more rabies cases are reported annually involving cats than dogs, all stray dogs and cats should be removed from the Town. Removal attempts are more effective when owned animals are confined or kept on leash.

Homes were found for all animals taken up in 2003 except two. A Labrador retriever dog brought in from the Halifax - Plympton Silver Lake Area, and an angora cat rescued with severe injuries from being struck by an automobile on Rte 58.

On July 10, 2003 Plympton effected its own 'Rules & Regulations Relative to the Control of Dogs' as approved by the office of the Attorney General. All complaints involving vicious dogs brought to hearing by this Department resulted in the permanent restraining or euthanasia of the animal involved. Public Safety will remain the major thrust for actions taken by our Department.

Plympton residents are again to be praised for their contributions of food and blankets for animals temporarily under the Department's care. All stray dogs are (by law) held for at least 10 days, and all animals are cared for with the utmost in humane conditions at the fore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank C. Bush
Plympton Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA is authorized to hear five types of applications. These are:

1. Special Permit requests,
2. Requests for Variance from the zoning bylaws,
3. Appeals from decisions of the Building Inspector on zoning matters,
4. Requests to build affordable housing under Chapter 40B
5. Appeals under the Subdivision Control Law Chapter 41 Section 81Y

When considering these cases, we apply neighborhood sensibility to the town's zoning bylaw and the state-zoning act.

Our rules, application forms and informative FAQ are available on the town website:

<http://town.plympton.ma.us/land/zba.html>

All hearings, meetings and deliberation of the Board are public. Should you receive a hearing notice in the mail please come and tell us what you think. We are here to listen to you.

During 2003 two requests for special permits to construct dwellings in the Floodplain and Watershed Protection Zone were granted. An appeal requesting permission to sell ice cream at a farm stand was also approved. An appeal/special permit application requesting permission to establish multiple dwellings for agricultural purposes was denied. An application for a dimensional variance filed in 2003 and acted on in early 2004 was also denied.

On the litigation front, the ZBA prevailed in a long-running case involving a business operated in a residential area. A new case alleging discrimination and denial of rights to establish housing under the agricultural exemptions to zoning is pending. Unfortunately, the enormous cost involved in litigating these cases leaves each taxpayer a loser. We consider our decisions carefully, follow the bylaw and the zoning act, and are prepared to fight on in the courts when we know it's the right thing to do.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Mattern
William McClellan
Scott Sauchuck
Edward Murray, Alternate

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for the development and amendment of the Town's Zoning Bylaw as well as the creation of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board reviews proposed divisions of property under the Subdivision Control Law and conducts public hearings on subdivision applications. The planning Board also reviews building permit applications, conducts site plan review for industrial and commercial uses and holds public hearings for certain types of special permits.

The Planning Board meets the first and third Mondays of each month in its Town House office at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

This year, Don Matatall was elected to fill the Planning Board seat vacated by Brian Wick at the 2003 Annual Town Election. Ken Thompson was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Allison Raines. At the Board's first organizational meeting this year the Board elected Ann Sobolewski to the position of Chair and Don Matatall to the position of Clerk.

The year the Planning Board conducted several subdivision hearings and is continuing its process of reviewing the Subdivision Rules and Regulations in an attempt to identify areas of improvement. The Planning Board is also in the process of considering revisions to the procedural aspects of the Site Plan Review process.

Several of the Planning Board's members have been active in additional town endeavors. Specifically, Don Matatall chairs the reconstituted Long Range Planning Task Force that is now focusing on the preparation of an Affordable Housing Production Plan for the Town under the guidance of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Such a plan includes three components: a housing needs assessment, the identification of affordable housing goals, and the development of an affordable housing strategy. Through the preparation of this plan there will be greater community involvement in the development of any future affordable housing. Similarly, Board member Ken Thompson is the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Building Permit Process Group. This group is in the process of developing a uniform policy and procedure to be used in the processing of Building Permit applications by Town Boards and Committees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sobolewski, Chair
Don Matatall, Clerk
Jack O'Leary
John Rantuccio
Ken Thompson

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Plympton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2003.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Pembroke Master Plan; Whitman Master Plan; Abington, Pembroke, and Whitman Community Development Plans; Old Colony 2003 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; Avon East/West Circulation Study; Regional Truck Study; OCPC 2003 Data Book; Old Colony 2003 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies; BAT FY 2003 Ridership Analysis; Bridgewater State College (BSC) Transit Study; Whitman Traffic Circulation Study; numerous Intersection Studies and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During the past year, the council conducted traffic counts at approximately 150 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued to work on Route 28 Corridor Study (Avon/Randolph town line to

Bridgewater/Middleborough town line), Executive order 418 Program, Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 Program. The Council initiate work on the Local/Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the OCPC Region. During the past year the Council also restructured the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include four additional members (City of Brockton, Town Avon, Bridgewater, and Plymouth).

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2003, the Council re-elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Diane Cunningham, for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
John Rantuccio, Delegate
Brian Miller, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was another busy and challenging year for the Plympton Library. We offered more programming, services and materials than ever before in FY '03. However, budget cuts in the fall caused a 24% reduction in staff hours. This slowed our handling of new materials, eliminated the staff time needed for planning and limited time for coordinating and training volunteers.

Our long-range plan, based on community input, called for more library programs. With much volunteer effort and coordination, we offered 24 more children's activities, up from 33 to 57 and held 4 more adult programs up from 12 to 16. Attendance also grew over 100% increasing from 317 to 695!

For the third year in a row, we experienced an increase in our circulation. This time we had over a 9% increase in materials going out in Plympton, from 14,579 items in FY '02 to 15,959 items in FY '03. However, our largest increase was in materials we loaned to other towns. This figure jumped dramatically increasing by 21 % in FY '03 going from 4,051 to 4,929. All this activity constantly demands more staff time. However, these welcomed increases are encouraging signs of a more popular and updated library collection.

We added a collection of award winning CD's in the children's room and we recently started purchasing select popular movies on DVD. We also offer some new book titles in cd-book format, as well as in large print. Thanks go to CASA's for their financial support of our summer reading program. This allowed us to hire a storyteller and distribute free book to readers.

Thanks to some great volunteer effort, we now have our own library website at www.plymptonlibrary.org. Here you can review upcoming library programs or access the SAILS library network 24 hours a day. You can check your account, place holds or even renew your books all from home. All you need is a computer with Internet access and a library card. Check out this great resource!

Mid-year, Debbie Batson, our Acting Director, completed her college degree and the state required library coursework. She was appointed our official Library Director in June. She now meets all state requirements for the directorship of a small town library. Thank you for all the wonderful support and encouragement during this time.

Our Director attended over 30 meetings, 7 workshops or training events and 2 special school functions. The Staff attended 4 meetings and 3 training sessions. This professional development is crucial as computer technology is pushing information and library services to new levels. We need to stay informed and up-to-date in order to assist you with your informational needs.

Unfortunately, our beautiful building is aging and this creates its own concerns. TOPLA, the Town of Plympton Library Association, owns the building. They pay for the maintenance of all the major building systems and insure the physical structure. Lowered interest rates caused a large drop in their yearly revenues from investment funds while more building issues appear. This leaves TOPLA in a precarious position. Therefore, new membership and fundraising efforts are underway.

