

2006

TOWN REPORT

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TOWN OF PLYMPTON



ANNUAL REPORT

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**ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
and Committees
For the Year Ending
December 31, 2006**

Again this year, the Board gave residents the opportunity to choose the cover of the Town Report through paper polls at the Town House and Library as well as a website poll. Thank you to everyone who participated and special thanks to Steven Ziglar, Marianne Prescott, Cathy Drinan, John Miele, and Susan Shaw for the photos and original artwork they submitted.

The cover of this year's Annual Town Report features the winning selection, submitted by Susan Shaw, with 30 of the 79 votes cast:

“Plympton Centenarian”

Elisabeth Dennett

By Linda Forbes Brookfield

She's known by many as Aunt Lib. Even those who are not relatives! Elisabeth (Fillebrown) Dennett has touched many lives in her 100 years. She was born at Harrub's Corner in North Plympton on August 22, 1906. She called that address home for 97 years. She remembers when indoor plumbing and central heat came to Plympton!

She married James Dennett, who served many years as a selectman in town, in June of 1948. Although they had no children of their own, they had plenty of love to go around with 18 Fillebrown and 14 Dennett nieces and nephews.

She was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Plympton. Her participation was especially remembered in the Senior Choir and in the Ladies' Sewing Circle hosting many special occasions at her cottage on Sagamore Beach. Elisabeth and her husband Jim owned and operated Dennetts' Cottages at Sagamore Beach.

She was a long-time member of the Jordan Hospital Auxiliary. Elisabeth was a 4-H instructor to many young Plympton girls. Under her guidance the girls learned to sew, cook, and set a proper table.

She also introduced a generation of Plympton children to The Secret Garden in Spring Book Week at the public library. She has also been a very active participant at events at the Dennett Elementary School, not the least of which is the Annual Arbor Day celebration, sharing trees with the children.

Mrs. Dennett was the recipient of the Gold-headed Boston Post Cane as oldest resident of Plympton. In honor of Mrs. Dennett's 100th birthday, the Board of Selectmen declared August 22, 2006 “Elisabeth Dennett Day”.

In Memoriam



**Edward L. "Sonny" Fillion
September 28, 1928 – May 27, 2006**

**Highway Surveyor 1982 – 1997
Fire Warden 1964 - 1966**

In Memoriam



Edward E. Gomez III
July 14, 1943 – April 20, 2006
Finance Committee 1980 - 1989

**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 2007 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2007 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 2007 Election of Officers from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM., Saturday, May 19, 2007 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

2006 CENSUS
2,907

REGISTERED VOTERS
1,905

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	Monday	7:00 pm
Bd. of Assessors	As posted	
Bd. of Health	As posted	
Bd. of Appeals	By Request	
Planning Board	1 st Tuesday and 3 rd Monday	7:30 pm
Conservation Com.	1 st and 3 rd Monday	7:30 pm
Historical Com.	2 nd Monday	7:30 pm
Library Trustees	2 nd Saturday - Library	8:30 am
Finance Committee	By Appointment	
Council on Aging	2 nd Monday	1:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday	6:00 pm
Wiring Inspector	Monday	6:00 pm
School Committee	3 rd Monday Dennett	4:30 pm
Veteran's Agent	By Appointment	

**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS
2006**

MODERATOR

William Slater (2007)

TOWN CLERK

Nancy J. Butler (2009)

SELECTMEN

Joseph A. Freitas (2008)

Abdu Nessralla Jr. (2009)

Robert H. Vautrinot (2007)

TREASURER

Carolyn Northon (2009)

TAX COLLECTOR

Carolyn A. Northon (2007)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

James M. Mulcahy (2009)

ASSESSORS

George Thompson (2008)

Jocelyn Anderson (2009)

David Batchelder (2007)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lisa Hart (2008)

K. Scott Merrill (2008)

Susan Ossoff (2009)

Maureen Springer (2009)

Patricia Killeen (2007)

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Emily Ballerino (2008)

Brenda Traynor (2008)

Kristine Boyles (2009)

Karen Rempalakis (2009)

Susan Wallis (2007)

Lisa Hart (2007)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stephen Lee (2008)
David Pecinovsky (2009)
Jacquelynn Norrie (2007)
Richard Springer (2007)
Tom Gillespie (2007) appointed

PLANNING BOARD

Ken Thompson (2010)
John O'Leary (2011)
Ann Sobolewski (2007)
Don Matattal (2008)
John Rantuccio (2009)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Abdu Nessralla, Jr. (2008)
Dana Fowler (2009)
Scott Varley (2007)

TREE WARDEN

William Hayes (2009)

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas Cambria (2008)
Maureen Springer (2009)

CONSTABLES

David Batchelder (2008)
Nancy Butler (2007) appointed

PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS

2006

Agricultural Commission – Rebecca Lipton (2007), Keith Harlfinger (2008), Paul Harju (2009), Richard Nordahl (2008), Richard Burnet (2008), Linda Schauwecker (2007), Richmond Poole Alternate (2007)

Animal Inspector/Dog Officer – Frank Bush (2007)

Building Commissioner - Jeff Richards (2007)

Burial Agent - James Mulcahy (2007)

Chief of Fire Department – David L. Rich (2007)

Chief of Police – Matthew Clancy (2011)

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

Conservation Commission –Tim Dempsey (2007), Greg Fairbanks (2007), Jeff Smith (2007), John Mathias (2008), Raymond Reid II (2008)

Council on Aging - Sandra Henry (2008), Ann Freitas (2008), Anna Donovan (2009), Shirley Martin (2009), Helvi Lehto (2008), Barbara Knox (2009), Dorothy Cushman (2009) Associates - Emelia Kirkland and Edwina Wood

Cultural Council - Susan Ferguson (2007), Fran Lungren (2008), Steven Ziglar, (2009), Siobhan Green (2009), Barbara Knox (2009)

Director of Veteran's Services – Robert Karling (2007)

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

Emergency Shelter Coordinator – Dave Smith (2007)

Forest Fire Warden – David L. Rich (2007)

Gypsy Moth Superintendent – William Hayes (2007)

Historical Commission – Walter Peterson (2007), Jon Wilhelmsen (2008), Maxwell West (2009)

Historic District Commission – Jonathan Shaw (2007), Carol Quindley (2009), Stuart Chase (2009), Alfred Norton (2008), Charles C. Nickerson (2008), Richard Stover (2007), Marylouise Sayles (2007)

Inspector of Wiring – Robert Karling (2007); Deputy – Scott Varley (2007)

Local Inspector - Robert Jacobson (2007)

Jason Park Study and Development Committee – Gregory Fairbanks (2009), Joseph Freitas (2009), David Whiting (2009)

Open Space Committee – Donna Crane (2007), Christian Lawrence (2009), Brad Prescott (2009), Francis Perfetuo (2008), Gail Briggs (2009), Patricia Johnson (2007)

Plumbing & Gas Inspector - Robert Woodbury (2007); Deputy Robert

Woodbury Jr. (2007)

Police, Full-time - Robert J. Costa, Jr., Joseph W. Stewart, Stephen M. Teri, Michael Pinnetti, Patrick Dillon, Jason Fontana (2007)

Police, Part-time – Robert Akin (2007), Scott Peterson (2007), Christopher Saucier (2007), Dana Smith (2007), John Mulready (2007)

Police, Special Officers – Paul Harkins (2007), Tami Rice (2007), Wayne Sjostedt (2007), Barry Vinton (2007), Neil Murphy (2007), Linda Pomroy (2007)

Recreation Commission - Andrew Karparis (2007), Dan Shannon (2007), Shawn Durgin (2009), Adam Bailey (2009)

Registrars of Voters - Anna Donovan (2007), Christine Joy (2008), Frank Young (2009), Shirley Martin (2008)

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control – William Hayes (2007)

Tercentennial Committee (until dissolved)– Sherri Slater, Christine Joy, Elizabeth Westley, Ed McCune, Walter Peterson, Siobhan Green, Debbie Batson, Cathy Vautrinot Andy Karparis, Phil Burnham, Robert Gohl,, Debbie Anderson, Ann Freitas , Lisa Krance

Town Accountant – Marilyn Thompson (resigned), Barbara Gomez (2007)

Town Counsel - Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Town House – Police Building Committee – Carolyn Northon, Matthew Clancy, Abdu Nessralla, Joe Freitas, Robert Karling, Jeremy Yon

Veteran’s Burial Agent – Robert Karling (2007)

Wage & Personnel Board – Irving Butler (2009), Ray Beale (2007), David McMorrow (2007)

Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee - Jon Wilhelmsen (2007), Maxwell West (2009), Carolyn DeCristofano (2009), Steven Ziglar (2009), Brian Wick (2008)

Zoning Board of Appeals –Stephen Mattern (2007), William McClellan (2009), Scott Sauchuk (2008); alternate –

Zoning Enforcement Officer – Robert Karling (2007)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriated	\$11,777.00
Transfer out	2311.08
Transfer out	<u>550.64</u>
Expended:	\$8,915.28

TOWN HOUSE

Appropriated	\$25,495.00
Transfer in	<u>1023.12</u>
Expended	\$26,518.12

BLANKET INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$57,896.00
Transfer in	<u>1211.43</u>
Expended	\$59,107.43

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	\$5,185.00
Expended	<u>\$5,185.00</u>

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriated	\$2,900.00
Expended	<u>\$2,900.00</u>

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriated	\$27,437.00
Transfer in	3363.41
Transfer in	<u>487.28</u>
Expended	\$31,287.69

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated	\$389.00
Expended	<u>\$389.00</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 2006 started off with high expectations. My office was moved into a temporary room in the auditorium. At no cost to the taxpayers, my office was completely renovated, doubling the size of the room and giving me a private office. As in any such situation there is always some give and take. The "temporary room" became a permanent storage room and lunchroom reducing the voting area by one-third the normal size. Because of the decreased space in the polling area, several changes had to be made for the voting pattern, but I am pleased to say the voters adjusted quickly and everything ran smoothly.

At the end of April, I was back into my beautifully remodeled office, with new wall-to-wall carpet, a much-needed counter for the public, freshly painted walls and ceiling. At last there was enough space to walk around without bumping into file cabinets. The thrill was short lived. Within two weeks we had a major problem. During a heavy rainstorm the roof began to leak and the water poured down from a light fixture onto the copy machine. The new carpet was soaked and we had to put plastic over all the cabinets and desks. It continued to rain hard all day and several of the new tiles were so wet and saturated that one disintegrated into mush on the floor. A few days later a blue tarp was put over the roof where it remains today. Nothing, however, was done to dry the carpet and mold has set in.

It looked like the remainder of the year would be uneventful, but I was mistaken. The last weekend in Nov. the tarp on the roof over my office let go and there was a major flood. Again the rug was saturated along with everything on my desk. Adding insult to injury, I have had no heat in my office because of a faulty heating system. Therefore the carpet could not dry and the smell of mold at times was unbearable. As of Dec. 31st the office furniture, files and computers are still covered with black plastic bags, the roof has not yet been repaired and there still is no heat in my room, all because of a lack of funds.

December 6th we held a reception honoring our beloved State Representative Thomas J. O'Brien, thanking him for all his hard work and dedication to the Town of Plympton. Representative O'Brien has taken a new position as Plymouth County Treasurer. Our new State Representative is Thomas J. Calter.

My clerical help was reduced to 5 hours a week, four years ago due to budget restraints. I am in the office on Wednesdays to get the additional work done but this does not reflect the actual number of hours I work each week. It is not unusual for me to come in early and leave late and also to be in on a Friday, Saturday and or even some Holidays. My office is opened to the public Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE
7/1/05 – 6/30/06

Appropriated 7/1/05	\$6,223.00
Expended:	\$6,223.00

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Appropriated 7/1/05	\$4,853.00
Expended:	\$4,853.00

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Appropriated 7/1/05	\$21,931.00
Expended	\$21,931.00

CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION

Appropriated 7/1/05	\$1,000.00
Expended:	\$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

May 17, 2006

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 17, 2006 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. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will transfer the sum of \$2,000 from budget line 58 "Zoning Administrator" to budget line 60 "Wiring Inspector" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department" to budget line 59 "Plumbing and Gas Inspector" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote transfer the sum of \$800 from budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department" to budget line 76 "Veteran's Benefits" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500 to budget line 71 "Motor Vehicles" to offset shortfalls caused by higher than expected fuel costs or take any other action relative thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 6. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$975 to budget line 68 "Police Department" to offset higher than expected communications and computer services costs or take any other action relative thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 7. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,000 from budget line 15 "Selectmen's Expense" to budget line 18 "New Town House" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3308.36 from budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department to budget line 18 "New Town House" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$749.58 from budget line 58 "Zoning Administrator" to budget line 18 "New Town House" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from budget line 81A "Vocational Education" to budget line 80 "Elementary School Costs" or take any other action relative thereto.

Dennett School Committee

Article 11. As related to current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to budget line 62 "Fire Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 12. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$15,200 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund" or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 13. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,500 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 16 "Computer Maintenance" or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 14. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 38 "Medicare" or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 15. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$500 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 24 "Treasurer's Banking Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 16. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40 from the Restoration of Town Records

Account (01-123-5362) to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,941.40 from the Winnetuxet Recreation Area account (01-123-5354) to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the town will vote to transfer \$1062.75 from the Town House Septic System account (01-123-5365) to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$402.72 from the Golf Course Study account (01-123-5899) to budget line 27 "Conservation Commission" for expenses associated with completion of the Open Space Plan or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 20. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2007 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2006 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto:

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2007

A. Firefighters (Part Time)

Premium

**Deputy Chief	\$ 13.89	\$ 14.56	\$ 20.83	\$ 21.84
**Captain	\$ 13.76	\$ 14.42	\$ 20.62	\$ 21.64
**Lieutenant	\$ 13.63	\$ 14.28	\$ 20.44	\$ 21.42
*First year	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.65	\$ 18.02	\$ 19.00
*Second year	\$ 12.44	\$ 13.10	\$ 18.64	\$ 19.62
*Third year	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.14	\$ 20.22	\$ 21.22

Certified EMT	\$ 14.99	\$ 15.64	\$ 22.46	\$ 23.49
EMT Standby	\$18.00 per 12 hours shift			

*Premium rate will be paid for the first three (3) hours of call out duty

**Supervisor's recommendation and Wage & Personnel Board approval

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$ 16.32	\$ 17.94
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$ 15.61	\$ 16.26

Laborer	\$ 12.73	\$ 13.36
C. Town Labor		
Laborer	\$ 12.73	\$ 13.36
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$ 14.71	\$ 15.37
Disposal Attendant	\$ 13.11	\$ 13.76
D. Clerical		
Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$ 8.33	\$ 8.98
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$ 10.67	\$ 11.33
Senior Clerk- 5 years	\$ 12.04	\$ 12.68
E. Accounting/ Assessor		
Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.75
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 1 year	\$ 12.34	\$ 12.98
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 yrs	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.73
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 yrs	\$ 15.37	\$ 15.96
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$ 16.08	\$ 17.99
F. Selectmen's Office		
Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$ 10.67	\$ 11.33
Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$ 12.46	\$ 13.12
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$ 13.67	\$ 14.32
Assistant to Board	\$ 16.08	\$ 17.99
G. Library		
Director	\$ 17.90	\$ 19.69
Senior Library Technician	\$ 13.53	\$ 15.88
Library Technician	\$ 12.91	\$ 14.20
Circulation Clerk	\$ 10.60	\$ 11.87
Library Clerk	\$ 8.83	\$ 10.48
H. Salaried Employees		
Fire Chief	\$ 46,198.18	\$ 59,499.55
Police Chief	\$ 46,198.18	\$ 59,499.55
Police Sergeant	\$ 40,365.00	\$ 46,575.00
Police Matron	\$10/hour	
Special Police Officer	\$12/hour	
Librarian	\$ 26,393.63	\$ 29,358.91
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$ 21,835.68	\$ 24,104.37
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$ 24,820.35	\$ 27,206.92
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$ 27,523.99	\$ 31,820.95
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,876.49	\$ 2,905.96

Wage & Personnel Board

Article 22. 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 to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$40,000 for the repair of the drainage system in Blanchard Estates or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to the Tercentennial Account for the required deposit to contract with a local militia unit for a Revolutionary War Re-Enactment and Encampment for the Town's Tercentennial celebration in June of 2007 or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$97,931 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90§34-2A of the General Laws or take any action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$34,000 to purchase a dump truck to replace the 1994 F350 one ton dump truck or take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to enter into an agreement with GATRA to provide transportation for Plympton's senior and disabled citizens.

