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**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the Town Officers  
and Committees  
For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2007**

**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 2008 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2008 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 2008 Election of Officers from 7:00 Am to 8:00 PM, Saturday, May 17, 2008 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

**2007 CENSUS**

2,864

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

1,916

**TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

William D. Delahunt

**US SENATORS**

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

**PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT**

Therese Murray

**TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**

Thomas J. Calter

## **In Memoriam**



**Stephen Maxim Lee**  
**February 13, 1951 – April 16, 2007**

**Library Building Committee**  
**Town Barn Study Committee**  
**Ambulance Study Committee**  
**Capital Improvement Committee**  
**Town House Building Committee**  
**Finance Committee**

## MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

<b><u>Board/Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
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 <sup>st</sup> Tues. & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:30 pm
Conservation Com.	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:30 pm
Historical Com.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:30 pm
Library Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat.--Library	8:30 am
Finance Committee	By Appointment	
Council on Aging	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	1:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday	7:00 pm
Wiring Inspector	Monday	7:00 pm
School Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.—Dennett	4:30 pm
Veteran's Agent	By Appointment	

**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS  
2007**

**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 McMorro (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)

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**March 19, 2007**

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

**Town House Auditorium in said Plympton**

**Monday, March 19, 2007 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 see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$175,000 to budget line 82 "Regional School Assessment" or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$23,500 to conduct financial audits of fiscal year 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Treasurer/Town Accountant**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,912.33 to budget line #85 (Int/Loans/Refunds) or take any other action relative thereto.

**Treasurer/Town Accountant**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2008 Triennial Revaluation (Real Estate - \$20,000 Residential and \$10,000 commercial/industrial) and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

**Board of Assessors**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to 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 6.** To see if the Town will vote to 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 7.** To see if the Town will vote to 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.

**Finance Committee**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007.

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Joseph A. Freitas

Robert H. Vautrinot

Abdu Nessralla Jr.

**Board of Selectmen**

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David Batchelder

Date: 1 March, 2007

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**March 19, 2007**

Moderator William L. Slater declared there being a quorum present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. at the Plympton Town House. Mr. Slater led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Moderator read the call to the warrant and Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant.

There were 60 registered voters present. Mr. Slater introduced the Board of Selectmen, The Finance Committee, and Town Accountant Barbara Gomez. The tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was Neil Murphy.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to allow Town Account Barbara Gomez, a nonresident, to speak if necessary at the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

**Article 1. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$175,000 to budget line 82 "Regional School Assessment".

**Unanimous**

**Article 2. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$23,500 to conduct financial audits of fiscal year 2006.

**Unanimous**

**Article 3. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,912.33 to budget line #85 (Int/Loans/Refunds).

**Unanimous**

**Article 4. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2008 Triennial Revaluation (Real Estate - \$20,000 Residential and \$10,000 commercial/industrial) and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

**Declared majority motion carries**

Jacquelynn Norrie made a motion to challenge the count. Moderator Slater asked for support of the motion and noted the response was in excess of 7, in accordance with the Town Bylaws. The moderator then called for a standing vote.

**Voted: 28 YES    21 NO**  
**Declared majority motion carries**

**Article 5. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from the Free Cash \$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.  
**Declared majority motion carries**

**Article 6. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000 for the purpose of a cyclical measure and list of all properties within the Town.  
**Declared majority motion carries**

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$34,000 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.  
**2/3 Vote**  
**Declared majority motion carries**

**Article 8. Voted:** (On the motion or Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$26,000 to be added to the Reserve Fund.  
**Declared majority motion carries**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Town vote to dissolved the Special Town Meeting.  
**Unanimous**

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## **PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**May 16, 2007**

PLYMOUTH, ss.

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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 16, 2007 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 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,851 from budget line 21 "Town Counsel" to budget line 36 "Blanket Insurance" or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 3.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,000 to budget line 18 "New Town House" to offset shortfalls or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 4.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to budget line 64 "Police Services" to cover a shortfall in routine patrol funding created by several unanticipated events and lengthy investigations throughout the year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 5.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money into budget line 68 "Police Department Expenses" to cover unanticipated and inflationary costs or take any other action relative thereto.

## **Chief of Police**

**Article 6.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to budget line 62 "Fire Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Fire Chief**

**Article 7.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$44,850.00, 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 8.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,200 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 13 "Tax Collector Expense" or take any other action relative thereto.

### ***Tax Collector***

**Article 9.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$620.00 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 24 "Banking Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Treasurer**

**Article 10.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,200.00 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 38 "Medicare" or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Treasurer**

**Article 11.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$100.00 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 5 "Town Accountant Expense" or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Treasurer and Town Accountant**

**Article 12.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from existing funds the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting a Town House/Police Department facility needs assessment and preliminary design for the renovation/expansion of the current Town House building or construction of a new building or take any action relative thereto.

### **Board of Selectmen**



**Article 13.** To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2008 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Treasurer**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2007 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto:

**WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2008**

**A. Firefighters (Part Time)**

Deputy Chief	\$	22.00
Captain	\$	20.50
Lieutenant	\$	19.50
Certified EMT I	\$	19.00
Firefighter	\$	18.50
Certified EMT	\$	18.50
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	\$	25.00

**B. Highway Labor**

Working Foreman	\$	16.88	\$	18.53
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$	16.13	\$	16.80
Laborer	\$	13.15	\$	13.80

**C. Town Labor**

Laborer	\$	13.15	\$	13.80
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$	15.20	\$	15.88
Disposal Attendant	\$	13.54	\$	14.21

**D. Clerical**

Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$	8.60	\$	9.28
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$	11.02	\$	11.70
Senior Clerk- 5 years	\$	12.44	\$	13.10

**E. Accounting/ Assessor**

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$ 11.47	\$ 12.14
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 1 year	\$ 12.75	\$ 13.41
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 years	\$ 14.57	\$ 15.22
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 years	\$ 15.88	\$ 16.49
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$ 16.61	\$ 18.58

#### **F. Selectmen's Office**

Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$ 11.02	\$ 11.70
Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.55
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$ 14.12	\$ 14.79
Assistant to Board	\$ 16.61	\$ 18.58

#### **G. Library**

Director	\$ 17.90	\$ 20.34
Senior Library Technician	\$ 13.53	\$ 16.40
Library Technician	\$ 12.91	\$ 14.67
Circulation Clerk	\$ 10.59	\$ 12.26
Library Clerk	\$ 8.83	\$ 10.83

#### **H. Salaried Employees**

Fire Chief	\$ 47,722.72	\$ 61,463.04
Police Chief	\$ 47,722.72	\$ 61,463.04
Police Sergeant	\$41,697.05	\$48,111.98
Police Matron	\$10/hour	
Special Police Officer	\$12/hour	
Librarian	\$ 27,264.62	\$ 30,327.75
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$ 22,556.26	\$ 24,899.81
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$ 25,639.42	\$ 28,104.75
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$ 28,432.28	\$ 32,871.04
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,971.42	\$ 3,001.85

*Wage & Personnel Board*

**Article 15.** 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 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2007 or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Treasurer**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$12,500, the Town's matching share of a FEMA grant, to repair of the drainage system in Blanchard Estates or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to the Town Buildings Maintenance Warrant article for the repair and maintenance of Town buildings.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,450 to provide transportation service to the Town's senior citizens.

#### **Board of Selectmen/Council on Aging**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to increase the number of voting members of the Historical Commission from three (3) members to five (5) members. The additional appointments will be one (1) member for a one (1) year term, one (1) member for a three (3) year term and for three (3) year terms thereafter or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Historical Commission**

**Article 21.** 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 ½, 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 ½ 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 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$22,996.12 to pay the annual lease payments for police patrol vehicles as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Chief of Police**

**Article 23.** 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 and equipping one (1) full-time police officer or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Chief of Police**

**Article 24.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds a sum of money to fund a cost of living adjustment for police officers as negotiated between the Town and the union representing the officers or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Chief of Police**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44§ 53E ½, for the use by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of subsidizing the Town's map updates. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through fees collected by the Planning Board from the creation of new lots. The Board of Assessors 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§ 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$5,000. 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.

#### **Board of Assessors**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$122,176 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 § 34-2A of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto

#### **Highway Surveyor**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrowing under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9, the sum of \$31,900.00 to purchase a dump truck, with a trade, to replace a 1994 F350 one-ton dump truck or enter

into a lease purchase agreement for the same, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Highway Surveyor**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$105,000 to purchase a front end loader, with a trade, to replace the Town's 1988 John Deere loader backhoe or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Highway Surveyor**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$43,000 to purchase an excavator with a trailer to replace the Town's 1988 John Deere loader backhoe or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Highway Surveyor**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$120,000 to purchase a dump truck with sander body and snowplow, with a trade, to replace the Town's 1987 F-800 truck and sander or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Highway Surveyor**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel by-law Section 14. Holidays by the deleting the current section and replacing it with the following:

#### **Section 14. Holidays**

The following Mass. Legal holidays will be observed as paid non-working days for all permanent full time employees. Permanent part time employees working twenty (20) or more hours per week will receive four (4) hours compensation of the number of hours normally worked on that day per holiday.

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	President's Day
Patriot's Day	Memorial Day	Independence Day
Labor Day	Columbus Day	Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Day	

#### **Wage and Personnel Board**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 5.6-Lot Area-of the Zoning and Municipal Bylaws to add the following language:

"5.6.1: Minimum Contiguous Upland Requirement: At least 40% of the minimum lot size required shall be contiguous upland [i.e., not a (1) bank, bog, dune, marsh, swamp, or wet meadow under the Massachusetts General Laws,

Chapter 131, Section 40; river front area under the Massachusetts River Protections Act” or take any other action relative thereto.

**Citizens Petition Elizabeth Princiotta and Others**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 5.8-Retreat lots number 1. to add the following language:

“(1a) Minimum Contiguous Upland Requirement: At least 40% of the minimum lot size required shall be contiguous upland [i.e., not a (1) bank, bog, dune, marsh, swamp, or wet meadow under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40; river front area under the Massachusetts River Protections Act” or take any other action relative thereto.

**Citizens Petition Elizabeth Princiotta and Others**

**Article 34.** 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 an two door four wheel drive EMS First Response Vehicle and to trade in the 1971 International Harvester brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed \$165,000 with the first payment of \$22,000 (first of ten payments) not due before July 1, 2007 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Chief**

**Article 35.** 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 \$350,000 with the first payment of \$37,000 (first of fifteen payments) not due before July 1, 2007 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Chief**

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$350,000 to purchase and equip a four door pumping fire truck to replace the 1975 International Harvester pumping fire truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Chief**

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following bylaw:

**Fire Protection**

- a. No lot within the subdivision shall be further than 1,000 feet from an adequate source of water, as defined below, measured along an existing public way and/or proposed subdivision road shown on the definitive subdivision plan and the access way to the source of water.

- b. A source of water shall be adequate if it is no farther (vertically or horizontally) than 10 feet from the nearest access point which can be reached by the fire department and is (in order of desirability):
  1. A water hole having a minimum recharge rate of 500 gallons per minute for a minimum period of two hours, or
  2. A water hole containing a minimum of 40,000 gallons throughout the year.
  3. Distances to and from a water hole may be measured to and from a dry hydrant connection, specifications for which shall be approved by the Fire Chief, and connected to a water hole as described in paragraph b.1 and b.2 above.

(In the event that an adequate source of water can not be provided by means of a water hole as specified in subparagraphs b.1 or b.2 above, then the Planning Board may, upon recommendation of the Fire Chief and a showing that said water holes are not feasible as a matter of engineering, approve the installation of a dry hydrant connected to a storage tank with minimum capacity of 20,000 gallons (or such other lesser minimum capacity as may be designated by the Chief of the Town Fire Department), which tank shall be automatically maintained at full capacity by recharge from a well and pump system satisfactory, as shown to the Planning Board in writing and to the Chief of the Town Fire Department.

#### **Fire Chief**

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following bylaw:

#### **Fire Protection**

##### **Temporary Fire Watch Patrol**

- a. Purpose
 

In order to avoid relocating persons from, or evacuation of, any building, structure, place of business, place of habitation or vacant or abandoned building or structure which in the judgment of the Head of Fire Department or Fire Marshal is imminently dangerous or presents the existence of conditions likely to cause fire or explosion, the Head of the Fire Department or Fire Marshal may order the owner, agent, or manager of such building, structure, business or place of habitation to provide a temporary fire watch patrol if the Head of the Fire Department or Fire Marshal determines a reasonable level of fire or life safety may be obtained.
- b. Rules and Regulations
  1. The temporary fire watch personnel shall be specially trained in fire prevention and in the use of fire extinguishers and occupant hose lines, in sounding building fire alarms, in understanding the particular fire safety situation for public education purposes, be able to instantly communicate

with the fire alarm office by radio, and remain alert and undistracted during his/her assigned hours.

2. The owner of any building, structure, place of business, place of habitation or vacant or abandoned building or structure shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with the temporary fire watch patrol.
- c. Penalties

If such costs are not reimbursed to the Town, it shall constitute a lien upon the property upon which the temporary fire watch patrol was provided.