Once again, we thank our hard-working staff and dedicated volunteers for an amazing year. We are very lucky to have so many willing hands. Scout projects spruced up our landscaping and washed windows. Other volunteers shelved, stamped, covered, sorted or cleaned books. Some have read stories, planned crafts or played games. Other volunteers cleaned and cleared the basement after summer flooding. They hauled out boxes, papers, magazines and rotten pallets. Thank you, thank you, thank you, everyone! We couldn't do all these things without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Batson, Director
Wallis, Trustee Chair
Judith Cronan, Library Technician
Gail Mattern, Vice-Chair
Kathleen Keirstead, Circulation Clerk
Lisa Hart, Treasurer
Geri Carter, Secretary
Kristine Boyles
Brenda Traynor

Susan

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Plympton launched its official web site, <http://town.plympton.ma.us>, in March 2003. Since that time the site has doubled in size, with over 900 pages, images and other files now available. Originally consisting of town government content, the site has been expanded in short order to include community, sports and local business pages.

Plympton's Web site has been well received both inside and outside of town, as evidenced by our being chosen as a finalist in the Massachusetts Interactive Media Council (MIMC) 2003 Award competition. The site receives over 80 distinct visitors each day, many of whom stay for more than 15 minutes. We continue our efforts to provide a site that offers residents and visitors accurate, timely and valuable data while painting a rich picture of our unique community.

During the year we were able to provide important information to residents on very short turn-around time. At the outset of the Iraq war, we designed and built pages to support Plympton's service people. The site carried Dennett School mold remediation updates and reports as soon as they became available, and election results were posted within hours of the votes being tallied. To enhance community involvement we sponsored our first local news contest; and in cooperation with the Brockton Enterprise we now link to their current Plympton-related stories. All of this was accomplished against the backdrop of an annual cycle of updating content for over 40 government organizations.

The site was also expanded to include some nice interactive tools, like a polling feature that was first used by the Selectmen to gauge public sentiment regarding a second budget override ballot question. Additionally, we added a notification feature through which subscribers receive an email when we've added noteworthy content to the site.

The site was built, and continues to grow and be maintained, at minimal cost to taxpayers. Volunteer committee members contribute dozens of hours every month to expanding the site and keeping the existing information fresh and accurate. Devine & Pearson, which built the site at no cost to the town, continues to lend a pro-bono hand. If you would like to help with the site, either by collecting and editing content or webmastering, please let us know at webmaster@town.plympton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxwell C. West
Jon K. Wilhelmsen
Brian Wick
Carolyn DeCristofano
Steven W. Ziglar
Deborah Anderson
Nancy J. Butler
Robert F. Green
Christine M. Joy
David Proudman

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Plympton Cultural Council receives money each year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency. These grants can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural projects to benefit citizens in the Plympton area. Each year the grant application deadline is October 15 for organizations and individuals to apply for grants to support cultural activities in the community.

The Plympton Cultural Council will entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children that allows them to attend a Massachusetts based cultural event. Application forms and additional information are available during the grant application time, at the Plympton Library, the Town House, Dennett Elementary School, Silver Lake Regional Junior High School, and Silver Lake Regional High School. Application forms and additional information about the Local Cultural Council Program is available on the MCC website at: massculturalcouncil.org/lccgrants.html.

The Local Cultural Council Program, of which Plympton Cultural Council is a part, comprises a network of 335 councils across the state. The MCC provides allocations to each LCC annually to support cultural activities in every city and town in Massachusetts.

The purpose of the local Plympton Cultural Council is to support public programs that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in our communities.

During 2003, the Plympton Cultural Council provided support to the following programs in our area community. An Inter-generational story teller in July 2003 with the Council on Aging, the Winter Juried Show, Mid summer Show at the Duxbury Art Association; Exhibits & Educational Program at the Fuller Museum of Art; Concerts at the Plymouth Philharmonic; and Theatrical Workshops at South Shore Arts and Recreation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to former members; Cathy Drinan, Rebecca Giglio and Jane Dannemiller for their many years of hard work and commitment to Plympton keeping the Arts alive through their dedication to the work of the Council.

The Plympton Cultural Council invites anyone interested in promoting access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in Plympton either by sponsoring a project or by serving as a member of the Council to contact a council member or the Board of Selectman.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ferguson, Chair

Cultural Council Active Members:

Jeanne Black	Margaret Kent
Frances Lundgren	Jane Schulze

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The COA consists of eight members who meet on the second Monday of each month at the Town Hall.

The COA function is to provide referrals for nursing services, homemakers, or other state or federal agencies for needed assistance. Plympton provides the services of a Senior Aide for transportation to doctors appointments or grocery shopping. The aide also makes visits to shut-ins and nursing homes as well as publishes the COA newsletter monthly.

As of this report we have lost the Federal funding for our senior aide program and are seeking alternate sources.

This year we continued to provide a blood pressure clinic on the second Tuesday of each month through CURA Visiting Nurses as well as a flu clinic in November. We also made available to seniors a foot clinic every other month. In October we once again provided a senior exercise class on Thursday mornings in the function room at Woodlands Senior's Housing for all interested Plympton seniors.

We applied for and received again this year a Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for our Handi-person Program. This is a chore service to help seniors stay in their homes.

Any Plympton seniors interested in the above programs may call Emelia Kirkland at 781-585-9876 or Director Sandra Henry at 781-585-5208.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Henry, Director

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Plympton Historical Commission, the 7-member board, responsible for community-wide historic preservation planning and the administration of the demolition delay bylaw, continues to work closely with residents and town officials to help mitigate the impacts of development pressure on the historical character of the town.

The Commission with the significant assistance of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (formerly the Department of Environmental Management) compiled an initial inventory of the historic resources in the vicinity of Plympton Green, including Hillcrest Cemetery. The inventory included a survey of historic resources, historic research, and an assessment of National Register eligibility for historic properties and landscapes in the area. In October, the Massachusetts Historical Commission used this information to determine that the Plympton Center area is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Copies of the inventory forms and MHC letter can be found on our Web page at <http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc.html>. In November the Commission hosted area resident questions regarding National Register listing at its monthly meeting and plans additional public meetings in the coming year. Additionally, the Commission has submitted a Request for Proposal to historical consultants to assist in the completion of the Plympton Center inventory. It is this inventory that would be used to submit a National Register nomination. The Commission will continue to work closely with residents and other town boards and committees over the coming year toward the completion of a National Register nomination for the Plympton Center area.

The Commission was actively involved in a number of issues facing the town in 2003. Early in the year, the Commission worked closely with the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Department to find a mutually acceptable solution to the cistern access pipes located on the Town Green. The Fire Department needed quick access to the cistern's water supply while the Commission wanted to minimize the visual impact to the historic area. The resulting solution allowed for shorter, dark-green pipes which met both groups' needs. The Commission would like to thank the Fire Department for their cooperation in reaching and implementing this compromise.

The Commission continued to work closely with the Highway Department on the Rte. 58 widening and the redesign of the Main-Parsonage-Mayflower intersection in order to mitigate the impact of the proposed improvements to the adjacent historic Plympton Green area. In October the Commission offered comment on the proposed project both at the public hearing and also in a letter addressed to Mass Highway. The comments focused on 4 major areas of concern: the Main-Parsonage-Mayflower intersection design, the sidewalk and roadway widening, the guardrails located in front of Hillcrest cemetery, and the use of signage within the Plympton Green area. A copy of this letter can be found on our Web page.

The Commission continues to maintain responsibility for the oversight of any decoration to the Plympton Town Green or its structures. The Commission's decoration policy and request form that can be obtained directly from the commission or found on our Web page.