Board of Selectmen

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.64G, §3A, which authorizes the Town to impose a local excise tax of 4% of the total amount of rent for each occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel located within the Town upon the transfer of such occupancy.

Board of Assessors

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2008 Triennial Revaluation (Real Estate) and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Board of Assessors

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2008 Triennial Revaluation (Personal Property) and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Board of Assessors

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 for the purpose of a cyclical measure and list of all properties within the Town.

Board of Assessors

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of purchasing software and training in connection with the digitizing of the Town's maps.

Board of Assessors

Article 33. To see if the Town of Plympton will, in accordance with G.L. Ch.40§4A, authorize the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between Town and various governments units, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Health

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Recreation Commission

Article 35. 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. All fees and expenses of recording shall be at the expense of the developer.

Board of Selectmen

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$22,997 for the second of three annual

lease payments for two police patrol cars under a lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of hiring the Town's first police sergeant and to authorize the Town Accountant to transfer the funds into line 66 (police services) for that purpose or take any other action relative thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$4,500 for the initial issue of police equipment and uniforms for the police sergeant as well as costs associated with physical and psychological pre-screening of candidates.

Chief of Police

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$6,500 for temporary repairs and modifications to the police station required by water and mold damage caused to portions of the station.

Chief of Police

Article 40. 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 ten (10) years, to purchase and equip a two door four wheel drive multi-purpose fire truck to replace the 1971 International Harvester brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed \$165,000 with the first payment of \$21,000 (first of ten payments) not due before July 1, 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 41. 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 fifteen (15) years, to purchase and equip a four door pumping fire truck to replace the 1975 International Harvester pumping fire truck; said purchase not to exceed \$336,000 with the first payment of \$34,000 (first of fifteen payments) not due before July 1, 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 42. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of \$52,000 from the Receipts Reserved Fund to Fire/EMS budget line #63 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 43. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of \$70,000 from the Receipts Reserved Fund to Fire/EMS budget line #63 for the purpose of trading in the 2000 Ford ambulance and purchase a new ambulance.

Fire Chief

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, §5, to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, to adopt a new general by-law creating a Community Preservation Committee to read as follows:

Community Preservation Committee General Bylaw

Chapter 1. Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, §5. The composition of the committee, the appointing authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

- 1) One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 2) One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 3) One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board;
- 4) The Highway Surveyor whose responsibilities include the duties of the board of park commissioners established under G.L. c 45, §2, or his designee;
- 5) One member of the Council on Aging as designated by the Council;
- 6) One member of the Finance Committee as designated by the Committee;
- 7) One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 8) One member of the Agricultural Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 9) One member of the Open Space Committee as designated by the Committee.

Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years or until the person no longer serves in the position or on the board or committee as set forth above, whichever is earlier.

Should any of the officers and commissions, boards, or committees, who have appointing authority under this by-law be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a suitable person to serve in their place.

Any member of the committee may be removed for cause by their respective appointing authority after a hearing.

Chapter 2. Duties

1) The community preservation committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the department of public works, the housing authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the community preservation committee shall hold one annual public informational hearing, or more at its discretion, on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted

2) publicly and published of each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

3) The community preservation committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the community preservation committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

4) The community preservation committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

5) In every fiscal year, the community preservation committee must recommend either that the legislative body spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following purposes: open space (not including land for recreational use); historic resources; and community housing.

Chapter 3. Requirements for quorum and cost estimates

The community preservation committee shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L., c.39, §23B. The committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a majority of the members of the community preservation committee. The community preservation committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include the committee's anticipated costs.

Chapter 4. Amendments

This by-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting consistent with the provisions of G.L., c44B.

Chapter 5. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force.

Chapter 6. Effective Date

Provided that the Community Preservation Act is accepted at the 2006 Annual Town Election, this by-law shall take effect upon approval of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and after all requirements of G.L., c.40, §32, have been met. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

Agricultural Commission

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add Article III § 8 or take any other action relative thereto:

“On the day of Town Meeting, no business activity not directly related to the Town Meeting Warrant may take place inside the locale where the meeting is or will be convened or within fifty (50) feet of the building entrance. Business activity includes, but is not limited to; sale of any product or service, solicitation of signatures for any reason, the handing out of promotional brochures or political information, or organized demonstration. Exceptions can only be granted by the Town Moderator when requested in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of Town Meeting.

Town Clerk

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add article XXV or take any other action relative thereto.

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Section 1. Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations there under including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Plympton restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town’s authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, (“Home Rule Amendment”).

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Plympton by allowing agriculture uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the town.

Section 2. Definitions

The word “farm” shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words “farming” or “agriculture” or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a) farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- b) dairying;
- c) production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural or horticultural commodities;
- d) growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- e) keeping and raising of livestock including horses;
- f) keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- g) keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- b) control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- c) application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- d) conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing and agricultural output or services of the farm;
- e) processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer’s market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- f) maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the agricultural products; and
- g) on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3. Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Plympton. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and

protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in the Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4. Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after this By-law becomes effective, the Select Board shall prominently post in the Town Hall and make available for distribution the following disclosure:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage agricultural activities, including the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

In addition to the above, a copy of this disclosure notification shall be available in a public area at the Town Hall.

Section 5. Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6. Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The

Town of Plympton hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

Agricultural Commission

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$23,500 to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Police Station/Town House Building Committee or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Station/Town House Building Committee

Article 49. 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 50. 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 51. 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 20, 2006 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

Article 52. To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 20, 2006. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

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

Question One

Shall the Town of Plympton accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this Town, a summary of which appears below? Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Plympton, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal

Year 2007, by an additional surcharge of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemption from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

YES

NO

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, The Village Cafe 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 1st day of May, 2006.

Joseph A. Freitas Christine M. Joy Robert H. Vautrinot
Board of Selectmen

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 17, 2006**

Moderator William L. Slater declared there being a quorum present the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M., at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Slater asked for a moment of silence for all Plympton residents who passed away since our last meeting. He also asked that we remember our neighbors throughout New England who have suffered devastating losses due to very recent flooding. And finally, we remember all the men and women in the military who have fallen around the world in the service of our freedom. Following the moment of silence, Mr. Slater led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Slater read the call to the warrant and the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. There were 194 registered voters present. Mr. Slater introduced the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Town Accountant Marilyn Thompson and the retired Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, the Town Clerk Nancy Butler and Town Counsel, Attorney Richard Bowen. The tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was Paul Harkins.

The Moderator recognized Selectman Joseph Freitas, who thanked Christine Joy for her dedication and service to the Town of Plympton as she is retiring after serving six years on the Board of Selectmen. He presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

On behalf of State Representative Thomas O'Brien, Moderator William Slater presented Barbara Gomez with a Resolution from the Legislatures, General Court and Senate, recognizing her 29 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Town of Plympton. Barbara was also presented with a plaque from the Board of Selectmen and a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the Finance Committee.

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to allow the following people to speak at the Annual Town Meeting: Police Chief Clancy and Retired Town Accountant, Barbara Gomez. **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to waive the reading of lengthy articles in favor a Moderator summary. **Unanimous**

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to accept the verbal report of the Tercentennial Committee from Christine M. Joy. **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to take the warrant out of order and move to Article 12.

Unanimous

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$15,200 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund". **Unanimous**

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from budget line 58 "Zoning Administrator" to budget line 60 "Wiring Inspector" **Unanimous**

Article 3. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department" to budget line 59 "Plumbing and Gas Inspector" **Unanimous**

Article 4. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$800 from budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department" to budget line 76 "Veteran's Benefits".

Unanimous

Article 5. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500 to budget line 71 "Motor Vehicles" to offset shortfalls caused by higher than expected fuel costs or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5. (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 5. **Unanimous**

Article 6. As related to the current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$975 to budget line 68 "Police Department" to offset higher than expected communications and computer services costs or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 6. **Unanimous**

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer \$2,000 from budget line 15 "Selectmen's Expense" to budget line 18 "New Town House". **Unanimous**

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$3308.36 from budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department to budget line 18 "New Town House"

Unanimous

Article 9. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$749.58 from budget line 58 "Zoning Administrator" to budget line 18 "New Town House". **Unanimous**

Article 10. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer 9,200 from budget line 81A "Vocational Education" to budget line 80 "Elementary School Costs" **Unanimous**

Article 11. As related to current fiscal year 2006, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to budget line 62 "Fire Services" or take any other action relative there

Article 11. (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 11. **Unanimous**

Article 12. Action taken following Article #1.

Article 13. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$4,500 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 16 "Computer Maintenance"

Unanimous

Article 14. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$2,500 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 38 "Medicare". **Unanimous**

Article 15. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$500 from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 18, 2005 to budget line 24 "Treasurer's Banking Services".

Unanimous

Article 16. Voted: (On the motion of Steven M. Lee) The Town will vote to transfer \$40 the remaining balance from Article 22 of the May 15, 2002 Annual Town Meeting, from the Restoration of Town Records Account to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund". **Unanimous**

Article 17. Voted: (On the motion of Steven M. Lee) The Town will vote to transfer \$3,941.40 the remaining balance from Article 19 voted at the March 10, 1966 Annual Meeting and Article 24 voted at the March 7, 1968 Annual Meeting, from the Winnetuxet Recreation Area account to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund".

Unanimous

Article 18. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The town vote to transfer \$1062.75 the remaining balance from Article 1 voted at the May 13, 1998 Special Town Meeting, from the Town House Septic System account to budget line 83 "Reserve Fund". **Unanimous**

Article 19. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer \$402.72 the remaining balance from Article 2 voted at the November 5, 1998 Special Town Meeting, from the Golf Course Study account to budget line 27 "Conservation Commission" for expenses associated with completion of the Open Space Plan.

Unanimous

Article 20. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town of Plympton vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2007 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Declared majority

Article 21. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to waive the reading of individual wage and salary figures in favor of line item approval.

Unanimous

Article 21. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2006 and to pay as wages the following sums. **Unanimous**

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2007

A. Firefighters (Part Time)

	Premium			
**Deputy Chief	\$ 13.89	\$ 14.56	\$ 20.83	\$ 21.84
**Captain	\$ 13.76	\$ 14.42	\$ 20.62	\$ 21.64
**Lieutenant	\$ 13.63	\$ 14.28	\$ 20.44	\$ 21.42
*First year	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.65	\$ 18.02	\$ 19.00
*Second year	\$ 12.44	\$ 13.10	\$ 18.64	\$ 19.62
*Third year	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.14	\$ 20.22	\$ 21.22
Certified EMT	\$ 14.99	\$ 15.64	\$ 22.46	\$ 23.49
EMT Standby	\$18.00 per 12 hours shift			

*Premium rate will be paid for the first three (3) hours of call out duty

**Supervisor's recommendation and Wage & Personnel Board approval

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$ 16.32	\$ 17.94
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$ 15.61	\$ 16.26
Laborer	\$ 12.73	\$ 13.36

C. Town Labor

Laborer	\$ 12.73	\$ 13.36
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$ 14.71	\$ 15.37
Disposal Attendant	\$ 13.11	\$ 13.76

D. Clerical

Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$ 8.33	\$ 8.98
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$ 10.67	\$ 11.33
Senior Clerk- 5 years	\$ 12.04	\$ 12.68

E. Accounting/ Assessor

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.75
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 1 yr	\$ 12.34	\$ 12.98
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 yrs	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.73
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 yrs	\$ 15.37	\$ 15.96
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$ 16.08	\$ 17.99

F. Selectmen's Office

Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$ 10.67	\$ 11.33
Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$ 12.46	\$ 13.12
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$ 13.67	\$ 14.32
Assistant to Board	\$ 16.08	\$ 17.99

G. Library

Director	\$ 17.90	\$ 19.69
Senior Library Technician	\$ 13.53	\$ 15.88
Library Technician	\$ 12.91	\$ 14.20
Circulation Clerk	\$ 10.60	\$ 11.87
Library Clerk	\$ 8.83	\$ 10.48

H. Salaried Employees

Fire Chief	\$ 46,198.18	\$ 59,499.55
Police Chief	\$ 46,198.18	\$ 59,499.55
Police Sergeant	\$ 40,365.00	\$ 46,575.00
Police Matron	\$10/hour	
Special Police Officer	\$12/hour	
Librarian	\$ 26,393.63	\$ 29,358.91
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$ 21,835.68	\$ 24,104.37
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$ 24,820.35	\$ 27,206.92
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$ 27,523.99	\$ 31,820.95
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,876.49	\$ 2,905.96

Article 22. Voted: (On the motion of Robert Vautrinot) The Town vote 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.