#### **Fire Chief**

**Article 39.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6000 for the purpose of completing GIS Annotation of the digitized parcels and reproduction of finished Assessors' Map Books.

#### **Board of Assessors**

**Article 40.** 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 41.** 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 42.** 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 19, 2007 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

**Article 43.** To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 19, 2007. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Moderator: one for 3 years; Board of Selectmen: one for 3 years; Tax Collector: one for 3 years; Assessor: one for 3 years; School Committee: one for 3 years; School Committee: one for one year; Library Trustees: two (2) for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Finance Committee: one for one year; Planning Board: one for five years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Constable: one for one year.

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 23rd day of April, 2007.



Joseph A. Freitas



Abdu Nessralla Jr.



Robert H. Vautrinot

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David Batchelder (signed)

Date: 9 May, 2007

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## **PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**May 16, 2007**

Moderator William L. Slater declared there being a quorum present the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM., at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Slater asked for a moment of silence for Stephen M. Lee, former Finance Committee Member, Edward E. Gomez, III, former Finance Committee Member and Edward L. Fillion, former Highway Surveyor and Fire Warden and all other Plympton resident who passed away since our last meeting. He also asked that 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 to the flag.

Moderator Slater read the call to the warrant and the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. There were 147 registered voters present. Mr. Slater reminded us, the Town of Plympton will be celebrating our 300 birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Mr. Slater introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler and Town Counsel, Attorney Richard Bowen and Representative Thomas J. Calter. The tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was John Mulready.

At this time Mr. Slater recognized Philip O'Connell who recently was given an award, who at the age of 86, as the oldest finisher of the Boston Marathon. Mr O'Connell received a standing ovation.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to allow the following non-residents to speak at the Annual Town Meeting: Police Chief Clancy, Rep. Thomas Calter, members of the Silver Lake Regional School District: Joy Blackwood, Danna Parker, John Tuffy, and Philip Holt.

**Unanimous**

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

**Unanimous**

**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.

**Article 1. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to pass over Article 1.

**Unanimous**

**Article 2. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer the sum of \$6,851 from budget line 21 "Town Counsel" to budget line 36 "Blanket Insurance."

**Unanimous**

**Article 3. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautinot) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer from Free Cash \$7,000 to budget line 18 "New Town House" to offset shortfalls.

**Unanimous**

**Article 4.** (On the motion of Jacquelynn Norrie) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$28,000 to budget line 64 "Police Services" to cover a shortfall in routine patrol funding created by several unanticipated events and lengthy investigations throughout the year.

**Article 4. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to amend the sum from \$28,000 to \$26,500 to transfer from Free Cash to budget line 64 "Police Services" to cover a shortfall in routine patrol funding created by several unanticipated events and lengthy investigations throughout the year.

**Unanimous**

**Article 5.** (On the motion of Susan Ossoff) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,800 into budget line 68 "Police Department Expenses" to cover unanticipated and inflationary costs.

**Article 5. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to amend the sum from \$5,800 to \$5,400 to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,400 into budget line 68 "Police Department Expenses" to cover unanticipated and inflationary costs.

**Motion carries majority vote**

**Article 6.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to budget line 62 "Fire Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 6. Voted:** (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to pass over Article 6.

**Unanimous**

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$44,850.00, as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 §34-2A of the general laws.

**2/3 Vote**  
**Unanimous**

**Article 8. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer \$3,200 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 13 "Tax Collector Expense".

**Unanimous**

**Article 9. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer \$620.00 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 24 "Banking Services".

**Declared majority**

**Article 10. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer \$4,200.00 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 38 "Medicare".

**Unanimous**

**Article 11. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2007, to transfer \$100.00 from budget line 35 "Group Health" to budget line 5 "Town Accountant Expense".

**Unanimous**

**Article 12.** As related to the current fiscal year 2007, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from existing funds the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting a Town House/Police Department facility needs assessment and preliminary design for the renovation/expansion of the current Town House building or construction of a new building or take any action relative thereto.

**NO MOTION**

**Article 13. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2008 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F.

**Unanimous**

**Article 14. 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 14. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2007 with the exception of

**A. Firefighters(Part Time) Certified EMT I** and to pay as wages the following sums.

## Unanimous

### WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2008

#### A. Firefighters (Part Time)

Deputy Chief	\$	22.00
Captain	\$	20.50
Lieutenant	\$	19.50
Certified EMT I	\$	19.00
Firefighter	\$	18.50
Certified EMT	\$	18.50
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	\$	25.00

#### B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$	16.88	\$	18.53
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$	16.13	\$	16.80
Laborer	\$	13.15	\$	13.80

#### C. Town Labor

Laborer	\$	13.15	\$	13.80
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$	15.20	\$	15.88
Disposal Attendant	\$	13.54	\$	14.21

#### D. Clerical

Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$	8.60	\$	9.28
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$	11.02	\$	11.70
Senior Clerk- 5 years	\$	12.44	\$	13.10

#### E. Accounting/ Assessor

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$	11.47	\$	12.14
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 1 year	\$	12.75	\$	13.41
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 years	\$	14.57	\$	15.22
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 years	\$	15.88	\$	16.49
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$	16.61	\$	18.58

#### F. Selectmen's Office

Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$	11.02	\$	11.70
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Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.55
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$ 14.12	\$ 14.79
Assistant to Board	\$ 16.61	\$ 18.58

#### **G. Library**

Director	\$ 17.90	\$ 20.34
Senior Library Technician	\$ 13.53	\$ 16.40
Library Technician	\$ 12.91	\$ 14.67
Circulation Clerk	\$ 10.59	\$ 12.26
Library Clerk	\$ 8.83	\$ 10.83

#### **H. Salaried Employees**

Fire Chief	\$ 47,722.72	\$ 61,463.04
Police Chief	\$ 47,722.72	\$ 61,463.04
Police Sergeant	\$41,697.05	\$48,111.98
Police Matron	\$10/hour	
Special Police Officer	\$12/hour	
Librarian	\$ 27,264.62	\$ 30,327.75
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$ 22,556.26	\$ 24,899.81
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$ 25,639.42	\$ 28,104.75
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$ 28,432.28	\$ 32,871.04
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,971.42	\$ 3,001.85

**Article 14. Voted:** (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to remove classification Certified EMT I from A. Firefighters (Part Time) in the Wage Recommendations for Fiscal 2008.

#### **Motion carries**

**Article 15. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) 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 – 34A** with a hold on Line #22.

#### **Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to amend Line #22 from \$20,950 to \$21,190.

**Motion carries by majority vote**

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$318,208.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines #35 – 39.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION: \$543,502.00**

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

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH: \$174,253.00**

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

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$222,915.00**

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

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$24,416.00**

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

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT: \$43,620.00**

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

**Motion carries**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to amend the source of funding for Line #63 from raise and appropriate to transfer \$55,200 from the Ambulance Fund.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL FIRE SERVICES: \$172,778.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines #65 – 71.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$516,500.00**

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

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL AMBUANCE AND COMMUNICATION: \$2,000.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines #74 – 77.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL VETERANS: \$31,722.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #78 – 79** with a hold on Line #79.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote to amend Line # 79 from \$\$30,328 to \$31,730.00.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL LIBRARY: \$100,119.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #80 – 81A** with a hold on Line #80.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend the source of funding for Line #80 \$1,723,563 from raise and appropriate and \$104,679 from free cash.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL: \$2,195.062.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines#82 – 82A** with a hold on Line # 82.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Thomas Cambria) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #82 \$1,913,069.00**

Discussion followed.

**YES: 85 NO: 48**

**Majority motion passes**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Thomas Gillespie) The Town vote to reconsider Line #82.

**Motion to reconsider fails**

**TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS: \$2,221,391.00**

**TOTAL ALL SCHOOL: \$4,416,385.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #83 \$40,000.**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL RESERVE FUND: \$40,000.00**



**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate Lines #84 – 86A.

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL: \$180,250.00**

**TOTAL WARRANT: \$6,786,736.00**

**Article 16. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from free cash \$25,000 to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2007.

**Unanimous**

**Article 17. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to transfer from free cash \$12,500, the Town's matching share of a FEMA grant, to repair of the drainage system in Blanchard Estates.

**Declared majority**

**Article 18. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to substitute the sum from \$50,000 to \$20,000 to transfer from free cash to the Town Buildings Maintenance Warrant article for the repair and maintenance of Town buildings.

**Unanimous**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,450 to provide transportation service to the Town's senior citizens.

**Article 19. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to pass over Article 19.

**Unanimous**

**Article 20. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town of Plympton vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to increase the number of voting members of the Historical Commission from three (3) members to five (5) members. The additional appointments will be one (1) member for a one (1) year term, one (1) member for a three (3) year term and for three (3) year terms thereafter or take any other action relative thereto.

**Unanimous**

**Article 21. Voted:** (On the motion of Patricia Royal) The Town vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, 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 ½ 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.

The Board of Selectmen reported supporting this article.

**Unanimous**

**Article 22. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$22,996.12 to pay the third of three annual lease payments for police patrol vehicles as part of the lease to own program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 23.** 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 and equipping one (1) full-time police officer or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 23: Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to pass over Article 23.

**Unanimous**

**Article 24.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds a sum of money to fund a cost of living adjustment for police officers as negotiated between the Town and the union representing the officers or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 24: Voted:** (on the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to pass over Article 24.

**Declared majority motion passes**

**Article 25. Voted:** (On the motion of Deborah Anderson) The Town vote to authorize a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44§ 53E ½, for the use by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of subsidizing the Town's map updates. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through fees collected by the Planning Board from the creation of new lots. The Board of Assessors 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§ 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

The Selectmen reported supporting this article.

**Declared majority**

**Article 26. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, the **sum of \$122,176** as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 § 34-2A of the General Laws.

**2/3 Vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 27. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$31,900.00 to purchase a dump truck and equip a dump truck, with a trade, to replace a 1994 F350 one-ton dump truck.

**Declared majority motion passes**

**Article 28. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$105,000 to purchase and equip a front end loader, with a trade, to replace the Town's 1988 John Deere loader backhoe.

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared 2/3 majority**

**Article 29. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$43,000 to purchase and equip an excavator with a trailer to replace the Town's 1988 John Deere loader backhoe.

**2/3 Vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 30. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow under MGL Chapter 44 §7.9 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$120,000 to purchase and equip a dump truck with sander body and snowplow, with a trade, to replace the Town's 1987 F-800 truck and sander.

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared majority**

**Article 31. Voted:** (On the motion of Irving R. Butler, Jr) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel by-law Section 14. Holidays by the deleting the current section and replacing it with the following:

Section 14. Holidays

The following Mass. Legal holidays will be observed as paid non-working days for all permanent full time employees. Permanent part time employees working twenty (20) or more hours per week will receive four (4) hours compensation or the number of hours normally worked on that day per holiday.

New Year's Day

Patriot's Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

**Unanimous**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Memorial Day

Columbus Day

Christmas Day

President's Day

Independence Day

Veteran's Day

**Article 32. Voted:** (On the motion of Patricia Royal) The Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 5.6-Lot Area-of the Zoning and Municipal Bylaws to add the following language:

"5.6.1: Minimum Contiguous Upland Requirement: At least 40% of the minimum lot size required shall be contiguous upland [i.e., not a (1) bank, bog, dune, marsh, swamp, or wet meadow under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40; river front area under the Massachusetts River Protections Act" or take any other action relative thereto.

The Planning Board held a hearing and voted in favor of Article #32.

### **2/3 Vote**

#### **Declared 2/3 majority**

**Article 33. Voted:** (On the motion of Elizabeth Princiotta) The Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 5.8-Retreat lots number 1. to add the following language:

"(1a) Minimum Contiguous Upland Requirement: At least 40% of the minimum lot size required shall be contiguous upland [i.e., not a (1) bank, bog, dune, marsh, swamp, or wet meadow under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40; river front area under the Massachusetts River Protections Act

Article 33. (On the motion of Elizabeth Princiotta) The Town vote to amend the article to make following minor changes:

Line 2 to remove (1) after not a

Line 3 after Section 40: add *or* river front

Line 4 after Protections Act insert a closed bracket]

### **Unanimous**

**Article 33. Voted:** (On the motion of Elizabeth Princiotta) The Town vote as amended the Zoning Bylaw Section 5.8-Retreat lots number 1. to add the following language:

"(1a) Minimum Contiguous Upland Requirement: At least 40% of the minimum lot size required shall be contiguous upland [i.e., not a bank, bog, dune, marsh, swamp, or wet meadow under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40; or river front area under the Massachusetts River Protections Act].

The Planning Board held a hearing and voted in favor of Article #33.

### **2/3 Vote**

#### **Declared 2/3 majority**

**Article 34.** (On the motion of Chief Rich) The Town vote 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 EMS First Response Vehicle and to trade in the 1971 International Harvester brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed \$165,000 with the first payment of \$22,000 (first of ten payments) not due before July 1, 2007.

**Article 34. Voted:** (On the motion of Chief Rich) The Town vote to amend the source of the first payment of \$22,000 to be transferred from the Ambulance Receipt Account.

**Unanimous**

**Article 34. Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the article to read to trade in *or auction* the 1971 International Harvester brush breaker.