The Commission has been a strong supporter of Plympton's Web site (<http://town.plympton.ma.us>) as it provides a cost-effective venue to facilitate town business, to promote the distribution of community information and to increase access to historical information regarding our community. In addition to the information noted above, the Commission's site provides access to the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings, information about the Commission, and links to other historical resources.

The Commission looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with Plympton's residents and town government to promote the preservation and celebration of our town's historic character.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Wilhelmsen, *Chair*
Maxwell West, *Vice Chair*
Tara Wick, *Secretary*
Walter Peterson
Dorran Prescott
Jonathan Shaw
Deborah West

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Plympton Historic District Commission (PHDC) reviews all changes to the built environment within the Harrub's Corner Local Historic District. Centered on the intersection of County Road (Route 106) and Lake Street, the district is comprised of seven properties. The commission is charged under state law to protect and preserve the district's historic assets and character: building and demolition permits may not be issued within the district without either a certificate of appropriateness, a certificate of non-applicability, or a certificate of hardship from the commission.

The PHDC approved several applications for changes within the Harrub's Corner historic district in 2003. Only one resulted in a change visible from a public way. The property owner worked with the commission to ensure that the new outbuilding would conform to district guidelines and have no detrimental impact on the aesthetic and historic character of the district. The commission issued a certificate of appropriateness that was forwarded to the building inspector.

Respectfully submitted

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REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work, in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agroecology; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education initiatives; and Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing specific programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County include: garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; pesticide applicator training and licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; educational resource materials; training and resources for green industry professionals and youth service agencies; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; and teacher workshops and resources. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access – www.umassextension.org.

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at P.O. Box 658, High St. Hanson 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946). Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts. UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham.

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REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2003.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2003 season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 11, 130 requests for service, the largest number since 1998.

We are again happy to report that in 2003 there were no human Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. The recurring problem of EEE and WNV to the northeast continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Department of Public Health.

West Nile Virus decreased during 2003 with 15 human cases statewide. Two horse cases occurred in Plymouth County during 2003, Rochester (EEE-9/27) and Plympton (WNV – 10/6). In 2003, 18 birds tested positive for WNV. To ascertain the risk to human health and horses, this Project continued placing mosquito traps in known infected areas from the year prior. The mosquitoes collected were tested at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for EEE and WNV. WNV was isolated from *Culex* species collected in Brockton (9/3 and 9/11). EEE virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, from collections in Halifax on August 26, 2003. Five additional EEE isolates were collected from a Project New Jersey Trap (8/18, 9/9, 9/16, and two isolates on 9/23) in Pembroke. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on our web site, www.plymouthmosquito.com and Massachusetts

Department of Public Health at
www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of Plympton are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Plympton residents.

Insecticide Application. 2,928 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Plympton this year we aerielly larvicided 390 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2003 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,215 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Plympton was less than two days with more than 223 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Plympton indicates that *Ochlerotatus abserratus* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Culiseta melanura* and *Ochlerotatus intrudens*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

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PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District.

DENNETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. K. Scott Merrill, Chairman	Term expires 2005
Ms. Susan Ossoff, Vice Chair	Term expires 2006
Ms. Lisa Hart, Secretary	Term expires 2005
Ms. Pamela Bloomquist	Term expires 2004
Ms. Maureen Springer	Term expires 2006

The Plympton School Committee meets at 4:30 p.m., on the third Monday of each month in the Library of the Dennett Elementary School.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Dr. Gordon L. Noseworthy	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert A. Hodge	Superintendent 9-12
Dr. Maurice Splaine, Jr.	Interim. Asst. Supt., K-8
Ms. Judith F. Bell	Adm. of Special Education
Mr. John Tuffy	Business Manager

In addition to all legal holidays, schools will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving and Good Friday.

NO SCHOOL announcements will be given on radio stations WATD, WPLM and on television stations WCVB (Channel 5) and WHDH (Channel 7) and WFXT (Fox 25) between 6:35 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. In addition, the fire alarm signals will indicate no school as follows:

6:30 a.m., no school all schools, including Junior & Senior High Schools
7:00 a.m., no school Elementary ONLY.

The signal will be 4 short blasts, repeated 3 times.

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Introduction

The Plympton Elementary School Committee is the elected body responsible for reviewing and approving budgets for public education in the town and for establishing educational goals and policies for the Dennett School consistent with the requirements of law and statewide goals and standards established by the board of education.

Our new Facility

The renovation of the Dennett was completed with students and teachers making the final moves into the new classrooms in January of 2003. The school now has a library/media center with a computer lab, music and art classrooms, dedicated special education and reading classrooms, a new gymnasium, and completely new or renovated classrooms. The new school building should provide a fantastic environment, one that will spur an enthusiasm for learning and a focus on education.

Our headaches

We started the 2003-2004 school year in budget crisis mode—In July, the Town requested that each department reduce their 2003-2004 budget by 8.9%. For the Dennett, this meant a reduction of approximately \$195,000. To fulfill this obligation, the school committee and administration were forced to reduce non-contractual and or non-mandated services; therefore, planned purchases were reduced or eliminated. Student services were also impacted with the elimination of one teaching position and loss of a library aid, and by not expanding speech services. In addition, additional custodial help, necessary for the new and much larger building, was not able to be included in the budget.

We expected to start the new school year in our brand new and renovated school, but nature had other ideas, as our school, like many others this year developed problems with mold. Just before school opened, as part of the school preparation process, the staff discovered mold growing in remote parts of a classroom. During the subsequent inspection, mold growth was found in almost every classroom. This discovery delayed school opening for several days as a plan by our administration and town government was put in place.

The students once again moved into unaffected portions of the school, primarily the gymnasiums, for class. In November, students and staff were able to re-occupy the entire building and

the school got back to normal. We thank our teachers, staff and volunteers for making the situation work and continuing to deliver a sound educational program.

Our educational program

The Dennett Staff has worked hard to deliver educational programs that work and our most recent MCAS results prove it. Our scores continue to improve as our staff continues to implement new and refreshed curriculums and educational tools. Our Principal, Dr. Dickerson, sponsors several after-hours sessions for parents during the school year to introduce new or to review curriculum frameworks—all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our thanks to CASA

Over the years, our students, parents and staff have come to depend on CASA, the Community and School Association, for so very much--it is hard to think of ways to say thank you enough. In our deepest hour of need CASA always seems ready to rally the troops, from organizing the Thanksgiving Feast to fund raising for a new piece of equipment to moving books and furniture.

Our thanks to the administration and staff

The Committee would like to thank the members of our teaching staff, support staff and administrative staff for making 2003 a good year through adversity and trying times--our hats are off!

Come all and yee shall be rewarded

The School Committee meets on a regular basis the third Monday of every month or as posted at the Dennett Elementary School. Community participation is welcome and encouraged.

Respectfully submitted:

K. Scott Merrill, Chair
Susan Ossoff, Vice-Chair
Lisa Hart, Secretary
Pamela Bloomquist
Maureen Springer

**DENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DR. MARY S. DICKERSON, PRINCIPAL
HIGHLIGHTS 2003**

The past school year has proven to be both challenging and exciting. In spite of enduring new building and renovation timelines and obstacles, our students' MCAS scores soared. During this time, our teachers were involved in exciting professional development opportunities. As we near the end of the year 2003, we can all feel confident that our goals will be reached, and our children will continue to grow both academically and socially.