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #1 – 34** with holds on Lines # 3, 7, 11, 12, & 22 **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to amend **Line # Assistant Assessor** from \$29,849 to **\$30,894. Declared majority**

Voted: (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to amend **Line #7 Town Clerk Salary** from \$21,931 to **\$22,699. Declared majority**

Voted: (On the motion of John Rantuccio) The Town vote to amend **Line #11 Planning Board** from \$1.00 to **\$1,200. Declared majority**

Voted: (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to amend **Line # 12 Tax Collector Salary** from \$25,060 to **\$25,937. Declared majority**

Voted: (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to amend **Line # 22 Treasurer Salary** from \$19,595 to **\$20,281. Declared majority**

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$261,503

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #35 – 39** with holds on Lines #35 and 36. **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of Timothy Dempsey) Following a brief discussion it was voted to raise and appropriate **Line #35 Group Health \$182,000.** **Declared majority**

Voted: (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to amend **Line #36 Blanket Insurance** from \$67,007 to **\$65,207.**
Unanimous

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION: \$453,604

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #40 – 41.****Unanimous**

TOTAL BOAD OF HEALTH: \$169,003

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #42 – 49.****Unanimous**

TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$208.035

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #50 – 55.****Unanimous**

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$21,567

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines # 56 – 60.****Unanimous**

TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT: \$29,117

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines # 61 – 64** with a hold on Line # 62 and Line 63. **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of Timothy Dempsey) Following a brief discussion it was voted to raise and appropriate **Line #62 Fire Services \$45,114.**

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to change the source of funding for **Line 63** from raise and appropriate to transfer **\$52,000** from the **Ambulance Fund.** **Unanimous**

TOTAL FIRE SERVICES: \$152,299

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #65 – 71** with a hold on Line # 66 and Line 68. **Unanimous**

Voted: (On the motion of Joseph Stewart) The Town vote to amend **Line #66 Police Services** the amount from \$288,547 to \$328,547 and to take it out of Stabilization Fund. **2/3 Vote**

Declared motion failed

Voted: (On the motion of Catherine Vautrinot) The Town vote to amend **Line #66 Police Services** from \$288,547 to **#308,547** with **\$20,000** from Stabilization Fund. **2/3 Vote YES 100 NO 46**

Declared motion passes

Voted: (On the motion of Stephen Teri) The Town vote to amend **Line #68 Police Department** from \$41,867 to \$51,867 and take it out of Stabilization Fund. **2/3 Vote Declared motion failed**

Voted: (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to amend **Line #68 Police Department** from \$41,867 to **\$46,867** and to take it out of Stabilization Fund. **2/3 Vote Declared motion failed**

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #68 Police Department \$41,867.** **Unanimous**

TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$428,761

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #72 – 73.**

Declared majority

TOTAL AMBULANCE AND COMMUNICATION: \$2,000

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #74 – 77. Unanimous**
TOTAL VETERANS: \$16,359
Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #78 – 79. Unanimous**
TOTAL LIBRARY: \$82,075
Voted: (On the motion of Raymond Beale) The Town vote to allow non-Plympton residents Philip Holt, Principle of the Dennett School; John Tuffy, Director of Business Services for Silver Lake Regional School; and Dana Parker, Superintendent of Silver Lake Regional School to speak.
Declared majority
Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #80 – 81. Declared majority**
Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #81A Unanimous**
TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL: \$2,168,414.
Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #82 – 82A. Declared majority**
TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS: \$1,985,465.
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$4,153,879
Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #83 Reserve Fund. Unanimous**
TOTAL RESERVE FUND: \$31,545.
Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #84 – 86A with a hold on Line 86. Unanimous**
Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line 86 Principal & Interest** from \$34,089 to **\$30,857. Unanimous**
TOTAL WARRANT: \$6,150,275.00
Voted: (On the motion of David Swanson) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:45 PM and to reconvene on May 18, 2006 at 7:00 PM, at the Dennett Elementary School. **Unanimous**

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
 RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 MINUTES
 MAY 18, 2006**

The Reconvened Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator William L. Slater at 7:05 P.M. on May 18, 2006 at the Dennett Elementary School. The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds: there were 94 registered voters present. The Moderator led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. William Slater introduced Town Council Carolyn Murray and Police Officer Robert Costa.

Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The town will vote to allow Town Council, Attorney Carolyn Murray to speak at the Reconvened Annual Town Meeting. **Unanimous**

Article 23. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$40,000 for the repair of the drainage system in Blanchard Estates. **Declared motion failed**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to the Tercentennial Account for the required deposit to contract with a local militia unit for a Revolutionary War Re-Enactment and Encampment for the Town's Tercentennial celebration in June of 2007 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article 24.

Unanimous

Article 25. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot)

The Town vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of **\$97,931** as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90§34-2A of the General Laws. **2/3 Vote**

Unanimous

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$34,000 to purchase a dump truck to replace the 1994 F350 one ton dump truck or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article 26.

Unanimous

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to enter into an agreement with GATRA to provide transportation for Plympton's senior and disabled citizens.

Article 27. (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to pass over Article 27.

Unanimous

Article 28. Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.64G, §3A, which authorizes the Town to impose a local excise tax of 4% of the total amount of rent for each occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel located within the Town upon the transfer of such occupancy.

Declared majority

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2008 Triennial Revaluation (Real Estate) and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Article 29. (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to table Article 29.

Unanimous

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2008 Triennial Revaluation (Personal Property) and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Article 30. (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to table Article 30.

Unanimous

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 for the purpose of a cyclical measure and list of all properties within the Town.

Article 31. (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to pass over Article 31.

Unanimous

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or

transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of purchasing software and training in connection with the digitizing of the Town's maps.

Article 32. (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to pass over Article #32. **Unanimous**

Article 33. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote in accordance with G.L. Ch.40§4A, to authorize the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between Town and various governments units. **Declared majority**

Article 34. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

Unanimous

Article 35. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town 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. All fees and expenses of recording shall be at the expense of the developer. **Unanimous**

Article 36. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The town vote to amend the sum from \$22,997 to \$12,000 and to amend the payments for two police patrol cars to one patrol police car. **Unanimous**

Article 36. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the second of three annual lease payments for **one** police patrol car under a lease to own program.

Motion passes

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of hiring the Town's first police sergeant and to authorize the Town Accountant to transfer the funds into line 66 (police services) for that purpose or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 37. (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to pass over Article 37. **Unanimous**

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$4,500 for the initial issue of police equipment and uniforms for the police sergeant as well as costs associated with physical and psychological pre-screening of candidates.

Article 38. (On the motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town vote to pass over Article 38. **Unanimous**

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$6,500 for temporary repairs and modifications to the police station required by water and mold damage caused to portions of the station.

Article 39. (On the motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town vote to pass over Article 39. **Unanimous**

Article 40. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The town vote to amend the source of funding to the Ambulance Account to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease purchase agreement not to exceed ten (10) years, to purchase and equip a two door four wheel drive multi-purpose fire truck to replace the 1971 International Harvester brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed \$165,000 with the first payment of \$21,000 (first of ten payments) not due before July 1, 2006

Motion failed

Article 40. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The town vote to table Article 40. **Unanimous**

Article 41. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to raise and appropriate and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease purchase agreement not to exceed fifteen (15) years, to purchase and equip a four door pumping fire truck to replace the 1975 International Harvester pumping fire truck; said purchase not to exceed \$336,000 with the first payment of \$34,000 (first of fifteen payments) not due before July 1, 2006. **Motion fails**

Article 42. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of \$52,000 from the Receipts Reserved Fund to Fire/EMS budget line #63 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 42. (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 42. **Unanimous**

Article 43. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to amend the source of funding from Receipts Reserved Fund to Ambulance Account. **Unanimous**

Article 43. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to transfer the sum of \$70,000 from the Ambulance Account for the purpose of trading in the 2000 Ford ambulance and purchase a new ambulance. **Unanimous**

The Moderator waived the reading of Article 44.

Article 44. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, to adopt a Community Preservation Committee:
Discussion followed.

Article 44. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town vote to amend Article 44 section **Chapter 1. Establishment:** by removing lines 6 and 9 therefore: line 7 becomes 6, line 8 becomes 7. Line 8 to read: Two members-at-large designated by the Board of Selectmen. **Motion passes**

Voted: (On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town vote to amend the article by adding:

Chapter 7. Exemptions.

Town Meeting voted to accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 44B section 3(e)(3) for the purpose of exempting \$100,000 if the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. **Declared majority**

Voted: (On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town vote the main motion with the amended motions to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, to adopt a new general by-law creating a Community Preservation Committee to read as follows:

Community Preservation Committee General Bylaw

Chapter 1. Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, §5. The composition of the committee, the appointing authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

- 1) One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 2) One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 3) One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board;
- 4) The Highway Surveyor whose responsibilities include the duties of the board of park commissioners established under G.L. c 45, §2, or his designee;
- 5) One member of the Council on Aging as designated by the Council;
- 6) One member of the Finance Committee as designated by the Committee;
- 7) One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 8) One member of the Agricultural Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 9) One member of the Open Space Committee as designated by the Committee.

Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years or until the person no longer serves in the position or on the board or committee as set forth above, whichever is earlier.

Should any of the officers and commissions, boards, or committees, who have appointing authority under this by-law be no longer in existence for

whatever reason, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a suitable person to serve in their place.

Any member of the committee may be removed for cause by their respective appointing authority after a hearing.

Chapter 2. Duties

1) The community preservation committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the department of public works, the housing authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the community preservation committee shall hold one annual public informational hearing, or more at its discretion, on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published of each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

2) The community preservation committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the community preservation committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

3) The community preservation committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

4) In every fiscal year, the community preservation committee must recommend either that the legislative body spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following purposes: open space (not including land for recreational use); historic resources; and community housing.

Chapter 3. Requirements for quorum and cost estimates

The community preservation committee shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L., c.39, §23B. The committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a majority of the members of the community preservation committee. The community preservation committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include the committee's anticipated costs.

Chapter 4. Amendments

This by-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting consistent with the provisions of G.L., c44B.

Chapter 5. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force.

Chapter 6. Effective Date

Provided that the Community Preservation Act is accepted at the 2006 Annual Town Election, this by-law shall take effect upon approval of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and after all requirements of G.L., c.40, §32, have been met. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

Declared majority

The Moderator stepped down and the Town Clerk assumed the position of Moderator.

Article 45. (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add Article III § 8

"On the day of Town Meeting, no business activity not directly related to the Town Meeting Warrant may take place inside the locale where the meeting is or will be convened or within fifty (50) feet of the building entrance. Business activity includes, but is not limited to; sale of any product or service, solicitation of signatures for any reason, the handing out of promotional brochures or political information, or organized demonstration. Exceptions can only be granted by the Town Moderator when requested in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of Town Meeting.

Declared majority

The Town Clerk stepped down and the Moderator resumed his position. The Moderator waived the reading of Article 46.

Article 46. (On the motion of Allan Vautrinot) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add article XXV. Discussion followed.

Article 46. (On the motion of John Rantuccio) The Town vote to amend **Section 2. Definitions:** to include the words five acres or greater after the words water bodies. **Motion failed**

Voted: (On the motion of John Rantuccio) The Town vote to amend **Section 2. Definitions:** to remove the word “farm” and insert MGL Sec 61A sec 3. **Motion failed**

Voted: (On the motion of Carolyn DeCristofano) To amend **Section 2. Definitions:** to add a new sentence after letter “g” to read This definition shall not include the removal for sale of water, soil, and or mineral products. **Motion failed**

Voted: (On the motion of Lisa Hart) To amend **Section 2. Definitions:** to add a new sentence after letter ‘g’ to read This definition shall not include the removal for sale of water.

Motion passes

Voted: (On the motion of Robert Smith) The Town vote to amend **Section 4. Disclosure Notification:** Second paragraph last sentence to remove the words “including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

Motion passes

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to amend **Section 5. Resolution of Disputes:** First paragraph to read as follows: Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Agricultural Commission, the Zoning enforcement officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Agricultural Commission, Zoning Enforcement Officer or Board of Health may forward a copy of the grievance to the Board of Selectmen or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame. **Motion passes**

Article 46. Voted: (On the motion of Allan Vautrinot) The Town vote the amended main motion, and amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add article XXV.

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Section 1. Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations there under including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Plympton restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town’s authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, (“Home Rule Amendment”).

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Plympton by allowing agriculture uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the town.

Section 2. Definitions

The word “farm” shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words “farming” or “agriculture” or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a) farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- b) dairying;
- c) production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural or horticultural commodities;
- d) growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- e) keeping and raising of livestock including horses;
- f) keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- g) keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- b) control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- c) application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- d) conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing and agricultural output or services of the farm;
- e) processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer’s market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- f) maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the agricultural products; and

- g)
- h) on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3. Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Plympton. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in the Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4. Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after this By-law becomes effective, the Select Board shall prominently post in the Town Hall and make available for distribution the following disclosure:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage agricultural activities, including the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

In addition to the above, a copy of this disclosure notification shall be available in a public area at the Town Hall.

Section 5. Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the

grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6. Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Plympton hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

Declared majority

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$23,500 to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 47. (On the motion of Richard Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article 47.

Unanimous

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Police Station/Town House Building Committee or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 48. (On the motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town vote to pass over Article 48.

Unanimous

Article 49. 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.

Article 49. (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 49.

Unanimous

Article 50. 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 50. (On the motion of Stephen Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 50.

Unanimous

Articles 51 and 52. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) The vote to see if the Town will conduct any other business that comes before it and, as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws adjourn to a subsequent meeting at the Plympton Town House on

Palmer Road on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 7:00 AM, as stated in Article 52, for the purpose of choosing all necessary town officers and answer all ballot questions, whereupon this meeting will be dissolved at 8:00 PM on that day. **Unanimous**
The Plympton Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 10:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

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

Election Results
 Saturday, May 20, 2006
 Total Votes: 541

SELECTMAN, for three years	Votes
Raymod E. Beale III, 56 Mayflower Road	295
Abdu Nessler, Jr., 57 Maple Street	315
Blank	35
Others	6
TOWN CLERK, for three years	Votes
Nancy J. Butler, 49 Maple Street	549
Blank	101
Other	1
TREASURER, for three years	Votes
Carolyn A. Northon, 14 Spring St.	527
Blank	124
ASSESSOR, for three years	Votes
Jocelyn A. Anderson, 277 Main Street	515
Blank	135
Other	1
FINANCE COMMITTEE, for three years	Votes
David C. Pecinovsky, 17 Cushman's Landing	504
Blank	145
Others	2
	Vote for ONE
FINANCE COMMITTEE, for two years	Votes
Steve Lee	2
Barry DeCristafano	2
Jean Sullivan	6
Tom Gillespie	3
Brian Wilson	2
Blank	630
Others	6
BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years	Votes
Dana L. Fowler, Jr., 36 Center Street	528
Blank	121
Others	2

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR, for three years	Votes
James M. Mulcahy, 3 Brackett Terrace	526
Blank	120
Other	5
Vote for TWO	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years	Votes
Kristine M. Boyles, 15 Spring Street	520
Karen Rempalakis	16
Blank	758
Other	8
PLANNING BOARD, for five years	Votes
John D. O'Leary, 71 Ring Road	497
Blank	154
Vote for TWO	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	Votes
Suan F. Ossoff, 37 Upland Road	527
Maureen A. Springer, 26 Granville Baker Way	415
Blank	358
Other	2

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	Votes
Maureen A. Springer, 26 Granville Baker Way	427
Blank	221
Other	3

TREE WARDEN, for three years	Votes
William N. Hayes, Jr., 4 Cushman's Landing	513
Blank	138

Question One

Shall the Town of Plympton accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this Town, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Plympton, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, by an additional surcharge of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemption from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

YES	315
NO	331
Blank	5

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Plymouth, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of PLYMPTON

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify
and warn the inhabitants of said

town who are qualified to vote in State Primary Election at:

PLYMPTON TOWN HOUSE

5 PALMER ROAD

on **TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
2006, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political
parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

GOVERNOR.

LT. GOVERNOR

ATTORNEY GENERAL

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TREASURER

AUDITOR

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS ..TENTH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT

COUNCILLOR

FIRST DISTRICT

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE
DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. 12TH PLYMOUTH
DISTRICT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

CLERK OF COURTS. PLYMOUTH COUNTY

REGISTER OF DEEDS PLYMOUTH COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 5 th day of September, 2006.

Robert H. Vautrinot (signed) Joseph A. Freitas (signed)

Selectmen of: PLYMPTON

Your 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, Village Café, Plympton
Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon
at the time and place of said meeting

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

David Batchelder (signed)

7

Sept., 2006

Constable

(month and day)

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. at the Plympton Town House. The Town Clerk, Nancy Butler, the Warden, the Tellers and the Police Officer inspected the ballot box, it was empty. The ballot box was then closed and locked.

The Tellers were then sworn in by the Town Clerk. Those people working were Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, Tara Wick, Tellers: Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie, Elaine McKeown and Jean Reynolds.