**Declared majority**

**Article 34. Voted:** (On the motion of Chief Rich) The Town vote as amended 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 EMS First Response Vehicle and to trade in the 1971 International Harvester brush breaker; said purchase not to exceed \$165,000 with the first payment of \$22,000 (first of ten payments) to transfer from Ambulance Receipt Account not due before July 1, 2007.

**2/3 Vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 35. Voted:** (On the motion of Jacquelynn Norrie) The Town vote 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 \$350,000 with the first payment of \$37,000 (first of fifteen payments) from free cash, not due before July 1, 2007.

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared 2/3 majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of the Moderator) The Town vote to continue the Annual Town Meeting to the conclusion.

**Motion carries**

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$350,000 to purchase and equip a four door pumping fire truck to replace the 1975 International Harvester pumping fire truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 36. Voted:** (On the motion of Chief Rich) The Town vote to pass over Article #36.

**Unanimous**

**Article 37.** (On the motion of Jacquelynn Norrie) The Town vote to add Article XXVI to the Municipal By-Laws:

Fire Protection

- c. No lot within the subdivision shall be further than 1,000 feet from an adequate source of water, as defined below, measured along an existing public way and/or proposed subdivision road shown on the definitive subdivision plan and the access way to the source of water.
- d. A source of water shall be adequate if it is no farther (vertically or horizontally) than 10 feet from the nearest access point which can be reached by the fire department and is (in order of desirability):
  - 1. A water hole having a minimum recharge rate of 500 gallons per minute for a minimum period of two hours, or
  - 2. A water hole containing a minimum of 40,000 gallons throughout the year.
  - 3. Distances to and from a water hole may be measured to and from a dry hydrant connection, specifications for which shall be approved by the Fire Chief, and connected to a water hole as described in paragraph b.1 and b.2 above.

(In the event that an adequate source of water can not be provided by means of a water hole as specified in subparagraphs b.1 or b.2 above, then the Planning Board may, upon recommendation of the Fire Chief and a showing that said water holes are not feasible as a matter of engineering, approve the installation of a dry hydrant connected to a storage tank with minimum capacity of 20,000 gallons (or such other lesser minimum capacity as may be designated by the Chief of the Town Fire Department), which tank shall be automatically maintained at full capacity by recharge from a well and pump system satisfactory, as shown to the Planning Board in writing and to the Chief of the Town Fire Department.

**Article 37. Voted:** (On the motion of Jack O'Leary) The Town vote to amend section (a) line one and add *a definitive* after the words "No lots within"

**Unanimous**

**Article 37. Voted:** (On the motion of Jacquelynn Norrie) The town vote to pass over Article 37.

**Unanimous**

**Article 38. Voted:** (On the motion of Chief Rich) The Town vote to add the Municipal By-laws Article XXVI:

## Fire Protection

### Temporary Fire Watch Patrol

d. Purpose

In order to avoid relocating persons from, or evacuation of, any building, structure, place of business, place of habitation or vacant or abandoned building or structure which in the judgment of the Head of Fire Department or Fire Marshal is imminently dangerous or presents the existence of conditions likely to cause fire or explosion, the Head of the Fire Department or Fire Marshal may order the owner, agent, or manager of such building, structure, business or place of habitation to provide a temporary fire watch patrol if the Head of the Fire

e. Rules and Regulations

1. The temporary fire watch personnel shall be specially trained in fire prevention and in the use of fire extinguishers and occupant hose lines, in sounding building fire alarms, in understanding the particular fire safety situation for public education purposes, be able to instantly communicate with the fire alarm office by radio, and remain alert and undistracted during his/her assigned hours.
2. The owner or any building, structure, place of business, place of habitation or vacant or abandoned building or structure shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with the temporary fire watch patrol.

f. Penalties

If such costs are not reimbursed to the Town, it shall constitute a lien upon the property upon which the temporary fire watch patrol was provided.

### Declared majority motion passes

**Article 39. Voted:** (On the motion of Jack O'Leary) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$6000 for the purpose of completing GIS Annotation of the digitized parcels and reproduction of finished Assessors' Map Books.

**Unanimous**

**Article 40. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to add to the Stabilization Fund.

**Article 40. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town vote to amend the article to read as follows to transfer from free cash \$30,000 to add to the Stabilization Fund.

**2/3/ Vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 41.** 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 41. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard L. Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article #41.

**Unanimous**

**Article 42 and 43. Voted:** (On the motion of Jacquelynn Norrie) The Town vote to 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 Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 7:00 AM, as stated in Article 43, for the purpose of choosing all necessary town officers, whereupon this meeting will be dissolved at 8:00 PM on that day.

**Unanimous**

The Plympton annual Town Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk



**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
SATURDAY MAY 19, 2007**

The ballot box was checked by the Town Clerk, Officer Neil Murphy, the Warden and all the Tellers. It was empty; the numbers were reset to 00000 then closed and locked, ready for the election. The new Handicapped Accessible Voting Machine was also checked. It was empty and also locked and ready for use.

The following Election Officials were sworn in by Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk:

Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder  
Clerk Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan  
Tellers Patricia Harlfinger  
Elaine McKeown  
Deborah Murphy  
Jean Reynolds

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

There were two spoiled ballots.

A gentleman came to vote but since he is temporarily living in Carver at the present time, his name was removed from the voting list. He did not take a provisional ballot.

<b>Total registered voters:</b>	<b>1905</b>
<b>Total ballots cast:</b>	<b>476</b>

<b>Moderator, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
William Slater	17
Blanks	443
All others	16

<b>Selectman, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Raymond E. Beale	99
David G. McMorrow	44
Barry DeCristofano	320
Blank	12
All other	1

<b>Tax Collector, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Carolyn A. Northon	372
Blank	103
All other	1

<b>Assessor, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Richard Nordahl	63
Blank	401
All others	12

<b>Finance Committee, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for TWO</b>
Thomas M. Gillespie	333
Jacquelynn M. Norrie	12
Raymond E. Beale III	10
Blank	579
All others	18

<b>Finance Committee, for <u>one</u> years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Raymond E. Beale III	9
Blank	443
All others	24

<b>Board of Health, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Janice L. Beale	222
Arthur F. O'Callaghan	183
Blank	66
All others	5

<b>Planning Board, for <u>five</u> years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Melissa McLachlan	329
Blank	141
All others	6

<b>School Committee, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Christen M. Gurney	337
Blank	137
All others	2

<b>School Committee, for <u>one</u> year</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
Shelly Karparis	346
Blank	127
All others	3

<b>Library Trustee, for three years</b>	<b>Vote for TWO</b>
Carolyn DeCristofano	33
Deborah Dempsey	9
Ann O'Connor	8
Blank	886
All others	16

**Constable, for three years**

Adam P. Kling  
David E. Smith  
Blank  
All others

**Vote for one**

126  
197  
151  
2

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2007**

The Warden, Clerk and Tellers were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler.

The Town Clerk, Officer John Mulready, and the Election Workers checked the ballot box, it was empty and was then locked and ready for use.

The following Election Officials were:

Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder  
Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan  
Tara Wick  
Tellers: Patricia Harlfinger  
Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan  
Elaine McKeown  
Jean Reynolds

The polls opened at 12:00 Noon at the Plympton Town House.

It was a fairly slow day.

**Total registered voters: 1951**  
**Total ballots cast: 143**

<b>Selectman to fill an unexpired term</b>	<b>Vote for one</b>
John P. Henry	139
Blanks	3
Other	1

A true record,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

Christine M. Joy  
10 Dukes Brook Road  
Plympton, MA 02367

May 7, 2007

Mrs. Nancy Butler  
Town Clerk  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Nancy,

Effective June 30, 2007 I will no longer be able to assume the responsibility of the Selectmen's Assistant. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Board and residents of our community and I am grateful for this opportunity.

Respectfully,

(signed)  
Christine M. Joy

June 9, 2007

Secretary to Selectman

Dear Lisa,

I'm slow in getting back to you. I can not legally serve on the FinCom and Wage & Personnel Board, at the same time. I will remain on FinCom and withdraw from a renewal of service on Wage & Personnel.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,

Raymond Beale (signed)

To: Town Clerk  
From: Dana Fowler  
Date: September 10, 2007

As a long time member of the Board of Health, I have given my heart and soul to improving health issues in the town. Many years of weekends spent at perk tests, countless nights attending meetings, emergency call outs and other functions that took me away from my family. I attended classes to improving my skills and knowledge of health matters. The transfer station has been brought up to new standards that were state mandated and needed. Countless other accomplishments have resulted in a very efficient, helpful health office. Over the years I have worked closely with engineers, contractors, applicants of all kinds, and other town boards with no personal interests to sway my opinion on important issues. However, after nine years on the Board of Health, I am disheartened by the climate of the meetings since the spring of 2007. There is a small group of uninformed/misinformed residents who feel that the board is inadequate and irresponsible. Outbursts and personal attacks against board members have become an embarrassment and a continual disruption to meetings. At a meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> several attendees accused me of unethical activities including illegal voting, secret meetings and the most hurtful statement of all, that I was a "liar". These allegations are not only untrue and have no basis for fact, they border on slander. As a 28 year resident and someone who has always acted in the best interests of the town, I felt personally accused and attacked by this group. It is obvious that this "witch hunt" is going to continue. This behavior is fueled by petty jealousy and the quest for power. It will become obvious to all who is responsible for misleading this group and I hope the residents of our town act swiftly and decisively to ensure this type of behavior is not tolerated in the future.

I regret that I can no longer in good conscience retain a place on the board for a town that has no confidence in my work or ethics. Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that it is in my personal best interest to resign my position on the Board of Health. This resignation is effective immediately.

I want to thank the town for allowing me to serve and wish the remaining members of the board well. I hope for positive progress going forward.

Respectfully,  
(signed)  
Dana L. Fowler

cc: Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Building Department, Conservation Commission, Planning Board

September 14, 2007

To Members of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health and Town Clerk:

Nineteen years of service to the Town of Plympton has been both an honor and a privilege.

Working to address the needs and benefit of our residents has been a matter of utmost importance to me. However, recent events and actions that demonstrate a lack of faith in my judgment and integrity have prompted me to reconsider my ability to serve in the same spirit. The recent death of a dear friend has marked the importance of family, friends and the quality of life.

After deep consideration, I respectfully tender my resignation to the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen effective immediately.

Very truly yours,

(signed)  
Abdu Nessralla

Date: 26 September 2007  
From: Shawn Durgin  
To: Plympton Board of Selectmen  
Re: Resignation

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing this letter to inform you of my resignation from the Recreation Commission effective 1 October 2007. Due to work and personal commitments I feel that I will no longer be able to serve on the Recreation Commission in a useful capacity.

The remaining acting members of the Recreation Commission have been made aware of my intentions to resign. It has been my pleasure to serve our Town in this role.

Sincerely

(signed)  
Shawn Durgin

October 04, 2007

Robert Woodbury, Sr.  
Plumbing/Gas Inspector  
For the Town Of Plympton

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Plympton

It is with regret that I wish to inform the Board that the time has come and I find it necessary for me to retire as your Plumbing/Gas Inspector, as of December 31, 2007.

I would like to recommend that my son, Robert Woodbury Jr., and present Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector be made the Plumbing/Gas Inspector for the Town of Plympton. Bob filled in for me on many occasions when I was ill and hospitalized,. He did the inspections in a professional and timely manner. Bob is licensed as a Master Plumber and has been taking all the available classes in continuing education for Plumbing/Gas Inspectors.

Bob is self employed as a Plumbing/Gas Contractor and would be available to do the inspection without causing any inconvenience to the plumbers requesting such inspections.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Robert Woodbury, Sr.  
18 Ninth Ave.  
Halifax, MA 02338

cc: Town Clerk  
Building Inspector  
Assistant Plumbing Inspector

To: The Selectmen, Town of Plympton  
From: Emily A. Ballerino  
Re: Resignation from the Agricultural Committee

Due to personal reasons, I find it necessary to resign my position on the Agricultural Committee effective immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Emily A. Ballerino (signed)



December 3, 2007

Plympton Selectmen  
5 Palmer Rd  
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Selectmen Freitas and DeCristofano:

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from the Chairmanship of the Plympton Anti-Casino Task Force. Kimberly Russo, the Vice Chairman, will temporarily fill this position. As we discussed, I will remain as a member of the committee.