In January, our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders participated in the thirteenth annual National Geographic Bee. Our Read-a-thon theme for the year was, "New Beginnings", referring to the new building and renovation project. Mrs. Brides, our Reading Specialist, wrote a poem entitled, "New Beginnings", which was published. The Caldecott and Newberry children's literature awards were read during the Read-a-thon in February and March. We again hosted a "Celebrity Readers" week during the kick-off of the Read-a-thon. Our summer reading contest included

reading activities and projects for the children. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders competed in our seventeenth annual Spelling Bee in February. In April, children and their families in grades K-6 participated in a Family Math Night around the theme, "Digging Math at the Dennett", inspired by the school building project. The annual Arbor Day celebration took place in May as a tribute to nature and the preservation of the environment. The Plympton Garden Club donated a beautiful flowering plum tree during the celebration. The tree was dedicated to the victims of the Columbia disaster, and was planted in the lovely new courtyard in the center of the school. Children in grades K-6 were involved in project-based learning in Social Studies which resulted in many excellent projects and presentations, with the help and support from families. We were invited to participate in a MASC/MASS Conference at the Worcester Centrum as a result of a program entitled, "Technology at the Dennett: Success in Progress." CASA, our Community and School Association, continues to have a very positive impact on our school. Their tireless efforts provide us with family dances, the third annual Harvest Fair, the third annual Talent Show, Mr. Wizard, the first annual Winter Festival, the annual Thanksgiving Feast, and enrichment programs with a variety of themes. We extend

thanks to CASA again this year for the playground stegosaurus, for school improvements they have made, for being a steady rock of support during the building and renovation project, and for their continued participation in our school, making it a happier and better environment for all of the children and staff members!

The Dennett Voice newsletter is produced by the School Council, and is delivered quarterly to every home in Plympton. The newsletter provides information from the many individuals responsible for providing education at the Dennett School, including the School Council, School Committee, CASA, the principal, teachers, and staff. The newsletter also includes a calendar of events with information about school programs and events. The major goal of the School Council is to conduct a yearly needs assessment of staff and parents, and to write a school improvement plan which is submitted to the School Committee for their approval in June. The Council's "Make a Difference Program" has enabled community service to be implemented in the classrooms and community. Through the efforts of the Council, families and students, we collected \$1,072. worth of pennies for the Pembroke Chapter of the Boston Animal Rescue League. Our entire school body has a vested interest in community service, both inside the school and outside of school, of which we are very proud.

Officer Dennis Reddy, our DARE officer, continues to be a strong presence at the Dennett Elementary School, teaching fifth graders to say "NO" to drugs and alcohol. The fifth grade's completion of the DARE Program was celebrated with a graduation ceremony in May. The Plympton Fire Chief, David Rich, is also very involved in the school. He talks to individual classes about fire safety, and is always willing to speak to the entire student body about issues ranging from school fire safety to home safety. The children look forward to the opportunity to speak with Officer Reddy and Chief Rich about issues involving safety, and we are indeed lucky to have both of them in our school on a regular basis.

In music, our children in grades K-6 continue to enjoy their music series which is rich in musical styles and diversity. Our Winter Concert in December was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The annual Spring Concert/Arts Festival was presented in May with the theme, "Dennett on Broadway." On the same evening, we also were treated to an Art Festival featuring artwork from all the Dennett children and displayed throughout the building. Artwork created by Dennett Elementary

School children was displayed at the Administration Building in December. Our art program continues to flourish and remain strong. Included in the art program are an art history component, and a decent art curriculum. Mrs. Cashman, our Art Teacher, drew a sketch of the new building, which has been printed and highlighted at many school events and programs. In addition to teaching

physical education classes, our physical education teacher has introduced a sportsmanship award given to the soccer team who displays excellent sportsmanship at recess. In the winter months, the focus remains on fitness through dance and movement.

We celebrated American Education Week in November with, "Making Public Schools Great for Every Child", as the theme. Students in each classroom participated in activities and presentations for their parents, grandparents, community members, and fellow classmates. The annual Thanksgiving Feast, hosted by CASA, was one of the highlights of this special week.

Thanks to the generous support of the School Committee and the town of Plympton, Dennett Elementary School has continued to add more computers to the computer lab located in the Library/Media Center. All of our computers in the school are hooked up to the Internet. Our staff has been involved in several professional development workshops in technology and the web page. We have two webmasters on our staff, keeping our web page updated and user-friendly to the entire school and community. Our Sixth Graders hosted their annual Science Exposition with the theme, "Space." Each project incorporated a PowerPoint presentation and a written report, both of which were extraordinary. We continue to support the teacher as trainer model, which gives our teachers opportunities to use their expertise to teach other staff members. We are most pleased to report that our library is now fully automated.

The school year was enriched and improved through the efforts of Mr. Philip Holt, sixth grade teacher, who was also appointed as part-time Assistant Teacher. We began the school year by welcoming a new Speech Therapist, Mrs. Marie Pessin. The staff at the Dennett Elementary School and the Plympton community is indeed a partnership working towards reaching the educational potential of each child. This is one of our goals listed in our Dennett School Philosophy. Another goal is to secure a safe environment for each child. We have developed and implemented the Dennett Emergency Response Plan. The entire

staff has participated in school safety drills and fire drills. We are continually working towards strengthening our volunteer programs in the school by encouraging people of all ages in Plympton to share their time and talents with the young people in the school. The School Council has developed a Community Resource File with names of people in the community who are available to visit our school and share their job roles and talents with our students. My responsibility is to reinforce respect, tolerance, and high academic standards for each child, and to provide a line of open communication between the school and the community. My goal is to see that every child is eager to come to school each and every day. As always, I am privileged to serve as the Principal of the Dennett Elementary School.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

2003 has been a busy year for the various Silver Lake constituencies. As Pembroke prepares to withdraw its students from the District at the end of this school year, students are busy planning 'last' activities with their Pembroke classmates. Administrators are finalizing plans for the academic and extra curricula offerings for the schools first year as a three town District. Staff are anxiously waiting to see if they will remain at Silver Lake or move to the Pembroke School District. Central office administrators are busy planning for the division of District assets with Pembroke as well as meeting the many terms agreed to in the Transition Agreement signed with Pembroke in May of 2002.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Noseworthy, has made a concerted effort to involve staff from ALL the schools in the three towns in a comprehensive review of curriculum in Language Arts and Mathematics. Since almost all students ultimately end up in the 7 -12 Silver Lake schools, it is important that they come to the Region with a thorough grounding in the knowledge and skills Massachusetts has identified in the Curriculum Frameworks. For the first time in many years, staff in all four Districts are working together to align their curricula. Under the able guidance of the Silver Lake Building Committee, the new Silver Lake Middle School is progressing on schedule. We are confident that the building will be ready to open as planned in September 04.

During their annual spring elections, voters in each of the three towns approved an override to renovate the High School. Given the uncertain financial circumstances facing the state, we were all relieved in the fall to be officially notified by the Department of Education that our High School renovation project has been included on the list of school projects to be reimbursed by the State. Our heartfelt thanks go to Representative Tom O'Brien and Senator Theresa Murray for their hard work in making this a reality for our taxpayers.

Two new members were elected to serve on the School Committee this year. Joan Rogers of Halifax and Tom Calter of Kingston both joined the Committee in June. With Brian Caseau's resignation from the Committee in October, Jim Connolly was appointed to fill out the remainder of his term.