There were 3 (three) spoiled ballots and 1 (one) affirmation of current and continuous residence sheet filled out.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 1918

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 504

TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST: 388

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward m. Kennedy 305

Blanks 83

GOVERNOR

Christopher F. Gabrieli 109

Deval L. Patrick 186

Thomas F. Reilly 91

Blanks 2

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Deborah B. Goldberg 138

Timothy P. Murray 113

Andrea C. Silbert 90

Blanks 47

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Martha Coakley 304

Blanks	84	
SECRETARY OF STATE		
William Francis Galvin	303	
John Bonifaz	45	
Blanks	40	
TREASURER		
Timothy P. Cahill	300	
Blanks	88	
AUDITOR		
A. Joseph DeNucci	296	
Blanks	92	
REP. IN CONGRESS TENTH DISTRICT		
William D. Delahunt	309	
Blanks	78	
Other	1	
COUNCILLOR FIRST DISTRICT		
Carole A. Fiola	145	
Kelly Kevin Lydon	139	
Blanks	104	
SENATOR IN GEN.COURT PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT		
Therese Murray	299	
Blanks	88	
Other	1	
REP. IN GENERAL COURT TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT		
Thomas J. O'Brien	288	
Olly deMacedo	16	
Blanks	84	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
Blanks	380	
Others	8	
CLERK OF COURTS PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
Francis R. Powers		222
Mark Adams	78	
Blanks	88	
REGISTER OF DEEDS PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
John r. Buckley, Jr	285	
Blanks	103	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
Timothy J. McMullen	172	
Lisa C. Clark	80	
Robert Sullivan	64	
Blanks	72	
TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST: 116		
SENATOR IN CONGRESS		
Kenneth G. Chase	45	
Kevin P. Scott	42	

Blanks	27	
Others	2	
GOVERNOR		
Kerry Healey	88	
Blanks	28	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		
Reed V. Hillman	76	
Blanks	40	
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Larry Frisoli	79	
Blanks	37	
SECRETARY OF STATE		
Blanks	116	
TREASURER		
Blanks	116	
AUDITOR		
Blanks	116	
REP IN CONGRESS TENTH DISTRICT		
Jeffrey K. Beatty	63	
Olly deMacedo	10	
Blanks	43	
COUNCILLOR FIRST DISTRICT		
Philip C. Paleologos	66	
Blanks	50	
SENATOR IN GEN. COURT		
PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT		
Blanks	116	
REP. IN GENERAL COURT		
TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT		
Paul Timmins Curtis	46	
Olly deMacedo	55	
Blanks	15	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
Timothy J. Cruz	76	
Blanks	40	
CLERK OF COURTS PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
Frederick M. McDermott	76	
Blanks	40	
REGISTER OF DEEDS PLYMOUTH COUNTY		
Blanks	116	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		PLYMOUTH COUNTY
Olly deMacedo	79	
Blanks	37	

The polls closed at 8:00 PM. The Police Officer and the Town Clerk checked the ballot box. No ballots were left inside. Total number of ballots cast was 504.

It was an absolutely beautiful day.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

RECOUNT
12th Plymouth Representative District Republican Primary

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

A recount for the 12th Plymouth Representative District Republican Primary was held by the Plympton Board of Registrars on September 20, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at the Plympton Town House in the Auditorium, pursuant to a petition for such recount filed with the Secretary of State.

The recount workers were as follows:

Ballot Reader	Robert Jacobson
Ballot Checker	Jean Reynolds
Master Tally Clerk	Tara Wick
Master Tally Reader	
Runner	Cindy Bloomquist

After a recount of the ballots as requested by petition, the results were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
Paul Timmins Curtis	46
Olly deMacedo	55
Blanks	15
 Total Ballots Cast	 116

A true record, ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler
Board of Registrars

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of PLYMPTON

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Election to vote at:

PLYMPTON TOWN HOUSE

5 PALMER ROAD

on **TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006**,
from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

ATTORNEY GENERAL . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

SECRETARY OF STATE. . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

TREASURER . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

AUDITOR . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS . 10TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT

COUNCILLOR . . . FIRST DISTRICT

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE
DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 12TH PLYMOUTH
DISTRICT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY . . . PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

CLERK OF COURTS. . . PLYMOUTH COUNTY

REGISTER OF DEEDS. . . . PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS . PLYMOUTH COUNTY

QUESTION 1: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a retail vendor, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell.

The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents

could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.

A YES VOTE would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing authorities to issue such licenses.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.

The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political

party during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name, the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and the total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for that office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

QUESTION 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services.

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

QUESTION 4:

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would make possession of less than one ounce of marijuana a civil violation, subject to a maximum fine of \$100 and not subject to any criminal penalties?

YES

NO

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2006.

(month)

Selectmen of: (Town)

Your 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 School, Village Café, Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

_____, 2006.

Constable (month and day)

**STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

The ballot box was checked by the Town Clerk, Nancy Butler, Police Officer Neil Murphy, and all the Tellers. The ballot box was empty; the numbers were reset to 00000 then closed and locked, ready for the election.

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. at the Plympton Town House.

The following Election Officials were sworn in:

Warden:	Jeraldine Batchelder
Clerk:	Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan
Tellers:	Patricia Harlfinger
	Patrick Leslie
	Elaine McKeown
	Jean Reynolds

There was one spoiled ballot and two (2) affirmations of current and continuous residence sheets filled out.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS:	1942
TOTAL VOTES CAST:	1344

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward M. Kennedy	760
Kenneth G. Chase	547
Blanks	36
Other	1

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Healey and Hillman	600
Patrick and Murray	562
Mihos and Sullivan	137
Ross and Robinson	32
Blanks	11
Others	2

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Martha Coakley	852
Larry Frisoli	437
Blanks	54
Other	1

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	931
Jill E. Stein	229
Blanks	180
Other	4

TREASURER

Timothy P. Cahill	965
James O'Keefe	195
Blanks	181
Others	3

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	843
Rand Wilson	279
Blanks	218
Others	4

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

William D. Delahunt	724
Jeffrey K. Beatty	416
Peter A. White	123
Blanks	80
Other	1

COUNCILLOR

Carole A. Fiola	595
Philip C. Paleologos	442
Paul R. Viveros	127
Blanks	179
Other	1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Therese Murray	965
Blanks	367
Others	12

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Thomas J. Calter, III	651
Olly deMacedo	645
Blanks	48

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Timothy J. Cruz	1001
Blanks	338
Others	5

CLERK OF COURTS

Francis R. Powers	661
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Frederick M. McDermott	534
Blanks	147
Others	2

REGISTER OF DEEDS

John R. Buckley, Jr	958
Blanks	382
Others	4

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Timothy J. McMullen	715
John P. Cafferty	448
Thomas Jones	58
Blanks	123

QUESTION 1: Sale of Wine by Food Stores

Yes	471
No	860
Blanks	13

QUESTION 2: Nomination of Candidates for Public Office

Yes	385
No	832
Blanks	127

QUESTION 3: Family Child Care Providers

Yes	486
No	748
Blanks	110

QUESTION 4: Marijuana civil violation

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Yes	745
No	425
Blanks	174

The polls closed at 8:00 P.M. All removed were removed from the ballot box for counting. The Officer Linda Pomeroy and Nancy Butler, Town Clerk checked the ballot box it was empty. It was a clear November day. One of the largest turnouts we have had in a long time.

Note: The Board of Registrars met on Friday Nov. 17th at 4:30 P.M. as duly posted. The purpose for this meeting is open two overseas ballots, and one was received at the Town Clerk's Office on Nov. 13th and the other one has not been returned, as of 5:00 P.M., Friday, Nov. 17th. The final total votes include the overseas absentee ballot.

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS' MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Present: Shirley Martin, Frank Young, and Nancy Butler
Absent: Christine Joy

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 P.M. by Nancy Butler for the purpose of opening all overseas ballots. There were two overseas ballots that were not received by 8:00 P.M., November 7, 2006. One arrived on November 13, 2006 and the other has not been received as of 5:00 P.M. November 17th.

The amended State Election Results is as follows:
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 1344

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

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Blanks	36
Other	1

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Respectfully submitted,

Board of Registrars:

Shirley F. Martin

Frank Young

Nancy J. Butler

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK 2006

April 3, 2006

Town of Plympton

Town Clerk

Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Nancy,

Please accept this letter of resignation as a board member of the Recreation Commission. I have notified all the parties concerned.

Thank You,

Bernadette Wilder

May 8, 2006

Attention: Mr. Robert Vautrinot, Chairman

Dear M. Vautrinot:

This letter will serve to inform the Town of Plympton that I submit my resignation as Building Commissioner. This resignation will be effective as of May 22, 2006.

I have enjoyed working in Plympton and this decision saddens me but I feel that I have not had and continue not to have the support and backing that is needed for me to do this job effectively and to the standards that the residents of Plympton deserve.

Sincerely,

Fred D. Svenson, Jr (signed)

Building Commissioner

15 May 2006

Board of Selectmen

Plympton Town House

Plympton, MA 02367

Sirs/Madam:

As of this date, 15, May 2006, I hereby resign my duties to the office of Town Constable citing personal reasons for doing so.

Sincerely,

Lee Eckerd (signed)

Aug. 12, 2006

To the Plympton Selectmen

Please accept my resignation as a Registrar of Voters.

My health and age no longer allow me to be active.

Sincerely yours,

Anna F. Donovan (signed)

September 5, 2006

Town of Plympton

Board of Selectmen

Board of Appeals

Greetings,

It has been my pleasure to serve Plympton on the Board of Appeals for many years. I would like to inform you that I do not intend to seek or accept re-appointment to the board when my term expires in June of 2007. The purpose of this advance notice is to give us all adequate time to find a suitable candidate to replace me on the board next year. The ZBA currently has two alternate positions open, so there is plenty of opportunity to involve new members with board activities this year. With Scott and Bill's experience and expertise I'm sure the ZBA will continue to excel after I complete my term.

Thank you,

Steve Mattern (signed)

October 5, 2006

Dear Board of Selectmen:

It is with mixed feeling that I submit this letter of resignation as the Town Accountant effective November 1st, 2006. I am unable to spend the time needed to fulfill the requirements of this position.

At this time I believe it would be in the best interest of the Town of Plympton for me to appoint Barbara Gomez as the Assistant Town Accountant. I have talked with Barbara and she is willing (she will work out a contract with the Board of Selectmen) to complete the Fiscal 06 paperwork. We all know she is very capable and now has the time to commit to this task. I believe any time spent training me would be wasted and delay even longer the completion of closing Fiscal 06.

I will be continuing to work on Fiscal 07 while Barbara concentrates on closing Fiscal 06. I will be available until a replacement is hired for the position of Town Accountant.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call me at 781-585-4389.

Respectfully,

Marilyn J. Thompson (signed)

November 9, 2006

Dear Madam:

Due to work demands, I find myself unable to attend a majority of School Committee meetings. As a result I feel it unfair for me to continue in the office of School Committee member and resign my office, effective immediately.

Effective immediately I resign the office of School Committee.

Sincerely,

K. Scott Merrill (signed)

64 Upland Road

Plympton, MA 02367

CC School committee Chair

JULY 1, 2005 – JUNE 30, 2006 DOG LICENSES

54 Male or Female	@	10.00	\$ 540.00
340 Neutered or Spayed	@	7.00	\$2,380.00
4 Kennel License	@	30.00	\$ 120.00
7 Hobby Kennel License	@	60.00	\$ 420.00
4 Commercial Kennel License	@	150.00	\$ 600.00
18 Late Fines	@	25.00	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
Total			\$4510.00
Less Fees			<u>304.00</u>
			\$4,206.00

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. All kennels must be inspected by the Animal Inspector before issuing a kennel license.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2006 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Resident Fishing	12 @	\$27.50	\$330.00
Resident Fishing (Over 70)	1 @	FREE	FREE
Trapping	1 @	\$35.50	\$35.50
Resident Hunting	4 @	\$27.50	\$110.00
Resident Sporting	7 @	\$45.00	\$315.00
Resident Sporting (Over 70)	4 @	FREE	FREE
Archery Stamp	2 @	\$5.10	\$10.20
Waterfowl Stamp	2 @	\$5.00	\$10.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	2 @	\$5.10	\$10.20
Total			\$820.90
Less Fees			<u>\$12.90</u>
			\$808.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2006

There were 27 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2006.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2006

DATE

January

7	Joseph Lawrence Murgida Plympton, MA	Elsie Millidean Grant Plympton, MA
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March

5	Thomas Richard Hallisey Rockland, MA	Lauren Amanda Gettemy Plympton, MA
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May

20	Sian Kathleen Nessralla Plympton, MA	James Arthur Seward Fayetteville, NC
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DEATHS

PLYMPTON RESIDENTS RECORDED IN 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
January			
21	Alice E. Ferriera	70	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
23	Ermel Salenius	96	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
31	Joseph W. Gambino	82	Mayflower Cemetery Duxbury, MA
27	Evelyn M. Fogg	93	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
February			
3	Rita E. Shaw	60	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
11	Patricia F. White	78	Center Cemetery Pembroke, MA
March			
3	Elaine F. Harper	67	Hillcrests Cemetery Plympton, MA

April 10	John A. Nickerson	60	Blue Hill Cemetery Braintree, MA
May 16	Victoria E. Wightman	16	Center Cemetery Hanover, MA
June 18	David E. Barboza	53	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
July 4	Kevin D. Lynch	24	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
26	Mabel Ellen Butler	98	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
August 24	Mary M. Lanzendorfer	85	Central Cemetery Carver, MA
26	Genevieve Bonney	84	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
September 1	Tamera Sue Korleski	43	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
22	Michael F. Prior	55	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
October 29	Dorothy S. Gill	82	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
November 6	Michael Owen Pitts	66	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
8	James E. Delaney	69	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA

NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2006

Date of Death	Name	Age	Residence
March			
12	Ethelyn Mae Hill	102	Lakeville, MA
April			
9	Hazel Dorothea Bricknell	84	Bridgewater, MA
15	Madeleine E. Swanson	68	Hanson, MA
24	Edward E. Gomez III	62	Middleboro, MA
May			
15	Constance R. MacKinnon	80	Carver, MA
19	Jannette White	87	North Adams, MA
27	Edward Fillion	77	Halifax, MA
June			
30	David F. Jones	58	Carver, MA
July			
17	Brittany W. Allsopp	17	Plymouth, MA
21	George F. Fiske III	72	Brockton, MA
30	Arthur J. Daley	65	Plymouth, MA
31	Daniel M. Glass	38	Carver, MA
August			
26	Lorteea June Osborne	72	
September			
14	Judith J. Gigorenko	52	Abington, MA

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2006 - JURY LIST

The jury list is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

TAX COLLECTIONS

Real Estate - Current Year	\$ 4,257,962.67
Real Estate - Prior Years	\$ 202,416.93
Personal Property - Current Year	\$ 104,283.24
Personal Property - Prior Years	\$ 3,158.52
Motor Vehicle Excise - Current Year	\$ 284,265.49
Motor Vehicle Excise - Prior Years	\$ 154,586.84
Betterments	\$ 2,947.47
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 718.43
Tax Title	\$ 42,857.90
Penalties and Interest	\$ 62,676.20
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 21,433.05

TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS \$ 5,137,306.74

RECEIPTS

Departmental Receipts	\$ 89,235.84
Permits	\$ 118,337.17
Court Fines	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Department	\$ 1,667.77
Vendor Refunds	\$ 29,845.29
Interest on Investments	\$ 37,855.08