Sincerely,

(signed)  
John P. Henry

Cc: Nancy Butler, Town Clerk  
Kimberly Russo  
ACTForce

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE**  
**7/1/06 – 6/30/07**

Appropriated 7/1/06	\$6223.00
Expended:	\$6,223.00
Returned to Treasury 6/30/07	\$0.00

**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**

Appropriated 7/1/06	\$9,043.00
Expended:	\$9,043.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/07	\$0.00

**TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

Appropriated 7/1/06	\$22,699.00
Expended	\$22,699.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/07	\$0.00

**CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION**

Appropriated 7/1/06	\$1,000.00
Expended:	\$1,000.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/07	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

### JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007 DOG LICENSES

46 Male or Female	@	10.00	\$ 460.00
288 Neutered or Spayed	@	7.00	\$2,016.00
6 Kennel License	@	30.00	\$ 180.00
4 Hobby Kennel License	@	60.00	\$ 240.00
4 Commercial Kennel License	@	150.00	\$ 600.00
23 Late Fines	@	25.00	<u>\$ 575.00</u>
Total			\$4,071.00
Less Fees			<u>263.25</u>
			\$3,807.75

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** August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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

### 2007 - 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

## 2007 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Resident Fishing	8	@	\$27.50	\$220.00
Resident Fishing (65-69)	1	@	\$16.25	\$16.25
Resident Fishing (Over 70)	2	@	FREE	FREE
Resident Hunting	3	@	\$27.50	\$82.50
Resident Sporting	6	@	\$45.00	\$270.00
Resident Sporting (65-69)	1	@	\$25.00	\$25.00
Resident Sporting (Over 70)	5	@	FREE	FREE
Archery Stamp	6	@	\$5.10	\$30.60
Waterfowl Stamp	1	@	\$5.00	\$5.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	3	@	\$5.10	\$15.30

Total	\$664.65
Less Fees	<u>\$10.65</u>
	\$654.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler,  
CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2007

There were 22 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2007.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2007

### DATE

January 20	David Patrick Farrelly Plympton, MA	Melissa Leigh McLachlan Plympton, MA
April 21	Luke Edward Frisbee, Sr Marshfield, MA	Elizabeth Marie Lapsley Marshfield, MA
July 7	Bruce Earl Law Plympton, MA	Robert Joseph Ruggiero Plympton, MA
August 18	Ryan William MacDonald Plympton, MA	Andrea Joy Brown Plympton, MA
October 19	Kenneth Lynn Shaw Plympton, MA	Brenda Bates Plympton, MA
November 2	Gerard Joseph Varnum, Jr Plympton, MA	Amy Marie Correia Plympton, MA
December 21	Christopher Darren Mitchell Plympton, MA	Caroline Wilma Fisher Plympton, MA
22	Elizabeth Westley Plympton, MA	Dominique Sampson Plympton, MA

## DEATHS

### PLYMPTON RESIDENTS RECORDED IN 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
February			
2	Charles L. Killeen Jr.	82	National Cemetery Bourne, MA
March			
23	Richard A. Cellini	59	Central Cemetery Halifax, MA
April			
16	Stephen M. Lee	56	Plympton Cemetery Plympton, MA
May			
15	Priscilla L. Cincotta	84	St. Mary's Cemetery Needham, MA
29	Gary W. Smith	55	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
June			
2	Robert C. Whiting	88	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
3	Charles F. Brunke, Jr	62	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
September			
1	Ruth C. Gerhert	84	Arlington Cemetery Drexel Hill, PA
27	Mabel Anne Baker	84	Central Cemetery Halifax, MA
October			
11	Joseph L. Murgida	86	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
12	Carrie Springer	95	St. Joseph's Cemetery Plymouth, MA
25	Robert T. Cushman	82	Colebrook Cemetery Whitman, MA

30	Willard Pratt	85	Fern Hill Cemetery Hanson, MA
November			
5	Ellen Marie Anderson	85	Hill Crest Cemetery Plympton, MA
15	William E. Haas	75	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
December			
9	Milton H. Kozak	77	St. T. Aquinas Cemetery Bridgewater, MA

# **NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2007**

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
February 10	Edrie Brackett Doherty	102	Pasco, FL
22	Carolyn Jane Nash	69	Dennis, MA
March 19	June Theo Parker	86	Tyler, TX
April 20	Pamela I. Shurtleff	65	Lakeville, MA
October 5	Fredrick E. Alden	74	Greenfield, MA
14	Marjorie Wiseman	77	Middleborough, MA
22	Clifford Shurtleff	73	Taunton, MA
October 2005 13	David Barnes	69	Carver, MA
November 1998 16	Stephen Grigorenko	42	Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TOWN  
TREASURER'S RECEIPTS  
June 30, 2007

### TAX COLLECTIONS

Real Estate - Current Year	\$ 4,582,704.41
Real Estate - Prior Years	\$ 130,592.10
Personal Property - Current Year	\$ 107,375.14
Personal Property - Prior Years	\$ 5,959.19
Motor Vehicle Excise - Current Year	\$ 286,872.32
Motor Vehicle Excise - Prior Years	\$ 92,101.49
Betterments	\$ 2,251.23
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 918.49
Tax Title	\$ -
Penalties and Interest	\$ 29,805.60
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 3,624.62

TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS \$5,242,204.59

### RECEIPTS

Departmental Receipts	\$ 115,600.36
Permits	\$ 78,015.56
Court Fines	\$ 3,624.62
Cemetery Department	\$ 2,458.80
Vendor Refunds	\$ 41,068.19
Interest on Investments	\$ 47,890.45

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 288,657.98

Payroll Withholdings	\$ 881,814.29
Chapter 90	\$ 24,346.02
State Aid	\$ 783,446.77
SBAB- State Reimbursement	\$ -
	\$1,689,607.08

### GRANTS

School Grants	\$ 45,144.52
Cultural Council	\$ 4,135.85

Community Policing Grant	\$	44,441.99	
Fire Safe Grant	\$	4,900.00	
Tercentennial Grant	\$	45,000.00	
Elections Grant	\$	587.00	
Public Safety Grant	\$	16,400.00	
Handi-persons Grant	\$	3,535.22	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>			<b>\$ 164,144.58</b>

#### REVOLVING FUNDS

Library	\$	221.41	
Treasurers Redemptions	\$	-	
Deputy Fees	\$	9,209.50	
Town Clerk Fees	\$	2,298.11	
Student Activity Funds	\$	20,502.89	
Recreation Fund	\$	-	
Police Detail Fees	\$	6,318.42	
Police Details	\$	81,211.50	
State Fire Arms	\$	6,300.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$ 119,761.83</b>

Receipts Reserved	\$	123,315.10	
Donations and Gifts	\$	42,604.70	
Interest on Trusts	\$	24,665.93	
Licenses Payable to State	\$	626.90	<b>\$ 191,212.63</b>

#### **Tax Collector Salary**

Appropriated	\$	25,937.00
Expended	\$	25,937.00

#### **Tax Collector Expense**

Appropriated	\$	15,284.00
Expended	\$	14,674.53

#### **Treasurer Salary**

Appropriated	\$	20,281.00
Expended	\$	20,281.00

#### **Treasurer Expense**

Appropriated	\$	20,443.00
Expended	\$	20,068.31

## EXPENDITURES

June 30, 2007

### GENERAL FUND-DEPARTMENTS

Town Meeting Moderator	\$ -
Selectmen	\$ 14,833.56
General Government Articles	\$ 300.00
Finance Committee	\$ 1,465.95
Town Accountant	\$ 9,255.25
Assessors	\$ 51,861.48
Assessors Revaluation	\$ 28,850.00
Treasurer	\$ 40,349.31
Tax Collector	\$ 40,611.53
Treasurer's Tax Title	\$ 3,140.00
Legal Department	\$ 21,944.92
Wage and Personnel	\$ -
Town Services	\$ 14,417.94
Town Clerk	\$ 29,922.00
Election and Registrations	\$ 9,629.90
Conservation	\$ 863.00
Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$ 2,862.50
Planning Board	\$ 404.40
Appeals Board	\$ 39.00
Town Building	\$ 15,959.96
New Town House	\$ 46,984.08
Utilities	\$ 5,000.01
Police Department	\$ 439,625.28
Police Vehicles	\$ 19,832.42
Police Articles	\$ 22,996.12
Communication Center	\$ 1,983.55
Fire Department	\$ 107,184.40
Fire Articles	\$ 77,270.00
Fire Services	\$ 50,992.80
Building Dept.	\$ 25,228.22
Plumbing and Gas	\$ 4,750.00
Wire	\$ 7,661.72
Cemetery Maintenance- Int. Trans.	\$ 349.60
Civil Defense	\$ 254.91
Dog Officer	\$ 6,315.96
Animal Inspector	\$ 2,444.00

Tree Department	\$ 12,612.25	
Plympton Schools	\$ 2,056,802.78	
Debt for School	\$ -	
Silver Lake Regional School	\$ 2,160,465.00	
Highway	\$ 222,477.21	
Highway Articles	\$ -	
Cemetery Department	\$ 4,051.00	
Health Offices	\$ 174,008.90	
Council on Elder Affairs	\$ 4,243.57	
Veterans Services	\$ 29,356.06	
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 389.00	
County Extension	\$ 125.00	
Library	\$ 84,375.00	
Recreation Dept.	\$ 10,297.00	
Park Dept.	\$ 5,597.84	
Historic Commission	\$ 100.00	
Debt Service	\$ 30,856.66	
Interest	\$ 129,583.33	
Retirement	\$ 172,897.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 3.21	
Group Health Insurance	\$ 151,266.77	
Other Miscellaneous	\$ 38,889.70	
Liability Insurance	\$ 70,841.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 6,455,822.05

#### FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

Chapter 90 - State Funds	\$ 23,029.11	
General Government Grants	\$ 72,530.34	
DARE - Comm of Mass	\$ 23,924.18	
Community Policing	\$ 44,648.24	
Public Safety Grants	\$ 305.78	
Council on Aging Grants	\$ 3,120.02	
Cultural Council	\$ 2,138.00	
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS		\$ 169,695.67

#### REVOLVING FUNDS

Collectors Fees	\$ 8,939.49
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,212.86
Police Extra Details	\$ 82,062.00
State Fire Arms Fund	\$ 6,187.50

Student Activity Fund	\$	31,950.34		
Library Recoveries	\$	174.20		
Recreation	\$	555.60		
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS			\$	132,081.99

#### RECEIPTS RESERVED

Ambulance Fees	\$	39,653.48		
Library State Aid	\$	4,925.83		
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED			\$	44,579.31

#### OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

General Gov. Gifts	\$	27,136.91		
Harry Jason Park - Gifts	\$	7.07		
Conservation - NOI	\$	422.24		
Appeals Escrow	\$	1,760.00		
Planning Bd- Bid Deposits	\$	2,745.00		
Police Dept. Gifts	\$	584.69		
Highway Sept. Escrow	\$	2,000.00		
Student Activity Gifts	\$	-		
Library Gifts	\$	2,104.01		
Town House Gifts	\$	-		
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE			\$	36,759.92

#### TRUST FUNDS

Perpetual Care Fund	\$	2,458.80		
TOTAL TRUSTS			\$	2,458.80

#### AGENCY FUNDS

Licenses Paid to State	\$	713.50		
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS			\$	713.50

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 2007**

GENERAL FUND

Cash	\$	821,459.82
Petty Cash	\$	50.00

Personal Property	\$	38,670.67		\$	294,708.58
Real Estate	\$	256,037.91			

Allowance for Abatements	\$	(143,011.43)
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Tax Liens	\$	256,688.27		\$	-
Tax Possessions	\$	4,586.19			
Res. For Uncol. Receivables	\$	(261,274.46)			

Def. Property Taxes Dues	\$	4,968.89		\$	-
Res. For Def. Property Taxes Due	\$	(4,968.89)			

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	107,895.68		\$	-
Res. For Uncollected Excise	\$	(107,895.68)			

Farm Animal Excise	\$	355.24		\$	-
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	\$	(355.24)			

Betterments	\$	6,337.33		\$	-
Assess. Conveyance Tax	\$	-			
Allow. For Uncol. Receivables	\$	(6,337.33)			

Deferred Teachers Salaries	\$	11,894.40
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Overdrawn and Unprovided	\$	22,928.91
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$	22,928.91

Appropriation Deficits	\$	-	\$	22,928.91
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS			\$	<u>1,008,030.28</u>
Accrued Payroll Withholdings			\$	28,354.73
Other Liabilities				
Tailings	\$	3,260.50		
Deferred Rev.				
Property Taxes	\$	151,697.15	\$	154,957.65
Reserve for Petty Cash			\$	50.00
Prior Year Encumbrances			\$	139,279.76
Bond Premium			\$	11,885.84
Unreserved Funds				
Res. For Expenses	\$	290,075.12		
Undesignated Balance	\$	383,427.18	\$	<u>673,502.30</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$	<u>1,008,030.28</u>
HIGHWAY FUNDS				
Cash			\$	(26,886.22)
State Aid to Highways	\$	200,886.11		
Def. Rev.				
Intergovernmental	\$	<u>(200,886.11)</u>	\$	-
Fund Balance Chapter 90			\$	<u>(28,203.13)</u>
SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE				
Cash			\$	<u>2,694.49</u>
Fund Balances				
EEO Grant	\$	444.49		
Math Grant	\$	250.00		

Emergency			
Education Grant	\$	2,000.00	<u><u>\$ 2,694.49</u></u>

TOWN GRANTS-  
FEDERAL & STATE

Cash			<u><u>\$ 4,138.12</u></u>
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Fund Balances