Again this year we must acknowledge the unstinting efforts of Regional administrators and staff who continue to give their best

for the students of our District. To the parents and voters of the communities we extend our thanks for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald S. Buckley, Chair
Thomas Cambria, Vice Chair
Maureen Springer, Secretary
Patricia Doherty, Treasurer
Thomas Calter
James Connolly
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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2003
SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DR. GORDON L. NOSEWORTHY**

To the Citizens of Plympton:

Change provides challenge and opportunity and sparks invention as well. And change is well underway in Union 31/Silver Lake School Regional District. This is an exciting time for all participants in the newness of our reconfigured and reconstructed schools. I said to all school faculties of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton, assembled on the first day of school this year in August, "The decision to change is history. The implementation of the change is inevitable. That challenge is ours and we are up to it."

In January 2003, Mr. Robert Hodge was appointed as Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Ms. Luci Record replaced Mr. Hodge as Housemaster at the High School. Two of our secondary administrators retired this year—Ms. Aurella Levesque, Guidance Director, and Mrs. Paula Sennett, Math and Computer Education Coordinator, after almost thirty years each of dedicated service to Silver Lake Regional School District. Mr. Kevin Sawyer has been appointed as Acting Coordinator of Math and Computer Education for the 2003 – 2004 school year. At the elementary level everything remained status quo.

The PK-12 solidarity of our school system remains a top priority. The children depend on that because they all belong to all of us at one time or another throughout their thirteen years of public education. The very nature of standards based learning demands articulation between and among the grades. Great strides have been made in opening up the channels throughout all our schools. Once we had defined our strengths and weaknesses and determined evidence of need in the literacy and math curricula, we set goals of action. Teachers across grades and schools meet in professional development settings. Summer work and staff led workshops are products of that initiative. If the proof is in the pudding then two significant feathers have been added to our united cap. All schools at every grade tested achieved Adequate Yearly Progress as defined by state assessment expectations. That means we are succeeding through the cycles that by 2014 must see all children proficient by MCAS standards.

Secondly, a team of educators from the Department of Education spent a week in all our schools conducting a compliance review of Title I, Special Education, and Career and Vocational Education. At their exit interview, the chairperson not only listed significant commendations that reflect the intended goals of our work but, most importantly, indicated that Union 31/Silver Lake had absolutely no areas of non-compliance. This is truly a source of pride and accomplishment for the school community.

The new Silver Lake Regional Middle School is beautiful and will be ready for occupation in September. We will begin school after Labor Day to accommodate the move. As soon as the students leave the high school in June the renovation of that facility will start. Community and state support has delivered a new high school to our district.

While task forces in the middle school work on the design for middle level learning, high school staff reach for Mission '07. While we adapt to the change created with a smaller school, we are also pursuing the vision of the future in a state-of-the-art renovated building.

This was the year of mold when weather conditions caused mold problems in schools throughout New England. We were no exception and both Dennett Elementary and the high school suffered from this condition. Staff members in both facilities rallied and delivered quality education under limited conditions until all teaching spaces could be restored.

Where budgets were level funded last year we have reduced services to manage the budget. In any year where this happens there needs to be a careful plan to restore the losses at some time in the not too distant future. The fiscal crisis in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts comes at a bad time as three towns take over the regional school district.

As our numbers diminish, we move our athletes from the Old Colony League to the Patriot League. While school size defines league eligibility, we anticipate no fewer students participating in the extracurricular program. There is no limit to the talent and spirit among those many students on athletic teams and in our music and other activities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we strive for excellence and advance as a quality school community, thanks go to all the students, teachers, staff, administrators, parents, volunteers and to those who serve on the School Committee and the Building Committee for hours and hours of dedicated service to the children of the Tritowns.

Gordon L. Noseworthy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
JEFFREY S. LUCOVE, PRINCIPAL
HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2003**

Transition is a very appropriate word to describe the 2003-2004 school year for Silver Lake Regional Middle School. As we move speedily toward a tri-town region and the opening of a state-of-the-art middle school, there are a multitude of activities happening which include: the building project, Staff and School Council reviews of our program offerings, budget challenges, packing and moving plans, and the creation of a *New Middle School Orientation Program* for staff, students, and parents.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new middle school (located at 250 Pembroke Street, Kingston next to Silver Lake Regional High School) took place on March 22nd at the building site. Dr. Gordon Noseworthy, Superintendent of Schools, hosted the event which was well attended by local residents. Also in attendance and supporting this momentous occasion were state representatives Thomas J. O'Brien and Daniel Webster, as well as State Senator Therese Murray. As of this writing, the building project is right on target. We expect to take possession of the building in the July 2004 timeframe and be ready for our opening just after Labor Day!

On October 22, a special program entitled, "The New Silver Lake Middle School: An Information Evening for Parents" was held in the Kingston Intermediate School Auditorium. Presenting at the meeting were Robert Spear, Executive Director of the New England League of Middle Schools; Patricia Clem, Board Chair of the Commonwealth of Middle Level Educators; and, a panel of Silver Lake Middle School teachers. During this program, parents were provided with overviews of middle school philosophies, concepts, organizational structures and programs. An additional information evening is being planned for early March 2004.

We are very pleased with our 2003 "Mid-Cycle AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) Report" from the Department of Education regarding our latest MCAS results. We continued with our strong results in English/Language Arts meeting all our improvement targets. Of particular note this year is the increase we showed in Mathematics. Our scores rose on the aggregate by a total of 8.5 points. This is significant movement in one year and we will continue our focus to raise these scores above our annual goal.

In November 2003 we received a congratulatory letter from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for our continued accreditation. The association commended our active attention to the recommendations in their report stating that they are “proud to have schools like Silver Lake Middle School among its membership – schools that look to improve themselves to ensure that children are being served completely and appropriately”.

Another word that properly describes the 2003-2004 school year for us at the middle school is ***opportunity***. We look forward to the opportunity to improve the education of our tri-town students through a new facility, an improved academic program, additions to our after-school activities, and by establishing a new and positive school culture. This culture will stress *excellence* in all we do as teachers, support staff, students, and parents to *ensure the success of each individual child*.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
RICHARD J. KELLEY, PRINCIPAL
HIGHLIGHTS 2003**

At the High School, we continued our preparations for the reconstituted district. Mission '07, a committee comprised of teachers, students, administrators, and parents, was formed in January 2003. This committee will oversee the transition to a three-town high school as well as implement the vision for the new Silver Lake Regional High School. The group has formed two sub-committees that will deal with the short-term issues of transition and the long range planning issues that will define how Silver Lake Regional High School operates in the future. Administrators and faculty have been actively working with the architects as they design the physical structure for the High School. These meetings have focused on maintaining the high standard of our educational programs during the renovation project as well as on developing a state of the art physical plant at the end of construction.

Early in the year, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) sent us confirmation that our Two Year Interim Report received 30 new commendations for its ability to address recommendations made following the site visit of November 2000. NEASC made no new recommendations at this time, and Silver Lake maintains full accreditation, the highest standard NEASC awards. As part of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Silver Lake issued its first report card. We were proud to report our Performance Ratings of "Moderate" for mathematics and "High" for English language arts. In addition, we were "Above Target" in both areas on the improvement scale for "Adequate Yearly Progress." Our "Proficiency Index" rose from 73.8 to 77.3 in math and from 83.8 to 89.2 in English. In December, the Department of Education visited the Silver Lake Regional School District for a Program Review. The High School, in particular, received high praise in the preliminary report for its culture, which is "clearly to do what is best for kids."