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 276,991.15

Payroll Withholdings	\$ 814,668.22
Chapter 90	\$ 155,710.40
State Aid	\$ 703,673.31
SBAB- State Reimbursement	\$ 6,806,178.00

GRANTS	\$ 8,480,229.93
Title One Grant	\$ 29,387.00
Cultural Council	\$ 2,612.68
Community Policing Grant	\$ 49,299.00
Fire Safe Grant	\$ 5,722.00
Public Safety Grant	\$ 21,648.25

Handi-persons Grant	\$ 3,193.00
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TOTAL GRANTS	\$ 111,861.93
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REVOLVING FUNDS

Library	\$ 202.73
Treasurers Redemptions	\$ 600.00
Deputy Fees	\$ 9,617.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,520.81
Student Activity Funds	\$ 28,833.88
Recreation Fund	\$ 9,640.00
Police Detail Fees	\$ 993.01
Police Details	\$ 73,912.25
State Fire Arms	\$ 3,725.00
TOTALS	\$ 125,319.68

Receipts Reserved	\$ 102,285.34
Donations and Gifts	\$ 21,576.25
Interest on Trusts	\$ 16,250.89
Licenses Payable to State	\$ 642.50
	\$ 140,754.98

Tax Collector Salary

Appropriated	\$25 060.00
Expended	<u>-\$25 060.00</u>

Treasurer Salary

Appropriated	\$19 595.00
Expended	<u>\$19 595.00</u>

Tax Collector Expense

Appropriated	\$12 460.00
Expended	<u>-\$12 460.00</u>

Treasurer Expense

Appropriated	\$20 323.00
Expended	<u>\$20 323.00</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF PLYMPTON BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2006

GENERAL FUND

Cash		\$920,653.40
Petty Cash		\$ 50.00
Performance Bonds	\$ 154,562.05	
Res. For Performance Bonds	\$ (154,562.05)	\$ -
Personal Property	\$ 40,173.90	
Real Estate	\$ 246,885.26	\$ 287,059.16
Allowance for Abatements		\$ (155,978.41)
Tax Liens	\$ 167,412.81	
Tax Possessions	\$ 4,586.19	
Res. For Uncol. Receivables	\$ (171,999.00)	\$ -
Def. Property Taxes Dues	\$ 4,968.89	
Res. For Def. Property Taxes Due	\$ (4,968.89)	\$ -
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 114,207.27	
Res. For Uncollected Excise	\$ (114,207.27)	\$ -
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 355.24	
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	\$ (355.24)	\$ -
Betterments	\$5,725.33	
Assess. Conveyance Tax	\$ -	
Allow. For Uncol. Receivables	\$ (5,725.33)	\$ -
Deferred Teachers Salaries		\$ 14,868.00

Overdrawn and Unprovided		
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$ 46,603.12	
Appropriation Deficits	\$ 5,447.50	\$52,050.62
 TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS		 <u><u>\$1,118,702.77</u></u>
 Accrued Payroll Withholdings		 \$29,427.95
 Other Liabilities		
Tailings	\$ 3,260.50	
Deferred Rev. Propert Taxes	\$ 131,080.75	\$134,341.25
 Reserve for Petty Cash		 \$ 50.00
Prior Year Encumbrances		\$73,905.87
Bond Premium		\$11,885.84
 Unreserved Funds		
Res. For Expenses	\$ -	
Undesignated Balance	\$ 869,091.86	<u>\$ 869,091.86</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		 <u><u>\$ 1,118,702.77</u></u>
 HIGHWAY FUNDS		
 Cash		 \$ (28,203.13)
State Aid to Highways	\$ 100,572.21	
		\$
Def. Rev. Ingevernmental	\$ (100,572.21)	-
		<u><u>\$ (28,203.13)</u></u>
 Fund Balance Cahpter 90		 <u><u>\$ (28,203.13)</u></u>
 SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE		
 Cash		 <u><u>\$ 2,694.49</u></u>
Fund Balances		
EEO Grant	\$ 444.49	
Math Grant	\$ 250.00	

Emergency Education Grant	\$ 2,000.00	<u>\$ 2,694.49</u>
TOWN GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE		
Cash		<u>\$ 31,479.62</u>
Fund Balances		
Cultural Council	\$ 2,526.62	
Board of Health Septic	\$ 5,055.19	
Elder Affairs Formula	\$1,031.42	
Handi Persons Grant	\$ 387.58	
Right to Know	\$ 873.00	
Police Dare Education	\$ 4,091.21	
Pol. Dept. Safety Gran	\$ 162.45	
Community Poli cy Grant	\$ 4,908.93	
Fire Protection Grant	\$ 5,468.13	
State Firearms	\$ (325.00)	
Board of Health Grant	\$ 2,000.00	
Fed Fire Equipment Grant	\$ 767.00	
Ambulance Task Force	\$ 1,000.00	
Police Local Prep.	\$ 7,797.95	
Bullet Proof Vests	\$ 1,576.09	
Fire Dept Safety	\$ (8,334.95)	
Election Grant	\$ 2,494.00	<u>\$31,479.62</u>
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Cash		<u>\$ 55,496.36</u>
Fund Balances		
Deputy Fees	\$ 152.00	
Student Activities	\$ 21,124.55	
Treas. Redemption Fees	\$ 1,377.24	
Collectors Liens	\$ 377.81	
Detail Fees	\$ 28,402.31	
Police Details	\$ (6,988.29)	
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,915.09	
Recreation Dept.	\$ 7,416.02	
Library Recoveries	\$ 719.63	<u>\$55,496.36</u>
RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND		
Cash		\$ 158,960.10
Ambulance Receivalbes	\$36,952.17	

Def. Ambulance Rec.	\$ (36,952.17)	
		<u>\$ 158,960.10</u>
State Aid to Libraries		\$ 5,507.50
Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000		\$ 217.64
Ambulance Fee Fund		\$153,234.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>\$158,960.10</u>
AGENCY FUNDS		
Cash		<u>\$ 3,196.50</u>
Fish & Game Licenses Payable		<u>\$3,196.50</u>
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Cash		<u>\$ 40,699.58</u>
Fund Balances		
Highway Escrow	\$ 4,000.00	
School Gifts	\$ 331.15	
Student Activities Gifts	\$ 3,263.57	
Fire Dept. Gift	\$ 100.00	
Sale of Town Property	\$ 498.00	
Library Gift Fund	\$ 6,234.28	
Planning Bd. Deposits	\$ 1,937.97	
Agricultural Comm Gifts	\$ 866.00	
Town House Gifts	\$ 900.94	
Conservation Escrow	\$ 647.56	
Recreation Gift	\$ 100.00	
Police & Dare Gifts	\$ 1,107.76	
Historic Comm. Gift	\$ 250.00	
300th Anniversary Gifts	\$ 2,342.70	
Jason Park Memorial Fund	\$ 34.65	
Appeal Esrow	\$ 18,085.00	<u>\$ 40,699.58</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Cash-Capital Projects		
Town Projects	\$ 7,328.20	
A/R Septic Loans	\$ 50,333.08	
Def. Rev. Septic	\$ (50,333.08)	<u>\$ 7,328.20</u>

Fund Balances		
Board of Health	\$ 7,328.20	<u>\$ 7,328.20</u>
TRUST FUNDS		
Cash		<u>\$ 274,884.92</u>
Fund Balances		
Investment Funds	\$ 2,507.19	
Sale of Lots	\$ 23,234.72	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 95,794.71	
Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 874.85	
Stabilization	\$ 152,473.45	<u>\$ 274,884.92</u>
DEBT		
Amount to be Provided		<u>\$ 1,448,288.70</u>
Septic Loans	\$ 48,406.70	
Town Barn	\$ 184,882.00	
School Building	\$ 1,111,000.00	
Dennett Rood	\$104,000.00	<u>\$ 1,448,288.70</u>
Loans Authorized		<u>\$318,374.86</u>
Loans Authorized & Unissued		<u>\$318,374.86</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Real Estate market continued to level off during calendar year 2006 however, single-family sale prices are still higher than current assessments. The average sale price of the 22 arms' length single-family homes sold during 2006 was \$430,868. The average assessment for those sales was \$383,718. There were only 2 developable vacant land sales averaging \$254,900, which is 25% higher than the assessed values.

The long awaited Route 44 extension opened in November, 2005 however we still await the development of the Industrial Park and its subsequent increase to the commercial and industrial share of the tax levy.

TOWN VALUE BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 379,360,401	93.23%
COMMERCIAL	\$ 9,688,535	2.38%
INDUSTRIAL	\$ 8,392,275	2.06%
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 9,483,908	2.33%

TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY \$ 406,925,119

As of January 1, 2007, the Assessors' Office had reviewed less than 100 outstanding building permits, which is a sharp decline over previous years. While there were only 4 new starts of single-family homes there were 6 new starts of freestanding and duplex style condominiums in the new Cranberry Knoll complex. This project will include two Chapter 40B affordable housing units. The Board also acted on 194 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise abatements.

The Assessors' Office is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm and Monday evenings 6 to 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calendar year 2006 was by far the busiest year on record for your police department. I'm extremely pleased and proud of the professional efforts and vigilance of our officers despite the less than desirable conditions they are forced to work under due to continued budgetary constraints. As early as 2002 the Town was generally serviced by two patrol cars 24 hours daily. That would normally be considered the minimum staffing level as most calls for police service require two officers for a safe initial response under nationally accepted standards and guidelines. Since 2002 funding shortages have slowly reduced our ability to maintain that level. Now the Town is predominately patrolled by a single officer causing a legitimate concern for public safety and the safety of our officers. Despite the reduction in patrol strength the department continues to deal with a steady increase in the seriousness of activity. Our community in general remains a quaint and safe place to live, however, modest growth, and increasing traffic population is clearly overtaking our ability to respond safely and effectively to calls for service with one officer on-duty. To illustrate this point I will highlight a small portion of incidents from 2006.

- *In January a Plympton resident returned home to find an intruder in their house. The man quickly fled from the area in a vehicle. The officer on-duty recognized the vehicle description as a car he saw earlier in the general area. At the time the officer jotted down the plate number. Due to the officers diligent efforts the suspect, a career criminal, was arrested only hours later in Brockton. The suspect was subsequently indicted by the Grand Jury and was recently sentenced to a long term in the state prison.*

- *In February a Plympton teenager was reported missing by her family. When the teen was not located within 48 hours a wider investigation began. Several Plympton officers worked tirelessly during the nine-day investigation as they followed leads called in from as far away as California. The investigation then focused on the Island of Aruba. With the assistance of the U.S. State Department, Aruban Immigration and the U.S. Consulate in Venezuela the missing woman was found safe and sound in Aruba. The case drew national attention when Fox network news cited the Plympton case as possibly similar to the Natalie Holloway case. When our teen was found it was clear there was absolutely no connection to the Holloway matter.*

- *In April officers conducted a lengthy investigation into the shooting of a local residence. The round injured no one in the home. The shot was fired from the street into a front windowsill of the home. As of the date of this report no suspects have been located.*

- *From May through July Plympton Police investigated a series of five tragic automobile accidents that took the lives of two young people, critically injured seven more teenagers, and hospitalized four others, including three small children. These events took an emotional toll on the families of the victims, the community and the Firefighters and Police Officers involved.*

- *In June, responding to complaints of inappropriate Internet contacts, the Plympton Police called in a multi-jurisdictional task force to conduct a sting operation in Plympton. After weeks of inappropriate chatting on-line with a Deputy Sheriff who the suspect thought was a 13-year-old Plympton girl, the suspect came to Plympton to meet the girl for illegal purposes. The man was quickly taken into custody when he arrived in Plympton. After further investigation it was learned that the man was arrested a few weeks prior in New Hampshire for the same activity. This arrest was the second arrest made in 2006 by the task force in which the subjects thought they were chatting with a young Plympton girl. Investigators monitoring chat rooms now tell us that the word is out in those circles to avoid kids who say they are from Plympton. We will continue to do our very best to monitor this particular threat to our children.*

- *In September a car struck a Carver man as he was crossing Mayflower Road at night. The man pushed a female companion from harms way just prior to being struck himself. The vehicle that struck him slowed briefly and then sped off. The victim sustained multiple broken bones and was hospitalized for several days. Fortunately he has recovered from his injuries. Plympton Police officers continue today to conduct an extensive investigation into this incident. The probe has been aided by forensic support from Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and the State Police crime labs in Massachusetts and New Jersey. At the time of this report the suspect has not been located. This investigation is ongoing.*

- *Also in September a Plympton resident notified police of their concern for a missing friend who had gone for a walk and never returned. A preliminary investigation revealed that the missing person was despondent and a large-scale ground search was initiated. During the evening hours officers and canine units searched the immediate area while a State Police helicopter searched by air aided with thermal imaging equipment. At dawn the next day a specialized search team made up of officers from 20 local police departments including Plympton began a large grid search. By mid morning officers had located the missing person in the woods who was sadly a victim of a suicide.*

- *In November Plympton Police concluded a six-month fraud investigation in which a Rockland woman was charged with multiple counts of fraud, theft and forgery. The suspect had victimized three elderly Plympton residents in the scams and when arrested in Plympton was wanted by other local Police Departments for similar events, many of which victimized the elderly.*

- *In December, Carver Police notified Plympton officers of a gas station robbery that just occurred in their town. A description of the suspect vehicle was passed on to Plympton officers. Later that evening Plympton officers working a state funded traffic enforcement mobilization saw the vehicle traveling north on Palmer Road. The vehicle was stopped and for public safety reasons the roadway was closed briefly while officers cautiously placed the suspect into custody without further incident.*

- *Throughout the year other noteworthy events occurred such as several serious domestic related assaults. One such incident involved an assault with a knife. A general disturbance involving a handgun led to local man being charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm and kidnapping. Plympton officers resolved a series of car burglary cases with the arrest of a Wareham couple. Also in 2006 officers solved two other residential burglaries with the assistance of Middleboro detectives and charged a Lakeville man in those cases.*

As you can see your officers had a busy year with emergency activities and investigations but despite that we did not lose sight of our community service mission. In 2006 Plympton Police strengthened its commitment to community policing through the advancement of the TRAIID program with our public safety partners in Carver. The senior support organization sponsored a health fair, enjoyed a group trip to Foxwood's Casino and held its first annual Christmas party. I'd like to express my thanks to Plympton Patrolman Steve Teri, Carver Officer Heidi Bassett and Janine Eaton of the South Shore Housing Authority for their dedication to this program.

In May the Plympton Police sponsored 'Bike Month'. This program was conducted with the assistance of AAA Auto Club. Patrolman Dennis Reddy delivered bike safety talks at the Dennett School while officers on the street were armed with special citations for kids who the officers saw displaying good bike riding habits. The citations were coupons for ice cream or other treats. The month culminated with a bike safety poster contest in which \$500 in certificates for new bikes and safety equipment were awarded to winners in each grade level at the Dennett Elementary School. I'd like to thank Principal Phil Holt and the entire staff at the school for their support of this program.

Patrolman Dennis Reddy continues to dedicate himself to the Plympton Police DARE program, as he will graduate his 11th class of students this spring. The relationship he has fostered with the kids at the Dennett School has deepened our connection with the community. I thank him for a job well done.

In personnel matters, the department was authorized by Selectmen to fill a full-time patrolman position in an effort to contain spiraling overtime costs. The position was vacant since 2003 due to funding shortages. As a result Patrolman Jason Fontana was appointed in December to begin work in January of 2007. In other activity, part-time Patrolman Thomas Hunt retired in 2006 and was replaced on the roster by part-time Patrolman John Mulready. I thank Tom Hunt for his service and welcome Jason and John to the department.