Cultural Council	\$	4,524.47	
Board of Health			
Septic	\$	5,055.19	
Handi Persons Grant	\$	1,834.20	
Right to Know	\$	873.00	
Police Dare			
Education	\$	964.27	
Pol. Dept. Safety			
Gran	\$	162.45	
Com. Security Grant	\$	305.89	
Fire Protection Grant	\$	5,006.73	
Com Dev. Town			
House	\$	(23,745.11)	
Board of Health			
Grant	\$	2,000.00	
Fed Fire Equipment			
Grant	\$	63.76	
Tercentennial Grant	\$	(3,785.23)	
Police Local Prep.	\$	7,797.49	
Bullet Proof Vests	\$	0.01	
Election Grant	\$	3,081.00	<u><u>\$ 4,138.12</u></u>

REVOLVING FUNDS

Cash			<u><u>\$ 14,482.45</u></u>
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Fund Balances

Student Activities	\$	6,855.19	
Recreation Dept.	\$	6,860.42	
Library Recoveries	\$	766.84	<u><u>\$ 14,482.45</u></u>

RECEIPTS

RESERVED FUND

Cash			\$ 115,695.89
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Ambulance			
Receivables	\$	46,468.06	
Def. Ambulance Rec.	\$	(46,468.06)	



			<u>\$ 115,695.89</u>
State Aid to Libraries	\$	5,286.46	
Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000	\$	217.64	
Ambulance Fee Fund	\$	110,191.79	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>\$ 115,695.89</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUNDS

Cash			<u>\$ 46,544.36</u>
Fund Balances			
Highway Escrow	\$	2,500.00	
School Gifts	\$	331.15	
Student Activities Gifts	\$	7,279.92	
Fire Dept. Gift	\$	547.18	
Sale of Town Property	\$	498.00	
Library Gift Fund Planning Bd.	\$	7,466.82	
Deposits	\$	622.97	
Conservation Notice of Intent	\$	5,307.25	
Town House Gifts Building Dept.	\$	900.94	
Escrow	\$	867.70	
Conservation Escrow	\$	365.39	
Recreation Gift	\$	100.00	
Police & Dare Gifts		\$285.37	
Historic Comm. Gift	\$	250.00	
300th Anniversary Gifts	\$	2,869.09	
Jason Park Memorial Fund	\$	27.58	
Appeal Escrow	\$	16,325.00	<u>\$ 46,544.36</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash-Capital Projects			
Town Projects	\$	4,096.89	
A/R Septic Loans	\$	50,333.08	
Def. Rev. Septic	\$	(50,333.08)	<u>\$ 4,096.89</u>

Fund Balances			
Board of Health	\$	4,096.89	<u>\$ 4,096.89</u>

#### TRUST FUNDS

Cash			<u>\$ 313,550.85</u>
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Fund Balances			
Investment Funds	\$	2,591.35	
Sale of Lots	\$	30,124.01	
Cemetery Perpetual			
Care	\$	105,179.42	
Law Enforcement			
Fund	\$	906.11	
Stabilization	\$	174,749.96	<u>\$ 313,550.85</u>

#### AGENCY FUNDS

Cash			<u>\$ 155,295.55</u>
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Fund Balances			
Performance Bonds	\$	154,562.05	
Treasurer Red. Fees	\$	1,377.24	
Collectors Liens	\$	377.81	
Deputy Fees	\$	919.50	
Town Clerk Fees	\$	3,000.34	
State Fire Arms	\$	(212.50)	
State Licenses			
Payable	\$	3,109.90	
Police Extra Detail	\$	(7,838.79)	<u>\$ 155,295.55</u>

#### DEBT

Amount to be Provided			<u>\$ 1,362,851.39</u>
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Septic Loans	\$	45,175.39	
Town Barn	\$	171,676.00	
School Building	\$	1,050,000.00	
Dennett Roof	\$	96,000.00	<u>\$ 1,362,851.39</u>

Loans Authorized			<u>\$ 363,224.86</u>
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## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT (DOG OFFICER)**

2007 Department activities were as follows: (327) Calls and responses for animal control and complaints involving animals. (86) Inspections of kennels and places keeping animals in the Town. (5) Animals ordered quarantined. (7) Dogs brought to shelter. (16) Dogs returned to owners. (5) Warnings issued. (1) District court case. Complainant calls were for the following: trespassing dogs, lost dogs, dogs found, barking dogs, biting dogs, injured dogs, and stray or abandoned cats. Calls concerning sick or injured local wildlife including migratory birds continue to increase annually. Residents should never attempt to handle wildlife. It is illegal to transport wildlife anywhere.

Residents who encounter nuisance trespassing by dogs roaming on their property can be made impatient by unsuccessful attempts to solve the problem. A call to the Animal Control Office @ (781) 585-9444 should be the first course of action. Cruelty to animals is punishable in Massachusetts by fine, jail sentence, or both.

Geographically, Plympton is a wheelhub with each of its surrounding towns enforcing a leash law. This area of many square miles is covered by trained Animal Control Officers networking with active listings of lost, found, and shelter quarantined animals. This networking affords a stray dog from Plympton an excellent chance of being returned to its owner no matter which direction it might have traveled. This is true, however, only if the dog can be identified by proper license or other recognized identification methods. Plympton dogs three months of age or older are required to be licensed. Cats are not required to be licensed but should be rabies inoculated. Annually, more cats are quarantined for suspicion of rabies than are dogs. Donations of food and blankets for animals brought to the shelter have been greatly appreciated by our temporarily sheltered animal friends. Two indoor kennels are needed. One for sick and injured animals found or rescued in the Town, and the other for animals that must remain in quarantine for 10 days when no owner can be located. Animal abandonment in Plymouth County, along with population, continues to increase. Open space continues to decrease.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank C. Bush  
Plympton Dog Officer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During the calendar year in 2007 the Real Estate market began to show a decline in sales and sale prices. Overall, single family sales averaged about 5% lower than current assessments. The average sale price of the 16 arms' length single-family homes sold during 2007 was \$350,500. Developable vacant land sales, however, outpaced assessments by 10% with the average sale price of the 3 land sales at \$194,800. The now mandated interim adjustment will address these changes in Fiscal 2009.

The opening of the Route 44 extension in November, 2005 brought an 80% increase in assessments in the Industrial Park and a subsequent increase of 50% to the commercial and industrial share of the tax levy.

### TOWN VALUE BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 412,071,264	91.61%
COMMERCIAL	\$ 12,408,615	2.76%
INDUSTRIAL	\$ 15,285,107	3.40%
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 10,046,398	2.23%

TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY \$ 449,811,384

As of January 1, 2008, the Assessors' Office had reviewed over 122 outstanding building permits which included only 6 new starts of single family homes. The Board also acted on 217 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise abatements.

The Board would like to thank retiring Board member David Batchelder for his 6 years of service to this Board and the Town. In his place, the Board welcomes back former member Richard E. Nordahl.

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

Respectfully submitted,

George I. Thompson, Chairperson  
Jocelyn A.P. Anderson, Clerk  
Richard E. Nordahl, Member

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Town of Plympton Board of Health has had a very busy and productive year. Many changes were implemented and many issues are being brought to resolution. Regrettably, two long term Board member resigned in September 2007 which necessitated the appointment of two Board members until the election in May 2008. The new Board met weekly in an effort to bring pending business and operating procedures up to date. Beginning in January 2008, the scheduled meetings to conduct Town Business are the second and fourth Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.

The Board of Health has reviewed numerous septic plans, addressed the concerns and complaints of citizens, and issued many permits this past year. With the assistance of our Health Agent, Richard O'Keefe, septic plans were reviewed and approved, percolation tests were conducted, food service inspections were conducted, and the appropriate permits were issued. We have been participants in the Plymouth Area Coalition for Emergency Preparedness and EEE and WNV Surveillance and will be more actively involved in the coming years.

The Board has been working diligently toward the permitting of the Plympton Transfer Station and has been working closely with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Selectmen to ensure that we will meet the needs of town residents and bring the Transfer Station into compliance with DEP standards. We will be consulting with engineering firms for the necessary transfer station upgrades.

The Board of Health will continue its efforts to remain proactive and move the town forward. We will continue to remain committed to ensuring that public health and safety standards are maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Beale, Chair  
Cathleen Drinan, Secretary  
Nancy Curtin, Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2007 has been an eventful year. Plympton's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, the revival of Old Home Day, positive happenings in the Industrial Park, the election of two new Selectmen and secretary, and the threat of a casino in our neighboring town, were all notable happenings in town.

In June, we proudly celebrated our Tercentennial with a parade the likes of which has never been seen in Plympton. Starting at the corner of Upland Road and Brook Street, it wound its way into the center of town and past the green. The parade included Plympton Police with Motorcycle Escorts and vintage cruisers, Ancient and Honorable Artillery, Plympton Brownies and Cub Scouts, Colonel Bailey and second Militia, Plymouth Harbormaster's Scarab and the Shirley High Wheelers. The following day, Old Home Day was held and included tours of historic Plympton homes, softball games, bands and a cookout on the green, and a spectacular fireworks display. Response to the event was so great that plans immediately got underway for the 2008 edition.

With the completion of Route 44 the previous year, the attractive location of our Business Park has resulted in a new push to develop the Park's infrastructure in preparation for future tenants'. We look forward to welcoming the businesses that will soon follow.

During the year, the Board of Selectmen gained two new members, Barry DeCristofano and John Henry. Barry has been a resident for 15 years and has served previously on the Finance Committee. John has lived here for 26 years and was formerly on the Wage and Personnel Board. The two joined the Board, taking up vacancies left by the departures of Rob Vautrinot and Abdu Nessler, Jr. We thank Rob and Abdu for their years of service to Plympton. This year we also were joined by Lisa Krance as the Board's Secretary. Our thanks to the years of dedication by Christine Joy who, after stepping down as a Board member the previous year, continued her service to the town as the Selectmen's Assistant through June.

2007 saw the emergence of a new threat to Plympton and the way of life that we all cherish here. The Governor's plan to introduce Class III gambling into the Commonwealth coupled with a Cape Cod Native American group gaining Federal tribal recognition and immediately teaming with mega-casino developers to attempt to place one next-door to us. The Board of Selectmen held a special session in one of our meetings in July to hear from you about the idea. We heard overwhelmingly that the residents of Plympton are against the plan because it would irreparably damage our quiet, rural way of life. In response, we created an Anti-Casino Task Force headed by John Henry (now Reuben Smith upon John's election to the Board) to keep up with the mountain of information and response deadlines that are involved with the effort to halt the project. This work will continue through the coming year.

Finally, and of no less importance, we ask of you all to make the time in the coming year to serve your neighbors by joining one of the many committees and boards in town that are short members. Plympton's government is truly one that is "by the people" and as such requires that all the residents give of themselves to make it work.

We are honored that you have allowed us to act as your representatives and look forward to working for and with you in the coming year.

**SELETMEN'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated	\$11,777.00
Expended	\$12,364.00

**TOWN HOUSE**

Appropriated	\$25,495.00
Expended	\$46,984.00

**BLANKET INSURANCE**

Appropriated	\$65,207.00
Expended	\$70,841.00

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriated	\$5,000.00
Expended	\$5,000.00

**TOWN REPORTS**

Appropriated	\$2,506.00
Expended	\$2,470.00

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriated	\$25,928.00
Expended	\$21,945.00

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriated	\$389.00
Expended	\$389.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph A. Freitas, Chair  
Barry DeCristofano, Clerk  
John P. Henry

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Plympton Building Department's goal continues to be maintaining compliance with Building and Zoning codes in order to ensure public safety and wise growth practices. One area the department began to explore in 2007 is the need to present updated by-law proposals to Town Meeting so that the town can appropriately deal with new developments in such areas as lighting and signage. The building inspector attended many workshops in order to keep current with new regulations and practices.

We have been able to maintain consistent office hours in 2007 (Mondays 9 am to 2 pm and Monday evenings 6 pm to 8 pm), so that the office is more accessible to the public and to contractors.

In the calendar year 2007, seven permits for new homes were issued (half as many as in 2006), which accounted for a decrease in overall revenues, despite a slight increase from the previous year in overall permits issued. It is expected that with the development of the Industrial Park in the near future, permit activity will be increasing.

Our plumbing and gas inspector for many years, Bob Woodbury, retired at the end of 2007. We would like to thank him and wish him well. Our new plumbing and gas inspector will be Doug Hawthorne.

### ACTIVITY IN 2007 – PERMITS ISSUED

Type	# of Permits	Fees
New Homes	7	15,480.80
Additions	26	10,078.00
Outbuildings	17	2,368.00
Repairs	2	1,050.00
Roofing	22	1,339.00
Windows	5	1,068.00
Swimming Pools	9	1,390.00
Woodstoves	15	525.00
Basements	4	385.00
Signs	13	615.00
Demolitions	3	130.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>34,428.80</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Jacobson,  
Plympton Building Inspector



## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging met at the Town House the second Monday of each month in 2007. The main mission of the COA is to match the needs of Plympton's senior population with the 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, as well as a Flu Clinic in November through Partners Home Health Care. We are still offering an exercise class on Thursday mornings in the function room at Woodlands Senior Housing, for any interested Plympton senior, for a nominal fee.

The COA applied for and received again this year a grant for \$3,300. from the Executive Office of the Elder Affairs. This grant helps finance our Handi-Person Program as well as a portion of our News Letter, the exercise class and volunteer mileage programs.