Faculty and administration prepared twenty appeals to the Department of Education for those students in the Class of 2003 who did not pass an MCAS exam. Nineteen of those appeals were granted. All 351 students who met Silver Lake Regional High School's much higher graduation requirements passed MCAS. Our Advanced Placement (AP) scores for this year were outstanding. All together, over 120 students took 256 AP exams. Students who achieve scores of 3 or above receive college credit. The percentages for students who received 3 or

above are: 100% for Computer Science, 80% for Biology, 77% for Environmental Science, 50% for Physics, 82% for European History, 79% for US History, 52% for Calculus AB, 73% for Latin, 50% for French, 93% for Spanish, 97% for English Literature.

The Class of 2003 graduated 351 members on June 7, 2003. Earlier in the week, approximately \$150,000 was granted to members of the senior class in scholarships, prizes, and awards. This amount does not include scholarships awarded to our students directly from the colleges and universities. I am also pleased to note that 13 of our 18 non-graduating students from the Class of 2003 completed their graduation requirements over the summer and have received their diplomas.

Our annual Evening of Excellence was held on May 28, 2003. Part of the school's Renaissance Program, this celebration of academic achievement, perfect attendance, service, and personal growth of our students is planned and executed by faculty volunteers. This year's event recognized approximately 600 underclassmen before a standing room only audience.

The summer months were busy this year. In addition to the normal summer school course offerings, students were on campus for MCAS camps and tutorials. The Middle School construction also impacted the High School as parts of our grounds were re-landscaped to accommodate the upcoming changes in traffic patterns. After summer school ended, mold was discovered in two areas of the high school plant and that necessitated re-doing the master schedule to open school without the White House and Little Theatre. Through the efforts of our committed faculty and staff, there was minimal disruption to the educational process for the 1808 students enrolled as of October 1st. Just as school opened, the High School received notice that it had been awarded Title One Funding for the first time. The funding enabled us to hire a Math and English teacher to provide supplemental services for students who have experienced difficulties in the areas of math and language arts.

The Class of 2005 received their MCAS results in the fall of 2003. In both areas, Silver Lake scored well above the statewide averages; 85% of the class passed math (80% statewide) and 96% percent passed English language arts (89% statewide). The percentages of students who achieved either Advanced or Proficient scores also rose in both testing areas: ELA from 68% to 73% and math from 47% to 56%. We are improving in reaching our school-wide goal that **every** student score in the Advanced or Proficient area for both math and ELA.

Last year's Code Yellow exercises and emergency planning paid dividends this year as we encountered a number of unexpected situations. On April 7th, we were forced to cancel school as students were arriving because we had an oil leak that could have affected the water treatment plant. On June 6th, we welcomed approximately 1000 Middle School students who were evacuated because of a broken water main in Pembroke. On December 10th, a gas main was broken at the Middle School site adjacent to the High School forcing the evacuation of all students and staff to the Middle School in Pembroke. Our experiences have given us valuable input on our preparedness, and we continue to evaluate and fine-tune our emergency procedures.

School-wide in-service days were held on January 21st and October 14th. In January, every teacher attended a workshop on writing across the curriculum and developing rubrics for assessing writing skills. In October, John Collins, a nationally known researcher on writing education, presented to the entire faculty his Five Types of Writing Program, which the English Department has been using for a number of years, to provide strategies for teachers in all disciplines to use student writing activities as a regular component of the learning process. In January of 2004, teachers will be reporting to their departments on the writing activities that they have developed to implement these strategies and how they will assess student achievement.

As part of the annual handbook review, the requirements to make honor roll have changed. To achieve High Honor Roll, a student must attain an A- or better in all subjects. To achieve Honor Roll, a student must attain a B- or better in all subjects. Over 600 students received invitations to the Renaissance Awards ceremony in November to celebrate their achievements (210 for perfect attendance; 242 for honor roll; 146 for both perfect attendance and honor roll). At the ceremony, privilege cards for discounts at both school and in the community were awarded to students. We appreciate the efforts of the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce in developing a listing of local businesses that offer discounts to students who achieve academic excellence.

Beyond academics, our students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways. Over 80% of our students participate in an extracurricular activity. Eight of our sports teams met the requirements for the state tourney in their sport in 2003. Members of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Best Buddies, Student Council, SADD, GSA, DECA, FFA, individual

classes, and other groups donate time, money, and services to better the lives of others in the community. Music and dramatic performances entertain those who attend sold-out performances. In May, seniors showcased their talents in the visual and performing arts to both the school community and the community at large at an evening festival.

The Year 2003 marks the last full calendar year that students from the four towns will be together. It has been a year of transition and impending change. Silver Lake has continued to offer students a stimulating, challenging curriculum taught by well-prepared, dedicated professionals. The faculty and staff, in concert with parents and the greater community, encourage students to take advantage of our offerings so that they may realize their full potential both as students and as citizens. As we look to the future, Silver Lake remains committed to maintaining highest level of educational offerings possible for all students.

PLYMPTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

An addition and renovation project for the Dennett School was approved by voters in May of 2000, and the construction work began in October 2001. In January 2003 the entire school building, except the new gymnasium, was ready for occupancy by students and staff. This building provides adequate space for all educational programs. There are classrooms for Special Education, Reading, Music and Art; there are also instructional spaces for Math, Speech and other specialist programs. There is also adequate office space and areas for storage. All regular education classrooms are now spacious and well-lighted, and have windows that open. The school building has new operating systems including HVAC, electric and plumbing, and is now heated by gas rather than the expensive electric service of the original building.

After the temporary classrooms and offices were moved out of the new gym in January 2003, the new wood floor, basketball hoops and bleachers were installed. This gym was not available for use by the school until the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year, but is now being used for the school's physical education programs, and by PAYS for its youth basketball programs. Having a full-sized basketball court and adjustable height half-court baskets allows the program to better serve the needs of the community. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to use the new athletic fields at the school due to inadequate growth of the grass over the past year. It is hoped that these fields will be in usable condition by the start of the 2004-2005 school year. There is a full-sized Little League field and a soccer field. Both are intended for use by the school and the community, though some additional fencing will be required for the Little League field before it can be used for official games.

There were also difficulties in the new building in 2003. In August, mold was discovered on a classroom wall. After inspecting other rooms, it was determined that mold growth was also present in many other classrooms. Unusually high humidity and temperatures for prolonged periods of time this summer were contributing factors to mold growth; mold problems occurred in many schools across Massachusetts this summer. The School Administration quickly arranged for all classes to be held in the two gymnasiums after consulting with the Plympton Board of Health. Following a series of meetings and negotiations, the General Contractor agreed to help with the mold remediation, even though the causes of the mold growth at that point were not clear, and a formal agreement was signed.

In the final agreement, the Town paid for the cleaning of the building, a very comprehensive and expensive process. The Town will also be responsible for the final repairs to the walls. The General Contractor, with its subcontractors, provided the air containment system necessary for remediation, removed, cleaned, and replaced the HVAC unit vents, removed contaminated insulation and sheetrock, and replaced the insulation. The classrooms were reoccupied in November 2003.

The funding for the mold remediation came from two sources. The School Building Committee voted to use most of its remaining funds, and the Town, at a Special Town Meeting in October, voted to take \$25,000 from stabilization. The total cost to the Town, including testing and consulting fees for the industrial hygienist who consulted with the Board of Health throughout the process, is approximately \$70,000. Using School Building Committee funds for mold remediation means that many other things that had been planned for the school can no longer be funded by this Committee. These include additional fencing for the ball fields, regrading the old playground area, providing furniture and technology, and many other items.

The School Building Committee hired an independent engineer to determine what factors contributed to the mold problem. The engineer reviewed the design and construction documents, inspected the building, and reviewed building operation procedures. The final report indicates that the mold growth occurred as a result of several factors, including improper insulation of some pipes, lack of training for the custodial staff on the building systems, and operation of the controls within the building. The report provides recommendations for the operation of the building that, in conjunction with much greater awareness of mold issues, should prevent this situation from occurring again.