In 2007 I hope to promote an officer to the rank of Sergeant to enhance departmental accountability and efficiency. In an effort to keep pace with anticipated commercial growth I will seek funding for an additional full-time patrolman. This position would also act to further control overtime spending and improve initial response time and our ability to conduct post incident investigations.

In 2006 the Police Department continued to seek creative and alternative sources of funding through various grant programs to move

the department forward despite the Town's budget woes. The department received numerous grant awards totaling \$132,000 in 2006. Some of those funds were regional programs for which the Plympton Police was the lead organization. The Halifax Police and Fire Departments as well as our own Fire Department were able to benefit from a portion of those funds. Funding for salaries remains elusive as most grant programs fund equipment and technologies but not patrol salaries. Since 2003 the Plympton Police has been the lead agency in grant awards totaling over \$510,000. A tiny percentage of those funds paid for officers on the street.

I'd like to thank the residents, elected officials, our business community, and other town employees for your continued support. We will face new challenges in the near future that will redefine the community's service expectations of the police department. We are committed to preparing now for the changes to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew M. Clancy
Chief of Police

**Calendar Year 2006
Statistics**

Patrol Activity

By-Law Violation	9
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary	10
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)	25
Larceny	23
Stolen Motor Vehicle	3
Escorts/Transports	6
Trespassing	21
Citizen Assist Disabled Motorist Assist	471
Power Outages	57
Building Check	12
Message Delivery	1,577
Animal Complaint	28
Mutual Aid Requested	62
Suspicious Activity	224
911 Accidental	140
Lock Outs Assisted	36
Radar Assignments Motor Vehicle	8
Accidents	1,449
Vehicle Accident Fatality	73
Weapons Violations	2
Assist Ambulance	5
Vandalism	121
Domestic Violence	18
Restraining Orders	36
Threats	11
	2

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Stops	1,139
Citations Issued	818

Arrest (Categorized)

Warrant Arrest	6
Domestic Assault & Battery	1
Operating Under the Influence	6
Other MV Violation Arrests	5
Other Criminal Arrests	9
Protective Custody	2
Total Arrests	29

Court Activity

Traffic Hearings	308
Criminal Complaints (Non-MV)	113

Funds Received / Recovered

Insurance Recovery	\$42,357
Grants	\$132,000
Public Records Fees	\$311
Police Private Detail Admin Fee	\$5,597
Firearms Licensing Fee (Town's Share)	\$1,425
Traffic Citation Fines (Town's Share)	\$16,540
Total Funds Received	\$198,230

Police Vehicle Fleet

Car 111	2007 Ford	5,000 Miles
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Narcotics				
Investigations	1	Car 117	2005 Ford	44,000 Miles
Directed Patrols	4,283	Car 118	2003 Ford	139,000 Miles
Traffic Stops	1,139	Car 119	2003 Ford	141,000 Miles
Noise Complaint	44	Car 120	2006 Ford	36,500 Miles
Fire Alarm	11			
Burglar Alarm	69			
Misc. Service/Comm.				
Policing	241			
Fraud	5			
General Disturbance	14			
Reported Erratic				
Operator	50			
Recovered Property	9			
Missing Persons	14			
Restraining Order				
Violation	5			
Annoying Calls	17			
Repossession				
Notification	2			
Arrests	29			
Suicide	1			
Unattended Deaths	0			
TOTAL ACTIVITIES 10,366				

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department like most town departments is also suffering from the difficult financial problems facing Plympton. This has been felt not only in our daily operating budget but also with the inability to carry out capital improvement projects over the last few years. As a result we continue to spend thousands of dollars on vehicles which are over 30 years old and fabricating parts which can no longer be purchased commercially. The reliability of these vehicles is of great concern.

We are also dealing with a fire station built in 1974 and showing its age. Issues still facing the building are the leaking roof, baseball impacts, completion of the siding project, sidewalk collapse, upgrade/replacement of the electrical service, ventilation, and the replacement of some exterior doors. All of these problems were also noted by the Town's insurance company as areas needing immediate attention to reduce further more severe problems in the future. The continued lack of repairs to the fire station and inability to replace our emergency vehicles puts your fire department in a vulnerable situation.

Ambulance billing continues to be a very successful source for the funding and operation of the Town's ambulance service, which is separate from their fire department budget. It is with great satisfaction that we can provide this critical service without asking for tax dollars. In 2006 we also saw the regional paramedic intercept vehicle relocated and housed in the Plympton Fire Station rather than its previous locations in Duxbury and Plymouth. This allows us to get paramedics to emergencies in Plympton faster than in previous years when they responded from greater distances to meet up with our ambulance enroute to the hospital. This partnership has worked out very well and I anticipate having them in our station for years to come.

David Rich
Fire Chief

Activity for 2006

Structure Fire	6
Vehicle fire	0
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	8
Refuse Fire	0
Medical Emergency	167
Extrication/EMS/Auto Accident	31
Spill, Leak No Fire	2
Power Line Down	15
Medflight Standby	0
Haz. Condition, not classif.	8
Lockout	0
Smoke, Odor Removal	6
Mutual Aid to Others	5
Service Call, not classif.	10
Controlled Burning	0
Vicinity Alarm	21
Good Intent Call	2
Assist Police	2
Permits/Inspections	98
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Total Incidents	381

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2005	4,051.00
Expended	<u>4,051.00</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2005	5,618.00
Expended	<u>5,600.19</u>
Returned to Treasury 6/30/06	\$18.19

LABOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated July 1, 2005	57,066.00
Expended	<u>57,066.00</u>

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriated July 1, 2005	46,807.00
Expended	<u>46,807.00</u>

GENERAL HIGHWAY

Appropriated July 1, 2004	59,972.00
Expended	
Fuel	6,716.48
Utilities electric	2,657.57
Utilities gas	3,011.53
Telephone	1,692.75
Tools	839.70
Road Maintenance	31,892.75
Office Supplies	378.44
Vehicle Repairs	1,028.27
Building Maintenance	500.76
Equipment Rental	1,176.73
Equipment Repair	3,417.30
Uniform Items	1,313.06
Meetings	167.00
Miscellaneous	748.70
Labor & Supplies	3,773.23
Signs	417.73
Licenses	180.00
Dues & Memberships	<u>60.00</u>
Expended	\$59,972.00

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated July 1, 2005	\$4,321.00
Expended	<u>4,321.00</u>

SNOW & ICE

Appropriated July 1, 2005	\$30,000.00
Expended	<u>\$112,300.52</u>

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Mulcahy
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Plympton Building Department has undergone some major changes in 2006 as we attempt to serve the needs of a growing town. Maintaining compliance with Building and Zoning Codes in order to provide for public safety and appropriate growth continue to be priorities.

Our new Building Inspector, Robert Jacobson, has completed his certification course, and passed his first licensing exam for Construction Code Inspectors. Jeff Richards, from Weymouth, continues to serve as our Building Commissioner and is available in Plympton on Monday evenings. We have added a clerk to our staff, so that the office can be open to the public regularly on Mondays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The building and wiring inspectors are also available at the Town House on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. In the future, if budgeting allows, we hope to be open to the public for more hours.

In the calendar year 2006, fourteen permits for new homes were issued, including the new housing units at Cranberry Knoll. Numerous permits for additions, outbuildings, pools, etc. were also issued generating income for the Town through fees and inspections totally \$44,117.95.

Looking to the future, with the recent completion of the Route 44 project, and the potential growth of our industrial park, the Plympton Building Department will need to add staffing hours in order to be available to the public and deal with issues in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Jacobson, Plympton Building Inspector

ACTIVITY IN 2006 – PERMITS ISSUED		
New Homes	13	\$23,594.40
Demolitions	6	175.00
Outbuildings	20	6,361.80
Roofing and siding	18	852.75
Wood Stoves	7	245.00
Pools	4	645.00
Signs	8	375.00
Additions	36	11,284.00
Windows	3	550.00
Temporary Trailer	1	35.00
Total		\$44,117.95

**REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT
(DOG OFFICER)**

The year 2006 saw more than 500 requests and responses for animal control. Responses were for the following: Lost dogs, stray dogs, trespassing dogs, found dogs, injured dogs, barking dogs, biting dogs, dogs w/o proper care, injured cats, feral cats, stray or lost cats, kittens trapped, abandoned kittens, injured birds, sick birds, dead birds, noisy birds, sick skunks and raccoons, trapped skunks, sick foxes, squirrels in chimneys, squirrels in dwellings, squirrels in autos, bats in dwellings, injured turtles, water snakes, milk snakes, injured deer, neglected horses, horses and donkeys unattended on roadways, coyotes sightings, coyote attacks on farm animals. Complaints to this department increase with residential outdoor activity.

Plympton residents, whether dog owners or not, are advised that the Town does not have a leash law. Residents who encounter unsupervised dogs while walking, jogging, or biking are usually aware that all dogs are not of a vicious disposition when found at large. Nevertheless, MA state law provides that any dog caught ***in the act*** of worrying or wounding any person, livestock, or fowl may be killed. There are drivers encountering friendly dogs unsupervised on our roadways who are picking them up believing they are lost and that Plympton has a leash law preventing dogs from being outside without owners present. Mobile cell calls have revealed the frequency of this “uninformed” type of dognapping , and confirm that it remains very difficult to return any “lost” dog to its owner if the animal wears no identification on a collar. It is against the law to remove a license collar from a dog.

Plympton owners of unlicensed dogs, even when the animals are restricted to their own property, can be punished by fine. Dog licensing laws are in place to help protect our community health from illnesses transmitted by uninoculated unidentified animals. Complaints received on dogs in the Town almost always reveal the dog (in question) is unlicensed and has not been inoculated for rabies. Most frequently received excuse is “I forgot”. It would seem that “problem dogs” cause poor memories. Our Board of Health annually provides a free rabies clinic for dogs.

The need for animal control equipment and secure containment for temporarily sheltered animals continues to go unanswered. Townspeople able to help with the acquisition of basic animal shelter floor equipment can pledge. Contact Animal Control Office @ 781.585.9444.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank C. Bush, Plympton Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The mission of the Tree Warden 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.

Routine Tree Warden Activities in town included; corrective pruning and tree removals, response to emergent tree calls, roadside chipping of tree limbs, tree hearings, tree planting and the inspection of tree contractors for performance to recognized arboricultural practices for maintenance of electric lines, and roadside tree maintenance.

Management of the town tree assets will be enhanced with a three year grant to the town of Plympton by the state Department of Conservation & Recreation. The grant pays for a tree management software inventory system. This system helps prioritize, track and schedule maintenance, prepare and justify budgets, monitor tree conditions and respond to resident's inquiries. The built in mapping component allows tree sites to be located visually allowing faster searching and easy updating of geographic information.

NSTAR Electric pruned trees away from 25 miles of electric line in Plympton as well as the removal of 318 town trees. Tree hearings were held for NSTAR tree removals and approved based on the dead, dying, hazardous and aesthetic conditions of tree removal candidates.

Arbor Day was celebrated April 28th at the Dennett Elementary School with the planting of a Tulip Tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera* and each student receiving and planting a Tulip tree seedling at home. The celebration was a great success thanks to the generous time and donations of the Southeastern Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Arborist Association and NSTAR Electric & Gas Corp.

Future tree planting is being planned. A Master Planting Plan is being created by Plympton residents for the community. Representations of the plan will be installed at key locations in town encouraging donations of those who would like to be part of the beautification of the community.

This past season's insect problems and looking ahead to 2007 one should expect various caterpillars to continue to be a major defoliant pest to trees. Winter Moth continues to be a major concern. Young caterpillars are tiny inchworms and they tunnel into buds where they feed. Winter Moth caterpillars hatch when temperatures average around 55 degrees Fahrenheit. This means the green inchworm caterpillars may hatch in March feeding voraciously on buds and leaves

till mid June. If interested in controls to combat this pest, dormant oils, *Bacillus thuringensis* (B.t.), Spinosad, soaps and chemical insecticides are available. Property owners can control the damage with a plant health care professional that will recognize the critical timing of an application(s).

I would like to thank Highway Surveyor, Jim Mulcahy and his staff for their assistance this past year. Tasks would have been more difficult to accomplish without the Highway Departments cooperation.

I thank the voters for re-electing me Tree Warden and 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 PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The good news is that business at the Plympton Public Library is still active, strong, and growing. Our circulation continues to grow with over 16,511 items going out at the desk. Additionally, another 5,200 items were pulled from our shelves, packaged, labeled and placed into crates to fill requests from other libraries. We also sponsored or hosted 3 book clubs, a community knitting group, 25 summer reading events, 8 preschool story times, book sales, and other special events. In total, 105 programs were offered for adults, families, and children with over 1,147 people attending these events. This is exciting!

However, we are very busy behind the scenes trying to keep up with the basic daily library demands. We still need to select, purchase, process, and enter our new materials while weeding older, unused materials off the shelves. Additionally, we answer questions, troubleshoot computers, attend training sessions and meetings, and assist you at the circulation desk. This is exceptionally challenging when current budget restraints prevent us from restoring or increasing staff time to help with the demand.

This year's level funding of the library expense line leaves a disturbing and growing deficit between town funding and actual operating costs. In FY '06, \$3,000 of state aid and gift monies filled the gap due to escalating utility costs. We expect to use the 2007 state aid of \$3,200 and an additional reimbursement of \$1,275 to help bridge the expected gap of \$5,500 this year.

To maintain our good standing with the state and remain eligible for state aid monies, we must continue to spend 20% of our budget on library materials. Therefore, we have continued to expand our popular DVD collections and now offer books-on-cd for all ages. Naturally, we purchase many best selling books for our avid readers and offer more selections than ever in large print format. We have also expanded our young adult collection to meet the growing need.

Remember to check our web site, www.plymptonlibrary.org, for current library information. Our home page allows you to scan the calendar of upcoming events for the next 14 days, check on library hours, download a book onto an MP-3 player, or click into the SAILS library catalog. You may also renew materials, reserve your next book or movie, or find a newspaper or journal article through one of the state-sponsored databases. Don't know how. stop by and we will be glad to show you.

The quickly changing world of technology is always at our backs. We are constantly challenged to stay as current as possible. Luckily, we were able to use gift monies to purchase a new Dell computer for public Internet access. Three computers are now available for your use in one

hour intervals and may be reserved ahead. We also offer a wireless connection so stop by with your notebook, find a quiet spot, and surf the web.

As always, we rely heavily on our many volunteers. This year over 55 people assisted us in some way. All our programs, some of our daily library work, many special events and building problems use volunteers in one way or another. Thanks once again for sharing your time and talents with us. We would not be the same place without you. Thank you!

TOPLA, the Town of Plympton Library Association, continues to struggle with building maintenance issues. They paid over \$5,384 this year for building insurance, the HVAC contract and heat pump repairs. The long-standing issues of water in the basement and a leaky tower in the main room remain to be conquered. In addition, TOPLA also oversees the various art displays on the gallery wall.

Thanks again to those TOPLA members who have persevered for so long.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Batson, Director

Judy Cronan, Library Technician

Kathy Keirstead, Circulation Clerk

Brenda Traynor, Trustee Chair

Susan Wallis, Vice-Chair

Kristine Boyles, Secretary

Lisa Hart, Treasurer

Emily Ballerino

Caren Rempelakis

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

In 2006 the Committee continued to expand and enhance the official town Web site, <http://town.plympton.ma.us>, while maintaining over 1000 pages of content, images and data files through 600 hours of volunteer effort.