Last year, our long time Senior Aide, Emelia Kirkland had to retire due to illness. We thank her for all her dedicated years of service to the Town. This year we have a new Senior Aide, Peggy Palmer. She provides transportation to doctor and dentist appointments, grocery shopping, and nursing home or private home visits. Her salary is funded by Citizens for Citizens and we pay her for mileage.

Her hours each week are restricted to twenty hours and she has been very busy since she started.

The senior population (60+) in Plympton has dramatically increased in the past several years. Our Senior Aide is the most economical and personal service we could ask for. Peggy is doing a wonderful job, not only with transportation, but with general outreach and compassionate understanding of our senior's individual needs. Plympton is very lucky to have Peggy.

Last year we contracted with AMR for additional transportation services. This started at one day a month, than in December, was changed to one day a week. As of this writing it has only been used occasionally. It seems that new things in Plympton take a little longer to get off the ground. We are still discussing other options for our seniors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Henry, Director  
Dorothy Cushman, Coordinator/Treasurer  
Shirley Martin, Secretary  
Barbara Knox, News Letter  
Peggy Palmer, Senior Aide  
Ann Freitas  
Carolyn Canny

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**

The Plympton Cultural Council received a \$4,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in 2007 to fund cultural projects which benefitted the citizens of the Town. A total of twenty grant applications were received. Eleven grants were given with the amounts ranging from \$100 to \$1300. The following individuals and organizations were given grants in 2007; Davis Bates, Silver Lake Middle School, Theatre One Productions, Plympton Tercentennial Committee, Pilgrim Festival Chorus, John Root, Soule Homestead, Orpheus Summer Festival Chorus, Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Choral Art Society, and Duxbury Art Association.

In the spring of 2007, the Plympton Cultural Council distributed a questionnaire to Plympton's citizens to determine its cultural interests and receive input regarding what types of projects people would like to see funded in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Plympton Cultural Council

Siobhan Green  
Margaret Kent  
Barbara Knox  
Dominique Sampson  
Elizabeth Westley  
Steven Ziglar

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This has been a very busy year in many ways for our department. We have gained a few new employees which is critical since many of our firefighters are getting older. This new group of firefighters and EMT's are mostly younger people. They have also been going through extensive training with Deputy Vautrinot over the past few months. For all of our employees keeping up with training is a constant challenge. We all have family commitments and other responsibilities within the community. There are more training requirements being placed on our firefighters from State and Federal agencies before we even start to train our dedicated firefighters with the core firefighting skills they need to work safely and efficiently. Although we have these new firefighters and EMT's we are always looking for more people who live and work within Plympton to consider a career helping others and joining our department. Over the past few years we have been working diligently towards replacing our two oldest pieces of fire apparatus. Both of these vehicles are from the early 1970's and had several safety problems coupled with our inability to procure parts and other materials to keep these vehicles running they have both been troubling to our department. With voter approval at the May 2007 Annual Town Meeting we were fortunate enough to get approval to replace both of these trucks. We have spent time researching various models and the latest technology available today. We have gone out to bid for these vehicles and anticipate their delivery in March 2008 for the first truck and September 2008 for the second. These new trucks will help our firefighters get to and from emergency incidents in a safe manner and provide them with new technology to carry out their jobs efficiently. Giving our firefighters the proper tools to do their jobs is important to not only the customers we serve but also so everyone comes back safely.

In 2007 we saw a record number of ambulance transports. This has been the busiest year we have seen since starting our own ambulance service in 2001. Emergency medical responses make up 68 percent of all fire department calls. As with the need for firefighters it is also a struggle to keep up with ambulance staffing and having a sufficient number of EMT's on hand during the day time on weekdays and weekends. It is my goal to keep our ambulance service running with on-call EMT's which saves the Town thousands of dollars compared to having full time employee's to staff the ambulance. As there are fewer licensed EMT's in Plympton the day may come when we have to seriously look at having a full time person to cover these staffing gaps.

Sincerely  
David Rich  
Fire Chief

### Activity for 2007

Structure Fire	5
Vehicle fire	4
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	6
Refuse Fire	2
Medical Emergency	192
Extrication/EMS/Auto Accident	29
Spill, Leak No Fire	5
Power Line Down	10
Medflight Standby	1
Haz. Condition, not classified	12
Lockout	0
Smoke, Odor Removal	13
Mutual Aid to Others	5
Service Call, not classified	14
Vicinity Alarm	19
Good Intent Call	5
Assist Police	3

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Total Incidents	325
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## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### CEMETERY DEPARTMENT FY07

Appropriated July 1, 2006	4,051.00
Expended	<u>4,051.00</u>

### PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2006	5,618.00
Expended	<u>5,600.19</u>

Returned to Treasury June 30, 2007	20.16
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### LABOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated July 1, 2006	56,821.00
Expended	<u>56,821.00</u>

### SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriated July 1, 2006	48,445.00
Expended	<u>48,445.00</u>

### GENERAL HIGHWAY

Appropriated July 1, 2006	57,895.00
Expended	
Fuel	5,851.22
Utilities electric	1,894.24
Utilities gas	3,380.11
Telephone	1,200.49
Tools	291.13
Road Maintenance	31,910.01
Office Supplies	755.46
Vehicle Repairs	1,028.27
Building Maintenance	861.36
Equipment Rental	1,176.73
Equipment Repair	2,814.86
Uniform Items	1,372.34
Meetings	75.00
Miscellaneous	773.37
Labor & Supplies	3,773.23
Signs	417.73
Licenses	180.00
Dues & Memberships	<u>120.00</u>
Expended	57,875.55
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2007	20.23

## TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

<b>Appropriated July 1, 2006</b>	<b>6,427.00</b>
Expended	<u>4,424.87</u>
Returned to Treasury	2.13

## SNOW & ICE

<b>Appropriated July 1, 2003</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
Expended	52,928.91

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Mulcahy  
Highway Surveyor

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Plympton Historical Commission (The Commission) , the 5-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 is pleased to report the official recognition of 20 significant Plympton buildings and landscapes to the National Register of Historic Places, the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. This area, now known as the Plympton Village Historic District is centered on our historic town green and includes the Town House, Plympton Library, The Congregational Church and parsonage, the Country Store and the homes on and around the green. The National Register listing also recognized significant landscapes including both cemeteries and the green itself. It is worthy of note that this listing represented not only the creation of the first National Register Historic District in Plympton, but also the first such listing of any buildings or landscapes within the Town. 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 would also like to thank the residents and owners within the district who attended meetings and asked many good questions to help ensure that this was the right fit for Plympton.

In celebration of the Town's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Commission produced a new self-guided walking tour that highlights the buildings and landscapes within the District. It was first made available at the Tercentennial weekend celebration starting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and can be found at the Town House, Library and on-line at the Commission's Web site ([http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc\\_district.html](http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc_district.html)).

The Commission has recently launched the Plympton Historical Commission Historic Marker Program which recognizes both historic homes and landscapes in Plympton. The rollout has begun with the newly added National Register properties in the Plympton Village Historic District. Markers can be seen on the Library as well as a number of homes along the green. Additional details about the program are available from the Plympton Historical Commission Web site ([http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc\\_marker.html](http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc_marker.html)).

The Commission has worked closely over the past few years with Highway Surveyor Jim Mulcahy on the Rte. 58 widening which began late this year. We

look forward to our continued participation in 2008 to insure a positive impact of the project on the Plympton Village Historic District.

The Commission reviewed and approved no requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in 2007.

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 site ([http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc\\_pro.html](http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc_pro.html)).

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*  
John Leschen  
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.

The PHDC approved a single application for changes visible from a public way within the Harrub's Corner historic district in 2004. The property owner worked with the commission to ensure that the changes would conform to district guidelines and have no detrimental impact on the aesthetic and historic character of the district. The commission issued a certificate of appropriateness.

Respectfully submitted

Jonathan Shaw

Charles Nickerson

Carol Quindley

Marylouise Sayles

Stuart Chase

Alfred Norton

Richard Stover

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON LIBRARY

Although it ended well, 2007 was a roller coaster year for the library. The outlook was bleak in the early months. Escalating utility bills threatened the delicate fiscal balance between operating costs and library materials and the situation was getting worse. The state mandates that 20% of the library's total operating costs must be spent on materials to remain in good standing. In the end, the growing gap between \$84,375 of town funding and the actual operating cost was covered in part by State Aid monies, Memorial Funds, and other gift donations. State aid and Net Lending Reimbursement funds totaling \$3,562 helped pay some of our usual bills and purchase computer equipment and several small display racks. In addition, \$760 of memorial funds and \$1,344 other gift monies supplemented our materials budget, while Cultural Council grants provided funding for 2 special events.

Increased library funding for FY '08, which began in July, helped provide a solid start for a brighter future. We were able to restore staffing to FY 02 /03 levels which helped with the ever- increasing workload. Circulation and use of the library continues to climb with 17, 560 items going out in 2007. This is a 6.4% increase from last year and an over 20% increase from 5 years ago! Additionally, we loaned 6,594 items to other libraries. This is a 27% increase from last year and a 63% increase from FY 02! Meanwhile our three public use computers are busier than ever.

Throughout the struggles the library managed to support 20 book club meetings, 27 story times and 19 special children's programs, along with an incentive summer reading program, a family musical program, an adult lecture, and a Woodlands tea. We also provided a public meeting place for the Girl Scouts and Brownies, the Cultural Council, and the Business Network. With TOPLA oversight, the art gallery continued to be a showcase for local talent of all ages. This Tercentennial year, the Library also worked in conjunction with the Historical Society to host a display of old town photos and other memorabilia.

The physical building took center stage for much of the year. The continuing saga of the leaking library tower was finally resolved. Grant funding secured by the town made roofing work possible with amazing results...no more leaks! Many thanks go out to all who were involved with this project.

Meanwhile, TOPLA, the Town of Plympton Library Association, voted to disband after struggling for years to insure and maintain the library building with only a handful of active members. Their FY '07 expenses totaled \$5,244. The legal paperwork was submitted to the state in Nov. and TOPLA hopes to dissolve by July 08. While this decision was bittersweet, all agreed to its necessity. Sincere thanks go out to Nancy and Jim Denman, Pat

KaufmanVaughan, and many others for all their years of loyal dedication and hard work. Their legacy clearly shows in the building we have today.

As always, we want to thank the hard working staff and many dedicated volunteers who help make the library a vital part of our Plympton community. This year we were very sorry to lose Judy Cronan due to a move out of state.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Batson, Director  
Trustee Chair  
Kathy Keirstead, Library Technician  
Vice-Chair  
Linda Sampson, Circulation Clerk  
Secretary  
Deb Dempsey, Treasurer  
Carolyn De Cristofano  
Brenda Traynor

Emily Ballerino,  
Caren Rempelakis,  
Kristine Boyles,

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had a quiet year for 2007, reflecting the housing recession's affects on the land development. Only a handful of "Approval Not Required" plans were submitted for approval. One preliminary residential subdivision was submitted on West Street, and an extension was granted for the Business Park definitive subdivision on Spring Street.

Former Chair, Ann Sobolewski ended her term on the Board and her legal expertise has been missed. Melissa Farrelly joined us, bringing fresh energy, enthusiasm, and superb organizational skills.

Chairman, Jack O'Leary volunteered to serve on the Plymouth Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee, a state-sponsored group which is seeking to investigate and protect this aquifer that underlies the eastern half of Plympton. The Committee has secured funds to obtain professional assistance in reviewing and recommending changes to the Town's By-laws. The review is orientated towards protecting groundwater through improved storm water management requirements and practices that enhance the protection of open space. This review neatly dovetails with the interests of Plympton residents, who are dependent on ground water wells for their water and who have expressed their desire to maintain the rural character of the town. The Planning Board expects to be active in 2008 implementing these recommendations,

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack O'Leary, Chair  
Melissa Farrelly  
Don Matatall  
John Rantuccio  
Ken Thompson

## 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 Plymouth County residents, UMass Extension and 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. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: sustainable garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access [www.umassextension.org](http://www.umassextension.org).

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) [plyctyext@mindspring.com](mailto:plyctyext@mindspring.com). Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts.

UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham and the Nutrition Education Program, located in Brockton.

### **Members of the Plymouth County Staff:**

Samuel Fox, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program

Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program

Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program  
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant  
Ruth Ahola, Administrative Secretary

**Board of Trustees:**

Michael Connor, Chairman - Halifax  
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Jeffrey M. Welch, Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioner – Abington 2007

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

The figures specific to the Town of Plympton are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Plympton residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 2,045 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 May and the last in September.

During the summer 437 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 2007 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,425 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 191 complaints answered. Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Plympton indicates that *Cq. perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Cs. melanura* and *Cx. pipiens/restuans*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://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

Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman

Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D., Secretary

William J. Mara

John Kenney

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Residents of Plympton, 2007

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for their continued support. We also need to express our gratitude to the men and women of our Fire Department and Highway Department who continue to impress with their professionalism and dedication to the community. Our thanks also go out to Mr. Phillip Holt and the entire staff at the Dennett Elementary School who work closely with the department for the benefit and safety of our children. At the regional school level we remain truly grateful to professionals such as Acting Superintendent John Tuffy, Silver Lake High principal Richard Kelly, Middle School principal Dennis Azevedo and their supporting staff. We enjoyed another productive year of mutual cooperation between the three police departments and the regional school administration in our continued effort to provide a safe learning environment for our students. We thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the other boards and committees who have assisted us in the past with our mission to the residents and we look forward to future years of mutual cooperation for the benefit of our town. Most importantly I would like to thank the men and women of the Plympton Police Department who continue to inspire me with their dedication to the mission of the department and their dedication to Plympton. They continue to do more with less in an occupation that by its very nature places them in potentially dangerous situations.