The school building project is now essentially complete, with the exception of the construction of a shed by the Silver Lake High School House Carpentry students; this is scheduled to begin this winter. The School Building Committee has provided the vocational program with the plans for the shed, and will also pay for the materials needed for its construction. The shed is necessary for storage of the tractor used for plowing, the snow blower, and other maintenance equipment and supplies used by the school.

The Plympton School Building Committee wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Project Architect, Mr. Daniel

Bradford of KBA Architects in Boson, and to the General Contractor, the Paul J. Rogan Company of Braintree and its Project Manager, Mr. James Rogan, for their dedication to this addition and renovation project. The School Building Committee is also grateful for the support of the citizens and officials of the Town of Plympton, whose cooperation and support has helped ensure the success of the project, which will benefit Plympton's children and the entire community for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ossoff, Chair
Susan Earle, Secretary
Jeanne Black
Henry Nover
Rick Springer

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2003**

Patrick Alan Adams
Nancy Ann Bloomquist
Mackenzie William Burke
Macaela Banes Burnet
Grace Hallie Dennison
Kerri Lynn Edson
Curtis Wright Edwards
Daniel Francis Egan
Robert Joseph Firlotte
Justina Rose Finocchi
Dana Lawrence Fowler
Lindsay Helen Garuti
Steven Andrew Klepper
Meghan Maria Lakis
Peter Fredrik Lee
Adam John Little
Jeffrey David Luker
Kristena Elizabeth Magoon
Rayan Farrell Mahoney
Stacy Lynne McAuliffe
Erik John Miller
Kellen Stephen Murphy
Ryan Benjamin Nicotri
Alyssa Rose O'Malley
Kimberly Jean Orcutt
Matthew Clark Prescott
Ashley Marie Reddy
Dennis Edward Reddy IV
Meghan Marie Robinson
Dominic Steven Sarro
Bryn Phallon Schockett
Stacie Noelle Shedd
Claire Marie Smith
David Ray Thompson
Stephanie Eileen Varley
Kylah Marie Zeoli

PLYMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MEMBERSHIP

Enrollment October 1, 2002

Grade	K	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	37	0	34	35	33	34	41	48	42	35	30	39	43	35

TOTAL

ELEMENTARY 262

SECONDARY 224

GRAND TOTAL 486 STUDENTS

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, TRANSFERS, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			Combined Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
Revenues					
Member town assessments	17,439,746			17,439,746	11,399,337
Intergovernmental	8,958,190	1,530,300		10,488,490	14,021,091
Paid on behalf of member Town	176,301			176,301	1,539,467
Interest income	278,118			278,118	53,176
Charges for services	549,315	1,564,666		2,113,981	2,094,095
Miscellaneous	54,419			54,419	31,785
Sale of Land and Building			11,900,000	11,900,000	
Total revenues	27,456,089	3,094,966	11,900,000	42,451,055	29,138,951
Expenditures					
Administration and supervision	1,906,203			1,906,203	1,915,143
Instructional services	15,965,992	1,328,268		17,294,260	16,542,598

School services	202,409	1,730,953		1,933,362	1,785,701
Transportation	689,899			689,899	1,091,200
Operations and maintenance	2,317,733			2,317,733	2,449,041
Employee benefits and other fixed charges	4,760,304			4,760,304	4,261,652
Lease of facilities and computer equipment	1,112,714			1,112,714	1,038,983
Capital Outlay	90,061		10,243,459	10,333,520	141,989
Debt service	226,600			226,600	246,536
Assessments	58,100			58,100	107,354
Total expenditures	27,330,015	3,059,221	10,243,459	30,389,236	29,580,197
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	126,074	35,745	1,656,541	12,061,819	(441,246)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Premium on BANs	477,319			477,319	
	477,319			477,319	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	603,393	35,745	1,656,541	2,295,679	(441,246)
Fund equity, beginning of year	1,058,801	911,763		1,970,564	2,411,810
Fund equity, end of year	1,662,194	947,508	1,656,541	4,266,243	1,970,564

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2002 - 2003 OPERATING BUDGET
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE

	TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
REGULAR DAY			
11SCHOOL COMMITTEE	331,901.00	120,981.70	210,919.30
12SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	988,058.00	918,508.33	69,549.67
21SUPERVISION	630,101.52	659,999.82	(29,898.30)
22PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	898,833.92	837,653.29	61,180.63
23TEACHING	12,133,106.68.68	12,777,247.85	(644,141.17)
235PROFESSIONAL DEV.	120,900.00	118,314.87	2,585.13
24TEXTBOOKS	187,500.00	132,662.11	54,837.89
245INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	249,140.00	183,945.29	65,194.71
25LIBRARY	197,380.40	157,230.66	40,149.74
26AUDIO VISUAL	9,880.00	6,117.19	3,762.81
27GUIDANCE	949,002.72	1,022,457.11	(73,454.39)
32HEALTH	101,706.00	110,507.96	(8,801.96)

33TRANSPORTATION	1,156,254.80	658,819.58	497,435.22
35ATHLETICS	68,700.00	68,511.98	188.02
411CUSTODIAL	880,194.88	1,033,213.13	(153,018.25)
412HEATING	151,500.00	156,927.45	(5,427.45)
413UTILITIES	869,105.00	812,522.59	56,582.41
421MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	32,750.00	21,135.06	11,614.94
422MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	193,085.00	371,310.77	(178,225.77)
423MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	129,030.00	119,487.25	9,542.75
51RETIREMENT	472,638.00	438,001.47	34,636.53
52INSURANCE	2,055,704.01	1,922,606.03	133,097.98
53LEASE	764,539.00	764,697.14	(158.14)
54DEBT SERVICE	72,500.00	0.00	72,500.00
73ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	29,029.00	20,529.83	8,499.17
74REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	84,004.00	69,531.07	14,472.93
TOTAL REGULAR DAY	23,756,543.93	23,502,919.53	253,624.40

SPECIAL EDUCATION

221SUPERVISION	211,196.80	206,712.95	4,483.85
223TEACHING	821,328.08	808,651.57	12,676.51
228PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	32,450.00	23,389.35	9,060.65
233TRANSPORTATION	27,000.00	31,079.73	(4,079.73)
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,091,974.88	1,069,833.60	22,141.28
GRAND TOTAL	24,848,518.81	24,572,753.13	275,765.68

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2003 - 2004 OPERATING BUDGET

	2002 - 2003		2003 - 2004	%
	BUDGET		BUDGET	INC/DCR
REGULAR DAY				
11SCHOOL COMMITTEE	331,901.00	(98,500.00)	233,401.00	-29.68%
12SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	988,058.00	54,342.00	1,042,400.00	5.50%
21SUPERVISION	630,101.52	(26,294.52)	603,807.00	-4.17%
22PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	898,833.92	39,394.08	938,228.00	4.38%
23TEACHING	12,133,106.68	441,048.73	12,574,155.41	3.64%
235PROFESSIONAL DEV.	120,900.00	20,000.00	140,900.00	16.54%
24TEXTBOOKS	187,500.00	(86,750.00)	100,750.00	-46.27%
245INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	249,140.00	(9,500.00)	239,640.00	-3.81%
25LIBRARY	197,380.40	(39,864.40)	157,516.00	-20.20%
26AUDIO VISUAL	9,880.00	920.00	10,800.00	9.31%
27GUIDANCE	949,002.72	(39,172.72)	909,830.00	-4.13%
32HEALTH	101,706.00	9,611.00	111,317.00	9.45%