The Committee held two events in 2006 to scan historical pictures and documents, digitizing over two hundred objects. We also implemented a new Web-based tool to store those images and their associated data, and the images are being added to that database. It will be brought on-line in early 2007, giving residents and other interested parties ready access to an exciting cache of historical images and documents of the town.

The Committee further supports Plympton each year by:

- posting pre- and post-election and town meeting information,
- conducting an online poll for the annual Town Report cover,
- posting open positions,
- advertising hearings and special meetings,
- advertising town events on the site Calendar,
- managing an email notification list used to notify subscribers of special postings,
- posting local news stories and links to published Plympton news, and
- maintaining contact and process information for over forty town departments and committees.

We thank the residents, departments and committees of Plympton for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxwell C. West, Chairman
Jon K. Wilhelmsen, Vice-Chair
Brian Wick, Clerk
Carolyn DeCristofano
Steven W. Ziglar
Randy Sullivan
webmaster@town.plympton.ma.us.

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a local body that helps to interpret the laws of the Commonwealth and the Plympton's bylaws in a way that makes sense for your neighborhood. We are a local forum for zoning issues. Our rules, application forms and informative FAQ are available on the town website: <http://town.plympton.ma.us>

All hearings and other meetings 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.

In 2006 the ZBA granted three Special Permits: one to construct an indoor horse riding ring (commercial stable), one to operate a bed and breakfast (guest house), and one to operate a dog kennel.

The board also granted two variances: one for setback requirements for an addition to a single-family home and another for minimum lot size in re-configuring two lots.

In three cases the board determined that it lacked jurisdiction to act on applications.

In one case the board upheld a ruling by the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and required the removal of a non-conforming shed.

In one case the board overturned a ruling by the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer and allowed a building to be constructed for agricultural storage.

The ZBA is a place where democracy operates right out in the open. If you believe in our system of government, consider serving by becoming a member!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Mattern
William McClellan
Scott Sauchuck

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, conducts public hearings on subdivision applications and, through our consulting engineers, oversees the construction of subdivision infrastructure. The Planning Board also conducts site plan review for commercial and industrial developments, reviews building permit applications and holds public hearings for certain types of special permits. The Planning Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Planning Board office at the Town House, unless otherwise stated.

This year, Jack O'Leary was re-elected to the Planning Board at the Annual Town Election. The Planning Board, at its organizational meeting elected Mr. O'Leary Chair and Don Matatall, Clerk.

Perhaps due to the downturn in real estate sales, the Planning Board did not receive any new subdivision applications this year. The Board did receive, and act on, numerous requests to endorse plans for which subdivision approval is not required under the Subdivision Control Law. Such divisions of property were the primary source of the Planning Board's activity this year, suggesting that the owners of larger tracts of land in the community are actively dividing their properties for resale, but are doing so through the method with the least Planning Board oversight.

In light of the absence of major development proposals, the Planning Board had time to reevaluate the existing Subdivision Control Regulations. These regulations have been modified in a piecemeal fashion over the years and a comprehensive re-issuance of such regulations had not occurred for some time. The Planning Board is in the process of reevaluating and reissuing these regulations. Additionally, the Planning Board is in the process of proposing modifications to the Zoning Bylaw to take into consideration the current pattern of development in our community and to promote harmonious development.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack O'Leary, Chair
Don Matatall, Clerk
John Rantuccio
Ann Sobolewski
Ken Thompson

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging consists of eight members who meet on the second Monday of each month at the Town House. The main function of the COA is to coordinate the needs of Plympton's senior population with available resources throughout the local or State area.

This year we continued to provide a blood pressure clinic on the second Tuesday of each month through Partner's Home Health Care as well as the flu clinic in December. We are still offering an exercise class on Thursday mornings in the function room at the Woodlands Senior Housing for all interested Plympton seniors.

The Council on Aging 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.

The Council on Aging provides the services of a senior aide for transportation to doctor's appointments or grocery shopping. The aide also makes visits to shut-ins and nursing homes as well as writes the Council on Aging monthly newsletter. Unfortunately, our aide has been sick for the past couple of months so we have relied very heavily on our volunteers. As the baby boomers in Town are aging, our elder population is exploding. The number of elders (60+) has grown 58% in the past six years. Plympton now has a critical need for affordable and convenient transportation. A committee has been formed to address this problem. In December, they, along with Fire Chief Dave Rich met with representatives of AMR to discuss one possible solution. This problem will be the top priority for the Council on Aging this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Henry, Director

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Plympton Historical Commission (The Commission) , the 3-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 completed its work toward recognition of the Plympton Village area as a National Register Historic District. The National Register is the nation's official list of buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects important in American history, culture, architecture, or archaeology. The area in question extends along Rte 58 from the Town House to the Parsonage/Mayflower intersection and includes the Green and both cemeteries. The final National Register Nomination form detailing the landscapes and structures recognized in the nomination is available on our Web page at <http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc.html>. To complete the application process The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) in conjunction with The Commission held a public meeting in December prior to the review of the application by the MHC board. The MHC board approved the application and is due to submit to the National Park Service in early January. The Commission is confident that approval and listing will be complete in time for the June 2007 Tercentennial celebration. The Commission would like to extend a special thanks to Max West, former Commission member Deborah West, consultants Martha Lyon and Gregory Farmer, and MHC staff Michael Steinitz, Betsy Friedberg and Phil Bergen for all their hard work and dedication, without which this recognition would not have been possible.

The Commission reviewed and approved two requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings. Both of the requests required site visits and one of the two requests required a public hearing. Further details on the demolition delay bylaw can be found on our Web site.

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. The Commission has worked closely over the past year with Highway Surveyor Jim Mulcahy to address final details and we look forward to our continued participation as the project gets under way.

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*
Walter Peterson

Associate Members:
Dorran Prescott
Jonathan Shaw
Brian Wick

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.

There were no reviewable changes within the district in 2006.

Respectfully submitted

Jonathan Shaw
Stuart Chase
Charles Nickerson
Alfred Norton
Carol Quindley
Richard Stover
Marylouise Sayles

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON RECREATION COMMISSION

In 2005 the Recreation Commission established the Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program to generate revenue to expand the Commission's support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. This program offers local businesses and organizations advertising exposure during the Town's baseball season by purchasing advertising space available along the fences at the Town's athletic fields. In order for the Recreation Commission to manage the funds generated from this program (along with any other funds generated from fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs) the Commission established a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

Revenue from the Revolving Fund and Appropriation accounts have been used to both improve and maintain the infrastructure for our Town's youth sports programs, including baseball, softball and soccer. Specific activities and achievements include:

The Recreation Commission, in coordination with the Dennett Elementary School, CASA and PAYS, completed the Dennett Elementary School fence project in 2005. The Dennett School Softball Field is now the home field for Plympton Youth Softball.

The Recreation Commission coordinated maintenance and improvement efforts at the Holt Field and the Dennett Elementary School Soccer Fields. The installation of a French drain around the perimeter of the Holt Field, fertilization of both locations, infield improvements including the installation of a new sod infield, and construction of a retaining wall are the result of a solicited donation to the Town of Plympton.

The Recreation Commission helped Plympton Youth Soccer get underway in 2005 by providing soccer goals and other accessories for the Dennett Soccer Fields.

The Commission assumed responsibility for the annual maintenance of the irrigation system at the Dennett Fields. The Commission also ensures that portable sanitation facilities are provided at both the Holt Field and Dennett Fields during their respective playing seasons.

The Recreation Commission provided materials and labor to repair the swings at the Dennett Elementary School and the bleachers at the Holt Field in 2006.

The goal of the Recreation Commission in 2007 is to install a new community playground at the Dennett Elementary School. Discussions with Principal Holt and members of the School Committee to share our ideas have been held and we have strong support from all of the interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Bailey
Shawn Durgin
Andy Karparis
Dan Shannon

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

In accordance with the Commission's objectives of promoting agriculture, agricultural activities and preservation of agricultural land in the town, a warrant article restating the "Massachusetts Right To Farm" Act was presented to and adopted as a by-law at the May 18, 2006 Town Meeting.

As a by-law of the town, it will serve to provide further awareness of farming activities and their economic and open space advantages to our towns, as well as make prospective residents aware that Plympton is a Right to Farm community.

Since the establishment of the Commission in May of 2004, our members have attended educational seminars directed toward establishing further goals in support of the Plympton farming community, as well as training in agricultural mediation.

Respectively submitted,

Rebecca Lipton, Acting Chairperson
Richard Nordahl, Vice Chairman
Paul Harju
Linda Schauwecker
John Ruprecht
Richard Burnet

REPORT OF THE TERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Tercentennial Committee has been meeting since October of 2005 to plan and organize the Tercentennial Celebration. Our objective is to make this truly a community celebration. As Plympton residents, our hope is you will support our efforts and participate in the festivities. Together we can make this milestone a truly memorable one.

Monday, June 4, 2007

- Dennett students celebrate Plympton's birthday, Joan Gatturna portrays Deborah Sampson.
- Birthday celebration and premier of Tercentennial video documentary 7:00 pm, Town House.

Saturday, June 23, 2007 "Rain or Shine"

- Colonel Bailey's 2nd Militia Encampment on Ball Fields behind Town House 9:30–10:30 am and 2:00–5:00 pm, Battle Re-Enactment on Town Green following parade.
- Tercentennial Parade 11:00 am. Parade kicks off at the intersection of Brook Street and Upland Road. Parade route: right on Brook Street, Colchester Road, Mayflower Road, right on Main Street, to Town Green. No street parking on parade route.
- Enjoy the music of Mad Dog, Tex, and the Cat, 8:00 pm, Upland Club.

Sunday, June 24, 2007 "Rain or Shine"

- Old Home Day 11:00 am –5:00 pm, Town Green. Chicken BBQ, hamburgers, and hotdogs served at 12:30, live music, family games, church talent show winners perform, chalk art, petting zoo, pony rides, and face painting. 500 BBQ tickets available, cost \$10 adults and \$5 children. Tickets available for purchase by mail May 14th–May 29th, make checks payable to the Town of Plympton Tercentennial and indicate the number of adult/children tickets needed. May 29th–June 4th tickets can be purchased in Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. Picnic lunches welcome. Committee requests no alcohol or pets.
- The Antique House and Garden Tour hosted by the Plympton Historical Society. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Featuring the Historic Deborah Sampson House and the Circa 1670, Stephen Bryant House and more. Tickets \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 day of tour. Contact Kimberly Russo for more information 582-2140.
- Adult horseshoe tournament 11:30 am, behind Town House.
- Joan Gatturna portrays Deborah Sampson, 11:30 am and 1:30 pm, Town House Auditorium.
- Tercentennial Adult Softball "Championship" game 2:30 pm, Holt Field behind Town House.

Any financial support you wish to provide can be sent to the Plympton Tercentennial Committee, 5 Palmer Road, Plympton, MA 02367. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Plympton with Tercentennial noted on the check.

Respectfully,

The Tercentennial Committee

Christine Joy, Chairman

Nancy Butler, Secretary

Lisa Krance, Treasurer

Members:

Debbie Anderson

Andy Karparis

Debbie Batson

Walter Peterson

Phil Burnham

Mark Reilly

Ann Freitas

Sherri Slater

Bob Gohl

Cathy Vautrinot

Siobhan Green

Elizabeth Westley

REPORT OF 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 2006.

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 2006 season began with a normal water table until record May precipitation 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 13,708 requests for service from residents.

In response to the elevated threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on July 17, 2006. Of the season's record breaking total of one hundred fifty seven EEE isolates, fifty four were from Plymouth County as follows: Bridgewater- 8/1(2), 8/18, 8/19; Brockton- 9/18; Carver- 7/17, 8/2, 8/6, 8/21(2), 8/22, 10/2; Cohasset- 8/25; East Bridgewater- 8/9; Halifax- 8/2(2), 8/7, 8/10, 8/16, 8/21, 8/31(3); Hanover- 9/18; Hingham- 9/12; Kingston- 8/7(2), 8/10(2), 8/21, 8/22, 9/25; Lakeville- 7/25, 7/26(2), 8/2, 8/6(4), 8/22; Marshfield- 8/31; Mattapoisett- 8/10; Middleboro- 8/1; Pembroke- 8/16; Plympton- 7/31, 8/16(2), 8/28, 8/30; Rochester- 9/6; Rockland- 8/14 and Scituate- 9/12. Five human cases of EEE were confirmed statewide with cases reported in Lakeville and Middleboro. Three horses were diagnosed with EEE in Plymouth County (Lakeville, Middleboro and Pembroke). A Llama from Scituate was also tested positive for EEE.

Analysis of risk indicators in Southeastern Massachusetts were showing that the risk of human EEE infection was at a critical level. This precipitated aerial spraying at dusk on August 8th of approximately 159,000 acres and an expanded aerial spray zone of approximately

425,000 acres between August 22nd and 24th which included a great portion of Plymouth County. We normally end our spray season on Labor Day. This year we suspended our ULV ground spray season on September 30. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts will be at a "moderate level of EEE risk" beginning the 2007 season.

We are pleased to report that in 2006 there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. A total of five birds tested positive for WNV in the following three towns: Bridgewater (3), Brockton (1) and Pembroke (1). A total of six isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Bridgewater (8/22), Carver (8/21), Halifax (8/30), Kingston (9/19), Pembroke (8/6) and Plympton (8/30).

The recurring problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website 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. 3,147 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.

During the summer 540 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission

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 2006 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 250 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, which 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 187 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Plympton indicates that *Aedes vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Coquillettidia perturbans* and *Culiseta melanura*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Michael J. Pieroni, Vice-Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Secretary
William J. Mara
Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.

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 2006.

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. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

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, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Halifax and Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2006 Area Plan; the OCPC 2006 DataBook; the Old Colony 2006 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); BAT - FY 2006 Ridership Analysis; BAT - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP); BAT - Title VI Plan; numerous Intersection/Technical Studies, and the FFY 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This past year, the Council conducted traffic counts at approximately 225 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued work on updating the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; OCPC Policy Plan; East Bridgewater Economic Target Area (ETA) designation; Route 3A Corridor Study in Kingston and Plymouth; Easton Circulation Study; and participation on the MBTA Taskforce in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Growth Impact Study. OCPC is also working with the Regional Wastewater Committee including the towns of Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater and the City of Brockton on developing a scope for a feasibility study looking at potential regional solutions to wastewater management. The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 100,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,000 hours of legal services; and approximately 500,000 meals to the seniors.

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 2006, the Council elected Robert Overholtzer of Hanson as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Treasurer; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary. 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 Mary Willis 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
James Mulcahy, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

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: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation.

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PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Plympton, Massachusetts
Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ms. Lisa Hart, Chairma	Term Expires 2008
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Ms. Susan Ossoff, Secretary	Term Expires 2009
Ms. Maureen Springer	Term Expires 2009
Vacancy	Term Expires

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.

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Ms. Joy Blackwood	Assistant Superintendent
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Mr. John Tuffy	Director of Business Services

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.