The police department continues to realize modest increases in calls for service and increases in the overall expectations of the department from the community. In some areas the statistical increase was noteworthy. The number of arrests rose from 29 in 2006 to 47 in 2007. Traffic accidents remain a concern and in 2007 police conducted detailed investigations into a number of serious accidents including a vehicle versus pedestrian event. It was the second year in a row that we encountered such an event. I'm happy to report that those seriously injured in those incidents are recovering from their injuries.

As the economy continues in a downturn we encounter crimes that are traditionally associated with such conditions. Larceny, fraud and identity theft incidents were among the cases investigated this past year. In 2007 a counterfeiting investigation by the Secret Service led to suspects in three South Shore towns, with Plympton being one of those communities. The department initiated a series of illegal narcotics investigations in 2007, some of which concluded with raids in which quantities of drugs were seized and suspects arrested.

In 2007 we received grant funding to complete the final phase of a migration to a new police records system that affords the officers the ability to perform any reporting function from their patrol car. The system came with a price tag of



\$80,000 that was completely funded through a series of three grants over the last two years. The new system creates a greater level of efficiency that greatly reduces the need for officers to return to the station to complete reports. We received a grant from the Lojack Company to provide the department with a police-tracking unit for stolen vehicles. One Plympton patrol car was outfitted with the Lojack tracking device. Additionally in 2007 we updated our security systems at the station and expanded our video monitoring of the station through grant awards.

In personnel matters, Patrolman Joseph Stewart retired after 26 years of service to Plympton. We wish Joe the very best in retirement. Part-time patrolman John Mulready was appointed to the full-time vacancy created by Patrolman Stewart's retirement. The department expanded the ranks of our volunteer special police force in 2007. Jordan Gaudet of Bourne, who formally served as an intern at the department, was appointed as a special officer along with Matthew Foye of Plympton. Mr. Foye was previously a special officer in neighboring Middleborough before joining his hometown department. The department also added an additional police matron on a per diem basis by appointing Mrs. Jeanne Steele of Halifax to that post. Mrs. Steele also works for the Town of Halifax in the same capacity.

While our community remains arguably the safest in the region, growth over the past few decades has surpassed the town's financial ability to increase public safety resources to meet the modest growth. With this in mind, the department's outdated resources and structure continue to be stretched beyond our reasonable capacity. I will be preparing a report to the residents on the current condition and vision of the future for the department. The report will conclude with the presentation of a five-year re-structuring plan for the police department. The report and plan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the community in late March of 2008. The plan will outline a modest incremental expansion and restructure of the department that will allow us to regain an efficient, effective and responsive force for modern day Plympton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew M. Clancy  
Chief of Police

## Calendar Year 2007 Statistics

### ***Patrol Activity***

By-Law Violation	7
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary	15
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)	5
Larceny	29
Stolen Motor Vehicle	2
Escorts/Transports	15
Trespassing	23
Citizen Assist	749
Disabled Motorist Assist	70
Power Outages	9
Building Check	2,405
Message Delivery	25
Animal Complaint	54
Mutual Aid Requested	165
Suspicious Activity	118
911 Accidental	57
Lock Outs Assisted	3
Radar Assignments	1,824
Motor Vehicle Accidents	66
Vehicle Accident Fatality	0
Weapons Violations	7
Assist Ambulance	169
Vandalism	20
Domestic Violence	32
Restraining Orders	18
Threats	5
Narcotics Investigations	5
Directed Patrols	6,331
Traffic Stops	1,128
Noise Complaint	38
Fire Alarm	24
Burglar Alarm	97
Misc. Service/Comm. Policing	736
Fraud	4
General Disturbance	28
Reported Erratic Operator	55

Recovered Property	10
Missing Persons	5
Restraining Order Violation	4
Annoying Calls	12
Repossession Notification	4
Arrests	47
Suicide	0
Unattended Deaths	5

<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>14,428</b>
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### ***Traffic Enforcement***

Traffic Stops	1,128
Citations Issued	895

### ***Arrest (Categorized)***

Warrant Arrest	9
Domestic Assault & Battery	2
Operating Under the Influence	12
Narcotics	9
Other Criminal Arrests	14
Protective Custody	1
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>47</b>

### ***Court Activity***

Traffic Hearings	414
Criminal Complaints (Non-MV)	58

### ***Firearms Permits***

Firearms Permits Issued	120
Denied/Suspended/Revoked	4

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON RECREATION COMMISSION

In 2007 the Recreation Commission continued 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 ½.

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, soccer and basketball. Specifics activities during the past year include:

*The Recreation Commission maintains responsibility for the annual maintenance of the irrigation system at the Dennett Soccer and Softball 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 helped Plympton Youth Basketball by providing one of the two basketball hoop rim extensions used by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade players.*

The goal of the Recreation Commission in 2008 is to install a new community playground at the Dennett Elementary School. Funding for this project will be acquired through the sign sponsorship program. The location will be adjacent to the soccer field ensuring a safe, visible play structure for the children of Plympton. 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  
Andy Karparis  
Justin Keene

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Town of Plympton, Massachusetts**

Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional  
School District

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Maureen Springer, Chairman  
Term Expires 2009  
Ms. Susan Ossoff, Vice Chairman  
Term Expires 2009  
Ms. Christen M. Gurney, Secretary  
Term Expires 2010  
Ms. Lisa Hart  
Term Expires 2008  
Ms. Shelly Karparis  
Term Expires 2008

The Plympton School Committee meets at 4:30 p.m., on the third Monday of each month in the Library of the Dennett Elementary School.

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

Mr. John J. Tuffy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Joy Blackwood  
Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. David Kenney  
Administrator of Special Education  
Ms. Jennifer Adams  
Asst. Administrator of Special Education  
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

Made up of five elected members, your Plympton School Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the annual school budget, establishing and reviewing educational goals and school policy, employee contracts and negotiations, hiring of the Superintendent, and assessing the future needs of the Dennett Elementary School while considering our students, teachers and staff, physical plant and the community of Plympton. In 2007, two new members joined the school committee affording us the opportunity to have a full board for the first time in many years. Shelly Karparris and Chrissy Gurney were elected to fill open seats. The committee appreciates their time and dedication and looks forward to their insightful input as we complete the year and enter into the budget process for fiscal 2009.

As always, the school committee thanks and appreciates the support of our principal, teachers, staff and administration. The Dennett is an excellent school with an outstanding reputation, partly due to their dedication and support. The School Committee wishes to acknowledge the retirement of Mrs. Barbara Gauthier and to thank her for the years of dedication to our children. Mrs. Gauthier taught third grade at the Dennett and has encouraged countless young minds to reach their full potential.

As the first town in the Silver Lake District to offer a full day kindergarten program, we are proud to report that as all indications led us to support this change, our teachers, staff, parents and especially the students are excited about the academic and social benefits being offered by this full day program.

Continued use of both the Dennett school building and surrounding fields has successfully brought our community together for families, neighbors and friends to gather for a range of activities. The activities include local youth sports such as basketball, soccer and softball, meetings for local Girl and Boy Scout groups, town meeting, and the annual antique show. Other school and community events include the Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Concerts, and Winter Festival where neighbors and friends are invited to share with the Dennett school family and embrace the sense of our community working together.

We must also recognize CASA (community and school association), parents, friends and neighbors of the Dennett Elementary School who work tirelessly for the benefit of our school and our children. Most of the efforts by CASA volunteers tend to go unnoticed year after year; however, without this support our school could not offer many of the programs that are and have been commonplace for many years. Examples include petty cash for teachers, citizen of the month luncheons, enrichment programs for the students, Dennett Voice postage, new computers, a sound system for the all purpose room, science kits, a new copy machine, soft ball field fencing, playground

equipment, clavinova piano, music stands, classroom books, spelling and geography bees, read-a-thon awards, DARE graduations, teacher's web page, and more. This volunteer effort for a community the size of Plympton is an astonishing feat, as students leave the Dennett to enter into middle school, we are fortunate that many new volunteers come forward and many veteran volunteers remain to continue the effort. CASA members would agree that the reward, of course, is the enrichment to our children both socially and academically by the efforts that are made on their behalf.

As we continue to strive to meet the demands of mandated testing with MCAS requirements, we are proud to share that the Dennett has consistently met the adequate yearly progress as required by the state. Our administration working with our principal and teachers have been able to focus and remediate any weak areas to ensure student success as the testing reaches all subjects and meeting the state's goal comes closer to reality. We appreciate the work of the administration in keeping us at the front of these expectations and changes so that we can adapt the programs as necessary for our students continued success.

Your school committee meets monthly in the Dennett School Library. Our current schedule is the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Community participation is encouraged. Please feel free to contact one or more of your school committee members.

**Respectfully submitted:** Maureen Springer, Chair;  
Susan Ossoff, Vice Chair;  
Christen Gurney, Secretary;  
Lisa Hart and Shelly Karparis

## **Superintendent of Schools 2007 Annual Report to Towns**

### **To the Citizens of Plympton:**

Superintendency Union 31 School District and the Silver Lake Regional School District serving Kingston, Halifax and Plympton have continued their efforts to provide the best possible education for each of the students in the districts. With new leadership, new facilities and the challenges accompanying these changes, much progress has been made to serve the youth of the three towns.

January 2007 saw the Silver Lake Regional High School students fully occupying the new state-of-the-art facility. The final phase of construction at the High School occurred in April with the completion of the 750-seat auditorium. The towns of Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional schools all have buildings of which to be proud.

After two years of being the Superintendent of Schools, in August 2007 Mr. Dana Parker resigned his Superintendent's position to accept a position at the May Institute in Randolph. In October he returned to a position of working directly with special needs students. The Joint Committee of Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional School District approved a transition plan that included the appointment of Mr. John J. Tuffy, Director of Business Services, as the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

Other personnel changes in school leadership included the following. At the secondary level there was one administrative resignation that of Mr. James Hathaway, Career and Technical Education Director. At the elementary level there were two administrative resignations, Ms. Cheryl Wrin, Kingston Intermediate Principal, and Mr. Elliott Glass, Kingston School Department Assistant Principal. Mr. Elliott Glass was appointed as the Interim Career and Technical Education Director, within the Silver Lake Regional School District. Mr. John Barrett, K-12 Technology Director, resigned and was replaced by Mr. Michael Bennett. Ms. Cheryl Wrin was appointed to the new position of K-12 English/Language Arts Coordinator. Mr. Robert Hodge was appointed to fill the vacancy at the Kingston Intermediate School as an Interim Principal for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Mr. Darrin Reynolds was appointed as the Kingston School Department Assistant Principal.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools eleven new teachers were hired to replace retirements, leave of absences and new positions. The Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed twenty-five new members to their teaching staffs to fill retirements, resignations and leave of absences. With the



retirement of High School Nurse, Barbara Graham, Ms. Alice Cluett was hired as a school nurse.

MCAS data are used both to maintain the performance and improvement levels of the schools and to determine individual needs of learners. At the secondary level our 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS passing rate and success on advanced placement exams are clear indicators of our success as a school system.

Commendations are to be given to the administrators, teachers, and all staff personnel for their continued commitment to the successful learning of the children in their care. Finally, we appreciate our communities support and commitment to education and look forward to an open line of communication between all. We also look forward to the challenges ahead as we continue to grow and progress in the belief that no child is left behind.

**Dennett Elementary School,**  
**Philip Holt, Principal Highlights for 2007**

Over the last few months, there has been a lot going on here at the Dennett Elementary School. In January, students participated in the National Geographic Bee and successfully answered many difficult questions. Also in January, Grades 4, 5 and 6 did their best in the Spelling Bee Finals. Grade 3 had the opportunity to participate in a series of Braille and disability awareness activities. Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Readathon featured Celebrity Readers and focused on encouraging students to read. The fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduation included a variety of work created and presented by the students. Other annual events included: Family Math Night, the Grade Six Science/Geography Fair, the Spring Concert, Arbor Day festivities, Field Day, and the sixth grade three day environmental field trip to Cape Cod.

After many years of teaching at the Dennett, Mrs. Barbara Gauthier retired in June and we wish her all the best. The new school year began with two new staff members: Mrs. Laura Tartaglione and Ms. Meghan Dealy, both Grade 2 teachers.

District-wide literacy and early intervention have been identified as major focus areas to help ensure a student's success. This is the second year that the Dennett Elementary School has provided all day Kindergarten. It is our belief that these early learning experiences will lay a solid foundation for the educational future of our students.