33TRANSPORTATION	1,156,254.80	(535,868.40)	620,386.40	-46.35%
35ATHLETICS	68,700.00	(16,385.00)	52,315.00	-23.85%
411CUSTODIAL	880,194.88	(50,439.88)	829,755.00	-5.73%
412HEATING	151,500.00	(56,500.00)	95,000.00	-37.29%
413UTILITIES	869,105.00	(69,212.00)	799,893.00	-7.96%
421MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	32,750.00	0.00	32,750.00	0.00%
422MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	193,085.00	10,240.00	203,325.00	5.30%
423MAINTENACE/EQUIPMENT	129,030.00	1,325.00	130,355.00	1.03%
51RETIREMENT	472,638.00	59,311.00	531,949.00	12.55%
52INSURANCE	2,055,704.01	543,490.99	2,599,195.00	26.44%
53LEASE	764,539.00	0.00	764,539.00	0.00%
54DEBT SERVICE	72,500.00	(52,500.00)	20,000.00	-72.41%
73ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	29,029.00	(19,919.00)	9,110.00	-68.62%
74REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	84,004.00	(82,504.00)	1,500.00	-98.21%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY	23,756,543.93	(3,727.13)	23,752,816.81	-0.02%

SPECIAL EDUCATION				
221SUPERVISION	211,196.80	6,173.20	217,370.00	2.92%
223TEACHING	821,328.08	47,788.92	869,117.00	5.82%
228PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	32,450.00	0.00	32,450.00	0.00%
233TRANSPORTATION	27,000.00	1,080.00	28,080.00	4.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,091,974.88	55,042.12	1,147,017.00	5.04%
LESS UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT			(52,315.00)	
GRAND TOTAL	24,848,518.81	(1,000.00)	24,847,518.81	0.00%

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
2002 - 2003 BUDGET
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

	TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
REGULAR DAY			
110 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	7,907.00	41,036.62	(33,129.62)
120 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	52,046.98	47,245.00	4,801.98
220 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	119,581.00	118,133.95	1,447.05
230 TEACHING	967,460.86	1,048,009.97	(80,549.11)
235 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.	23,000.00	11,937.00	11,063.00
240 TEXTBOOKS	16,044.00	23,726.53	(7,682.53)
245 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	9,165.00	38,745.05	(29,580.05)
250 LIBRARY	67,443.00	77,361.04	(9,918.04)
260 AUDIO VISUAL	5,500.00	10,372.29	(4,872.29)
310 ATTENDANCE	75.00	75.00	0.00
320 HEALTH	28,897.00	27,896.48	1,000.52
330 TRANSPORTATION	93,665.00	100,436.88	(6,771.88)

340	FOOD SERVICE	500.00	500.00	0.00
411	CUSTODIAL	77,948.00	92,208.92	(14,260.92)
413	UTILITIES	87,110.00	71,236.06	15,873.94
421	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	125.00	0.00	125.00
422	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	35,775.00	16,055.28	19,719.72
423	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	10,700.00	10,755.15	(55.15)
730	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	383.00	14,552.43	(14,169.43)
740	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	7,510.00	20,663.03	(13,153.03)
	TOTAL REGULAR DAY	1,610,835.84	1,770,946.68	(160,110.84)
	SPECIAL EDUCATION			
221	SUPERVISION	7,912.16	7,665.62	246.54
223	TEACHING	97,372.00	48,722.11	48,649.89
227	GUIDANCE	31,292.00	31,409.31	(117.31)
228	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	14,528.00	3,223.37	11,304.63
233	TRANSPORTATION	80,255.00	52,352.93	27,902.07
290	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	295,202.00	133,043.64	162,158.36
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	526,561.16	276,416.98	250,144.18
	GRAND TOTAL	2,137,397.00	2,047,363.66	90,033.34
932	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	57,949.00	53,948.99	4,000.01

SILVER-LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

June 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP	Combined Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-term Debt	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash	1,934,001 \$	907,186 \$	22,595,102 \$	131,619 \$		\$ 25,567,908	\$ 2,739,137
Due from other governments	6,924,826	135,417				7,060,243	279,797
Deposits and miscellaneous	18,204					18,204	8,900
Amounts to be provided for payment of long-term obligations					1,009,000	<u>1,009,000</u>	<u>1,545,000</u>
Total assets	8,877,031 \$	1,042,603 \$	22,595,102 \$	131,619 \$	1,009,000	\$ <u><u>33,655,355</u></u>	\$ <u><u>4,572,834</u></u>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>							
Accounts payable	\$ 65,581	\$ 63,293	\$ 1,638,561	20,099	\$	\$ 1,787,534	\$ 264,364
Accrued payroll, withholdings and benefits	634,400	31,802				666,202	650,022
Deferred Revenue	6,514,856					6,514,856	
Bond anticipation notes payable			19,300,000			19,300,000	
Due to student groups				111,520		111,520	142,884
Capital lease obligations					609,000	609,000	945,000
General obligation bonds payable					400,000	400,000	600,000
Total liabilities	7,214,837	95,095	20,938,561	131,619	1,009,000	29,389,112	2,602,270
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>							
Reserved for encumbrances	31,385					31,385	6,078
Unreserved							
Designated	477,319	947,508	1,656,541			3,081,368	911,763
Undesignated	1,153,490					1,153,490	1,052,723
Total fund equity (deficit)	1,662,194	947,508	1,656,541			4,266,243	1,970,564
Total liabilities and fund equity	8,877,031	\$ 1,042,603	\$ 22,595,102	\$ 131,619	\$ 1,009,000	\$ 33,655,355	\$ 4,572,834

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF DEBT**

2002 – 2003

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>YEAR OF ISSUE</u>	<u>YEAR OF MATURITY</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING</u>	<u>INTEREST OUTSTANDING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SR. HIGH CONSTRUCTION	1994 - 1995	2004 - 2005	2,000,000.00	400,000.00	21,500.00	421,500.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT						421,500.00

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONSTRUCTION COST

2003 - 2004 BUDGET

SUMMARY OF TOWN ASSESSMENTS

TOWNS	TOTAL
HALIFAX	40,974.29
KINGSTON	60,158.78
PEMBROKE	97,677.20
PLYMPTON	17,289.73
TOTAL	216,100.00
1994 CONSTRUCTON - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	
PRINCIPAL DUE	200,000.00
INTEREST DUE	16,100.00
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST	216,100.00
LESS STATE AID	0.00
NET CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT	216,100.00

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS - TOWN OFFICES

Assessors, Board of	781-585-3227
Building Inspector	781-585-0571
Dennett Elementary School	781-585-3659
Dog Officer	781-585-9444
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	781-585-0571
Fire Business	781-585-2633
Health, Board of	781-585-7000
Highway Department	781-585-3703
Library	781-585-4551
Police Business	781-585-3339
Selectmen, Board of (phone & fax)	781-585-2700
Silver Lake Administration Office	781-585-4313
Silver Lake Regional Junior HS	781-293-9511
Silver Lake Regional Senior HS	781-585-3844
Tax Collector	781-585-6075
Town Accountant	781-585-0409
Town Clerk	781-585-3220
Town Treasurer	781-585-0409
Transfer Station	781-585-9881
Tree Warden	781-585-3339
Wiring Inspector	781-585-0571
Town House Fax	781-582-1505
Library Fax	781-585-7660

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