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Plympton Elementary School Committee is the elected body responsible for reviewing and approving the budget for the Dennett, establishing and reviewing educational goals and policies, and assessing the current and future needs for our students at the Dennett Elementary School. The School Committee is made up of five members elected to staggered three-year terms. This year Scott Merrill, a long time School Committee member, resigned from his position. We thank Scott for his many years of dedication to the children of the Dennett. We hope that a new volunteer will step up to fill this position and help continue the important work that the School Committee is responsible for.

The School Committee wishes to acknowledge the retirement of Mrs. Joan Brides and to thank her for her dedication to our children. For almost 20 years Mrs. Brides was the reading specialist at the Dennett and has helped numerous children to reach their potential. In her final year at the Dennett she also took on the roll of 1st grade classroom teacher.

The School Committee was pleased to support the implementation of full-day kindergarten for students at the Dennett School this year. This is the first year that this has been offered in Plympton. The funding for this program comes in part from a R.E.A.P. (Rural Education Achievement Program) grant, which is a Federal grant that is available to school districts with an enrollment of 600 or fewer students. R.E.A.P. grant funds can be used for certain specific purposes, one of which is for innovative programs which includes extended-day kindergarten programs. Other funds used to support the kindergarten came from savings that were realized by no longer needing to run the mid-day bus to take students home and pick them up for the half-day program.

Plympton is the first town in the Silver Lake district to implement full-day kindergarten for its students. The Administration has indicated that the teachers, staff, parents, and most importantly the students, have all made a smooth transition to full-day kindergarten and are pleased with the academic and social benefits that are offered by having the children at school for a full day.

The Dennett, besides being our elementary school in Plympton, has more and more become a community center. This year the school was able to host the town's annual antique show to much success. The school is also the home of many of the town's youth sports, including basketball, soccer and girls softball, as well as a weekly men's basketball game. The use of the school's facilities and fields has allowed the town to begin many of its own teams and no longer has to join with other towns in order for our children to be involved.

The School Committee would like to recognize and thank our teachers, staff and administration. These people are the real reason the Dennett is the excellent school that it is. Through their dedication and hard work they ensure that our children will have an excellent and enriched education. The School

Committee also wishes to extend thanks to CASA, the Community and School Association. CASA contributes to the school in many ways, from organizing and sponsoring activities and programs, to providing volunteers and needed funds. The Committee is very grateful for the support of CASA.

The School Committee meets monthly at the school. Usually at 4:30 on the 3rd Monday of the month, or as posted at the town hall. As always, community participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Hart, Chair
Patricia Killeen, Vice-Chair
Susan Ossoff,
Secretary and Maureen Springer

REPORT OF THE SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Year 2006 has been very exciting for Silver Lake Regional School District. Many years of planning and dedication to building and funding the new buildings at Silver Lake came to fruition in January 2006 when the students were first allowed access to the classroom wing of the new Silver Lake Regional High School. Although they were to wait for the remainder of the project to be completed, they were able to watch as the old building was demolished to make way for the new section of the High School. The history in the building made the demolition of the old building bitter sweet, but the transformation of the campus in the summer and fall of 2006 made all of us proud, especially of our towns for having the faith in our Committee to go forward with such a big project. The 73% reimbursement from the State also helped, especially when legislation changed and allowed Silver Lake to start collecting some of that money right away. This will save substantially for the towns in interest that we will not have to pay.

The second most exciting event was changing from block scheduling to a seven period day. The committee felt that a better learning process and the ability to do away with "study" periods filling the students schedules with classes would benefit all. There were and are adjustments and this year with full cooperation from our hard working administrators and teaching staff, we are working out the changes this scheduling has brought.

The Committee wishes to thank Joan Rogers for her years of dedication to the Silver Lake School District, and welcome Cassandra Hanson from Halifax who joined our board this year. This year our Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth Sorrell was chosen to be Superintendent in Carver leaving us all with happiness for her but a sadness of loss for Silver Lake. Her work ethic and many accomplishments were so appreciated. We interviewed two very capable candidates for the job of Assistant Superintendent and chose Joy Blackwood as the new Assistant Superintendent of the Silver Lake Regional School District PreK-12, we have been very happy with the easy transition, her work and the energetic way she approaches everything. The Building Committee plans an Open House and Dedication of the new Silver Lake Regional High School soon and hope that many will attend and have an opportunity to see the new facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Doherty, Chairman
Maureen Springer, Secretary
Cassandra Hanson, Asst. Treasurer
Thomas Calter
James Connolly

John Creed, Vice Chair/Leg. Agent
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Thomas Cambria

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Silver Lake Regional School District and the elementary schools of Superintendency Union 31 School District serving Kingston, Halifax and Plympton continue to strive toward excellence in education for each of the students in the districts. Strong indicators of student performance have been demonstrated at each of the schools, and targeted areas of improvement have been established at each of the schools. Renewal of our Reading and English Language Arts curriculum has begun at all levels with a focus on early remedial efforts for beginning readers, and strong support for literacy at all levels of instruction in every one of our schools.

The Silver Lake Middle and High School campus is nearly complete, with work on the new High School auditorium anticipated to finish this summer. The completion of the High School and 14 acres of additional playing fields within budget and ahead of schedule is a remarkable accomplishment. This is to the credit of the building committee, evidenced by strong committee leadership, good project management, and a bit of good fortune. The formal dedication later this year will mark a significant milestone for the three communities in providing a strong commitment to education. Mr. Dennis Azevedo was appointed Principal at the Middle School this year, and Mr. Richard Kelley continues his strong leadership as the High School Principal.

Halifax Elementary School is currently serving 727 students, prompting concern for potential future capacity of the current building. A study this spring of enrollment projections based on economic factors in the community will inform the school committee of the potential need for expanded facilities in the years to come. Each of the towns face similar issues with planned growth proposed in each of the towns. Dennett Elementary School in Plympton continues to promote strong student achievement, and has adopted a full day kindergarten program this year under a pilot study. Kingston has appointed two new principals this year to lead their schools. Ms. Paula Bartosiak is Principal for Kingston Elementary School, and Ms. Cheryl Wrin is Principal for the Kingston Intermediate School. Ms. Joy Blackwood was appointed to serve as Assistant Superintendent, K-12, leading a strong program of assessment, instruction, and professional development for each of the districts' schools.

As your Superintendent of Schools, my goal is to provide our students with a high quality education, exceeding the communities' expectations. Together as we take on this task, I also strongly value the communities' input and feedback, so that the result is a school system that is responsive to the values of the community, responsible in its use of community resources, and forward looking in its work on behalf of our students.

**DENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PHILIP HOLT, PRINCIPAL
HIGHLIGHTS – 2006**

The past twelve months have been very productive. The students at the Dennett Elementary School continue to receive an excellent education and MCAS scores consistently remain some of the highest in the area. The Dennett staff continues to strive to promote a culture of learning whose goal is to assist each student in the attainment of their full social, cognitive, physical, and cultural potential.

In January, students participated in the National Geographic Bee. In February, Grades 4, 5, and 6 did their best in the Spelling Bee Finals. Our 14th Annual Spring Read-a-thon featured Celebrity Readers and activities that encouraged students to read. The fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduation included a variety of work created and presented by the students. As part of the Reading at the Lake program we had visits from several authors. One of the highlights for Grade 6 this year was their three-day environmental field trip to Cape Cod .

This fall the Dennett Elementary School was able to begin an extended day (all day) Kindergarten program, made possible by utilizing grant funds under the “innovative program” option. Kindergarten students and teachers will have the opportunity to explore topics in greater depth. The new school year began with several new staff members: Ms. Elizabeth Leek, Grade 1 teacher; Ms. Patrice Kelley, Art teacher; Mrs. Geraldine O’Reilly, Library/Media Specialist; and Ms. Julie Lynch, Physical Education teacher.

The Dennett Elementary School has always been an important part of the Plympton community. For the first time this past fall, the Plympton Historical Society successfully held their annual antique show in the Dennett School’s gym. Our athletic fields and gym are used regularly by the community for after-school activities. The fields have been upgraded and maintained by a variety of Plympton individuals and groups. The Dennett School Council embarked on the Dennett Walkway project a year ago and, thanks to the generous support of many, the engraved bricks have been installed and the Walkway is now complete. Our courtyard is in the process of receiving a serious makeover by the Horticultural Department of Silver Lake High School’s Career and Technical Education Department, which CASA has been generous enough to finance.

CASA, our Community and School Association, describes its purpose as aiding Dennett students by promoting and providing support for their educational and recreational needs. We extend thanks to CASA again this year for their support and commitment.

The Dennett School Council is an interactive pro-educational group that works together to foster cooperative resolution of issues and concerns, school improvements actions and facilitates communication between the school and community. Along with the completion of the Dennett Walkway, the School Council updated the Parent Resource Guide and sponsored a Parent Forum that introduced *Second Step*, a violence prevention curriculum that teaches social-emotional skills. A relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Katrina resulted in a \$2,299.69 donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Response Fund. In February, the Council's penny drive benefited Pilgrim's Hope with a \$517.69 donation. The Dennett Voice newsletter was published and mailed to all Plympton households in the spring and winter, 2006. A welcome packet is given to kindergarten parents annually and to new families enrolling during the school year.

Dennett Elementary School staff is proud of the excellent education that is offered to the children of Plympton. The community and school partnership continues to be strong and helps to provide an educational environment where each child can reach his/her potential.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
RICHARD J. KELLEY, PRINCIPAL
HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2006**

This is truly an exciting and historic time at Silver Lake Regional High School. The new year will see us occupy our state-of-the art facility. The final phase of construction will occur over the winter and construction will conclude this spring with the completion of our 750-seat auditorium. Given changes in the school's structure and location, our academic program and extracurricular offerings remain consistent.

The high school implemented a new student schedule this year. Students now attend daily, hour-long classes via a seven period, drop one, rotating schedule. This schedule, in contrast to previous years where classes met every other day for 86 minutes, adds 26 hours of instructional time over the course of the school year and study halls are virtually eliminated. The Mission '07 committee of administrators, teachers, counselors, parents and students convened during the first months of school to discuss goals for the upcoming year; credit recovery, graduation requirements, and the new schedule top the list. Silver Lake Regional High School maintains full accreditation, the highest standard of evaluation offered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The No Child Left Behind Act's report card program exceeded our target in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics on the improvement scale for "Adequate Yearly Progress."

The Class of 2008 received MCAS results in the fall of 2006—91% passed math and 97% passed ELA. Also 76% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 71%, earned Proficient or Advanced scores in math. The faculty and administration continue to be committed to our school-wide goal that **every** student scores in the Proficient or Advanced category for both English/ Language Arts and Math. All of the 247 members of the Class of 2006 met the graduation requirements set forth by Silver Lake Regional High School. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 3, 2006, the proud graduates from Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton were joined by their Grade 6 teachers. Due to inclement weather, the first commencement ceremony of the new building was held indoors in the new gymnasium. Earlier that week, approximately \$192,000 in scholarship prizes and awards were bestowed upon members of the senior class. This amount does not include scholarships granted directly from colleges and universities.

Our Advanced Placement scores continue to be impressive. Those who earn scores of 3 or above earn college credit. Approximately 67% of students earned a score of 3 or higher in the following exams: Biology, Environmental Science, European History, United States History, Calculus AB, Spanish, Latin, English Literature, Music and Statistics. Our annual Evening of Excellence was held on June 7, 2006 celebrating

the academic achievement, perfect attendance and personal growth of students in Grades 9 through 11. More than 600 students were honored.

Over 80% of the student body participates in extra-curricular activities and athletics. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire; including such events as: vocal and instrumental concerts, the spring Shakespearean Festival, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Students utilize their communication skills to present the televised morning announcements to the school, and they participate in the *Laker Legend*, our student newspaper that features their writing and artistic talents. Silver Lake's many clubs and organizations—Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Best Buddies, DECA, FFA and GSA—perform countless hours of community service in addition to facilitating a wide range of student activities. In May, Senior Class art students showcased their talent in a festival of visual and performing arts. During the summer months Silver Lake teachers and students participated in traditional summer school course offerings and received small-group tutoring at MCAS camp. Teachers also worked on curriculum articulation and alignment; several continued course work on advanced graduate degrees; several attended intensive training for Advanced Placement courses. In January and October faculty participated in Professional Development Inservice Days.

As a new era in Silver Lake Regional High School history is underway, the school continues to offer a rigorous and stimulating curriculum in a state of the art, well equipped building. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered in order to achieve academic and personal success.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
DENNIS A. AZEVEDO, PRINCIPAL
HIGHLIGHTS 2006**

On Wednesday, August 30, 2006, Silver Lake Regional School welcomed 618 students into its well-appointed classrooms. A summer of dedicated work by the school's staff had the three-year old building looking new and fully prepared.

The administration hired seven new teachers and a new librarian over the summer months and ran a successful "new teacher orientation" to ensure their smooth transition into the school community.

The efforts of the Mathematics Department and its coordinator resulted in a noteworthy improvement in the Math MCAS scores. The English/Language Arts and Mathematics Departments have dedicated monthly department meetings and professional development opportunities to refining and strengthening their curriculums. It is of further significance that all our departments meet bi-monthly to collaborate and discuss new teaching strategies, review educational research data, and model best practices in delivering lessons.

Our students continue to excel in both the classroom and extra-curricular activities. The first term report cards showed evidence of that with eleven percent of our students earning Principal's Honor Roll and thirty-six percent earning Honor Roll. We also celebrated the success of both our Drama Club's production of Bah, Humbug! Scrooge's Christmas Carol and the outstanding Holiday Concerts performed by our vocal and instrumental music classes.

The Silver Lake Regional Middle School PTO continues to work tirelessly in its efforts to raise funds to support and enhance our ability to provide cultural enrichment programs, guest speakers and field trips.

In an effort to improve communication between home and school we publish a quarterly newsletter, schedule three days for parent conferences, encourage faculty and parents to use e-mail as well as phone conferencing when needed, and utilize the telephone messaging system to alert all homes of important events or announcements.

Our goal at Silver Lake Regional Middle School is to provide all students with a safe and nurturing environment in which they can grow and learn. We remain focused on our **Core Values** of **Respect, Responsibility, and Academic Excellence**.

Silver Lake Regional High School
Class of 2006 - Graduation List

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Steven	David	Ankenner
Kyle	Walter	Austin
Daniel	Timothy	Bailey
Oriana	Ives	Burnet
Andrew	Timothy	Calhoun
Douglas	Allen	Dickson
Melissa	Caitilin	Dorchester
Dwight	Davis	Edwards
Kelsey	Elizabeth	English
Bailey	Ann	Fairbanks
Marc	Anthony	Ferrante
Mason	Tyler	Fiske
Julie	Elizabeth	Foster
Kevin	Joseph	Govoni
Christopher	Edward	Harris
Barry	Alan	Hebert
Allison	Anne	Ledwell
Gregory	Stephen	Long
Samantha	Joanne	Mahoney
Shane	Frederick	McAuliffe
Karen	Lynn	McKeown
Brian	Walton	Mullen
David	Timothy-Scott	Murphy
Rachel	Marie	O'Connor
Spencer	Ronan	Shedd
Jeffrey	Robert	Smith
Conor	Vincent	Stenerson
Leonard	Sterling	Teceno III
Dereck	Scott	Varley
Brandon	David	Whiting
Jacquelyn	Anne	Yau

MEMBERSHIP

Elementary	30	33	27	38	34	39	35
Total	236						

Secondary	34	46	46	41	33
Total	233				

GRAND TOTAL	469	124
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Assessors, Board of	781-585-3227
Building Department	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 MS	781-582-3555
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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