The Dennett Elementary School continues to be an important part of the Plympton community. The Plympton Historical Society held its fall antique show for the second time in the Dennett's school gym. The fields and the gym are used regularly by the community for after-school activities. For the 2007 – 2008 school year, we have had the opportunity to update our technology and have made significant progress integrating technology into our curriculum. With the support of C.A.S.A., each grade level has their own web page that is linked to the school's web site ([www.dennett.mec.edu](http://www.dennett.mec.edu)). The response from families has been positive and the teachers feel that it is a very effective way of expanding educational experiences beyond the classroom walls. C.A.S.A., our Community and School Association, continues to be very active and we thank them for their support and commitment.

As a nation, our public school system has become standards based. In our state we focus on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and every year students in Grades 3 through 10 take the MCAS tests. The Dennett Elementary students consistently do well. The staff analyzes the previous spring's MCAS results and uses the data to continually improve our instruction. Another measure of how our schools perform is the National Assessment of Educational Progress exams. This is a test that is given in all fifty states and

Massachusetts fourth graders topped the nation on the reading and math tests this past year.

The Dennett School Council's mission is to provide a forum for parents, school staff, and community members to engage in ongoing communication leading to actions that promote a positive learning experience. This past year, the School Council sponsored the *Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids* Family Forum. In conjunction with this theme, the community and Dennett students participated in a penny drive that raised \$371.42 for the American Heart Association. With the help of several community members and funds raised by the School Council, two basketball hoops were added to the school playground. The *Dennett Voice* newsletter was published and mailed to all Plympton households in the spring and winter of 2007.

The Dennett Elementary staff continues to strive to provide an experience that educates the whole child and that helps prepare them to be successful individuals. As always, I am privileged to serve as the Principal of the Dennett Elementary School.

**Silver Lake Regional Middle School,**  
**Dennis A. Azevedo, Principal    Highlights for 2007**

On Wednesday, August 29, 2007, SLRMS welcomed 638 students into its well appointed classrooms. A summer of dedicated work by the school's staff had our four-year old building in pristine condition and ready for opening day.

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

Continued efforts by the Mathematics Department, the English/Language Arts Department and their Coordinators have resulted in a significant improvement in our MCAS scores which allowed us to attain our projected Adequate Yearly Progress goals set by the state. All departments have dedicated their monthly department meetings and professional development opportunities to meaningful collaboration, fostering modeling and review of Best Practices Instructional Strategies and ongoing curriculum revision.

A new reading course was designed and implemented. All grade seven students take *Strategic Reading* every other day, alternating with a world language course. This course is designed to help students continue to develop essential reading skills for academic success, with a major emphasis on nonfiction strategies in the content areas.

Our students continue to excel in both the classroom and extra-curricular activities. First term report cards showed evidence of this with nine percent of our students earning the Principal's Honor Roll and thirty-six percent earning Honor Roll. We also celebrated the success of both our Drama Club's production of *Babes in Toyland* and the outstanding Holiday Concert performed by our Vocal and Instrumental Music classes.

In our 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 use the telephone messaging system to alert all homes of important events or announcements.

Our goal at SLRMS 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, Richard J. Kelley, Principal**  
**Highlights for 2007**

This is truly an exciting and historic time at Silver Lake Regional High School. In January of 2007 we fully occupied our new state-of-the art facility. The final phase of construction occurred over the winter and concluded in April with the completion of a 750 seat auditorium. Given changes in the school's structure and location, our academic program remains consistent, rigorous and rich and our extra-curricular offerings remain vibrant.

Silver Lake currently continues to maintain full accreditation, the highest standard of evaluation offered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). In May, committee work began in earnest in preparation for our 2010 accreditation visit. Continuing the No Child Left Behind Act's report card program, we are proud to report that we exceeded our target in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics on the improvement scale for "Adequate Yearly Progress."

The Class of 2009 received MCAS results in the fall of 2007. 96% of the class passed math and 98% passed ELA. We are pleased to report that 79% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 68%, earned Proficient or Advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2007, members of the sophomore class (2010) took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science. 91% of our students passed the Physics exam and 100% passed the Biology exam. The faculty and administration continues to be committed to our school-wide goal that **every** student scores in the Proficient or Advanced category for English/Language Arts, Science and Mathematics. Seventy students earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

All of the 228 members of the class of 2007 met the rigorous requirements set forth by Silver Lake Regional High School. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 2, 2007, the proud graduates from Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton were joined by their grade 6 teachers. Earlier that week, approximately \$193,500 in scholarships 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. Ninety-six students took an AP Exam in May 2007. Fifty-nine 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, English Language, Music and Statistics. Our average SAT scores for those students who reported attendance at college after graduation was 513 in Critical Reading, 520 in Mathematics, and 509 in Writing.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. Over 83% of the student body participates in extra-curricular activities and athletics. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire. Such exemplary events include vocal and instrumental concerts, the spring Shakespearean Festival, last fall's musical *The Sound of Music!*

As a new era in Silver Lake Regional High School history moves forward, 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.

PLYMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEMBERSHIP  
October 1, 2007

Grade	K	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Elementary</b>	29		31	35	26	37	33	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	228							

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Secondary</b>	32	36	46	44	38	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	227					

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	455							
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Silver Lake Regional High School  
Class of 2007 - Graduation List

	Ryan	McIsaac	Austin	Plympton
	Priscilla	Marie	Beliveau	Plympton
	Amanda	Marie	Bellew	Plympton
	William	Paul	Bouchard	Plympton
	Zachary	Joseph	Clapp	Plympton
	Emily	May	Dentino	Plympton
	Sean	Bernard	Doyle	Plympton
*	Jenny	Lynn	Fernald	Plympton
	Sophia	Melanese	Ford	Plympton
	Daniel	Patrick	Freney, Jr.	Plympton
	Evan	James	Garuti	Plympton
	Benjamin	Louis	Giglio	Plympton
	Jennifer	Leigh	Hickey	Plympton
	Andrea	Lynne	Hoyt	Plympton
	Heather	Ivy	Kasanovich	Plympton
	Kelsey	Thelma	Mahoney	Plympton
*	Aida	Rose	Margolin	Plympton
	David	James	Mattern	Plympton
	David	Michael	Morris	Plympton
	Ashley	Anne	Murray	Plympton
	Samantha	Lee	Neumeister	Plympton
	Michelle	Renee	Pecinovsky	Plympton
	Melissa		Richards	Plympton
	Néchole	Elizabeth	Rudolph	Plympton
	Leanne	Victoria	Sampson	Plympton
	Gerald	Robert	Sarro	Plympton
	Tyler	Andrew	Sherman	Plympton
*	Kyle	Robert	Swanson	Plympton
	Zachary	James	Thomas	Plympton
	Ashley	Ryann	Waterman	Plympton
	Brian	Michael	Weber	Plympton
	Jacqueline	Marie	Wescott	Plympton
	Kathleen	Elizabeth	Wescott	Plympton

\* Denotes National Honor Society Member



## **REPORT OF SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2008**

The Silver Lake Regional School Committee started the 2007 year with the construction of the buildings nearing completion. As many recall, the tax payers of the district allowed the School Committee to appoint a Building Committee to oversee the building of two new facilities, spacing it out to allow our students and staff to move throughout the existing buildings and move as the new ones were built. We would like to thank everyone who voted for the project, as well as the staff and students who graciously accepted conditions during construction, confident that a superior new high school would be theirs in the end.

There are many who deserve recognition, but among them specifically would be High School Principal, Richard Kelley, who was so helpful to the staff, the Building Committee and construction personnel. We would also like to thank John Tuffy, Director of Business Services, for his dedication to this project, overseeing the financial and overall project with the attention to detail that assured success. For their dedicated work, we thank the members of the Building Committee- Chairman John Bruno, as well as members Tom Cambria, Colleen Costa, Patricia Doherty, Mark Guidoboni, Robert Hodge, Mario Papotto, David Peconosky and Mike Romano.

The Dedication for the High School was held in September with an Open House and tour for community members. The ceremonial presentation of the keys to the building was given to representatives of the three towns. Our three communities should take pride in knowing that both our Middle School and our High School are state-of-the-art buildings with staff and administrators dedicated to providing a superior education to the students of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton.

This year also brought the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Dana Parker. Mr. Parker joined us in 2005 and helped us through the construction and moving of students. He also brought great strengths working with our staff. The Silver Lake School District has chosen to have an Interim Superintendent to finish out the 2007-2008 school year. John Tuffy was chosen to fill this position. He brings much strength to the job, a strong work ethic, excellent communication skills and a sound knowledge of finances. We feel that he is the right person to lead the District at this time.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
June 30, 2007

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTAL June 30, 2007
	General	Special Revenue		Trust/Agency Accounts	General Long-term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash & Investments	\$ 2,947,400	\$ 470,397	\$ 6,199,358	\$ 76,928	\$	\$ 9,694,083
Amounts to be provided for payment of long-term obligations					10,745,000	10,745,000
Total assets	\$ 2,947,400	\$ 470,397	\$ 6,199,358	\$ 76,928	\$ 10,745,000	\$ 20,439,083
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Withholdings payable	\$ 509,219	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 509,219
Accrued Vacation	268,857			2,163		268,857
Due to Commonwealth						2,163
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable			17,250,000			17,250,000
Other Liabilities				74,765		74,765
General Obligation Bonds Payable					10,745,000	10,745,000
Total liabilities	778,076		17,250,000	76,928	10,745,000	28,850,004
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>						
Reserved:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	44,523					44,523
and Continued Appropriations	(195,026)					(195,026)
Designated for Teacher Salary Deferral						
Unreserved:						
Undesignated	497,498	470,397	(11,050,642)			(10,082,747)
Designated for Capital Projects	760,800					760,800
Designated for Debt Assessments	133,878					133,878
Designated for Pembroke	927,651					927,651
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## REPORT OF THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc (SSCAC)  
265 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360  
508-747-7575

[www.SSCAC.org](http://www.SSCAC.org)

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC) is an agency that administers many Federal, State and Private Grants that are available for low income and elderly persons.

During the Fiscal year of SSCAC, a total of **58 Plympton** households and **92 individual Plympton residents** were served from October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007 through their many programs.

<u>PROGRAM AVAILABLE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</u>
CONSUMER AID	2
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION (DOEWAP)	1
FEMA	2
FUEL ASSISTANCE	25
HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS (HEARTWAP)	13
BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	5
LEND A HAND	1
MASSCAP OIL	1
NSTAR ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	1
TRANSPORTATION	7

## REPORT OF THE TERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee wishes to thank the following groups and individuals whose contributions made the Tercentennial a memorable community celebration:

The Upland Sportsman's Club  
Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, Senate President Therese Murray, Representatives Tom O'Brien and Tom Calter  
Plympton Police Department  
Plympton Highway Department  
Plympton Fire Department  
Plympton Boy Scouts Troup 53  
Plympton Cultural Council  
Custom Cakes by Paula.com

Special thanks to the following companies, groups, and individuals for their generous donations to the Committee's fundraising activities:

Bay State Gas	Halifax Country Club
South Shore Equine Clinic	Security National LLC
National Service Company	The Village Café
Vautrinot Surveying	Richard Davis Funeral Home
Plympton Cycles	Bloom Bus lines
PAYS	VHB
CASA	Pope's Farm Realty
Springer Construction	Keene's Wood Floors
Kopelman & Paige	Plympton Folk Arts
Science Studio	Plympton Convenience & Liquors
Country Way Liquors	Charlie Horse Restaurants
Abington Ale House Restaurant	Jack Conway Realty
Sovereign Bank	Marianne Prescott
Jean Shaw	Brother's Best Cafe
Lisa Maragnano	Comcast Cable Company
Network for Success	Shelia Zelinski
Thompson Tree Service	Plympton Service Station
NStar Electric	Bill Hayes
Panera Bread	Katie's Sweet Shoppe

Respectfully,

The Tercentennial Committee

Christine Joy, Chairman	Nancy Butler, Secretary	Lisa Krance, Treasurer
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 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 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. Arbor Day was celebrated April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Plympton Town House with the planting of two Zelkovas, *Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green' and eight, Kousa Dogwoods, *Cornus Kousa*. The plantings are at the entrance to the Town House facing Palmer Road and will mature on the site very nicely. Future tree planting is being planned. A Master Planting Plan is being created by Plympton residents for the community; once Route 58 highway improvements are completed town tree & shrub plantings will be made as part of beautification. The 2007 defoliating caterpillar (Winter Moth, Fall Cankerworm, Forest & Eastern Tent & Gypsy Moth) season was relatively mild compared to previous seasons as the various outbreak populations crashed and tolerable populations of most caterpillars are to be expected. 2008 Winter Moth caterpillars continue 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). In recent years, most notably 2007, there has been an increase in oak tree mortality due to outbreak populations of defoliating caterpillars (2004-2006), previous drought years and other stress related insects and disease. The increase of dead & dying trees along our public ways is of concern. Through an inventory I have been establishing priorities and working tree removals. Fortunately for the town of Plympton, NSTAR Electric has removed 93 dead trees in town in 2007 as part of their enhanced electric reliability program due to the increased tree mortality. 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
William N. Hayes, Jr.  
Plympton Tree Warden

## REPORT OF THE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

In 2007 the Committee continued to expand and enhance the official town Web site, <http://town.plympton.ma.us>, while maintaining over 2700 pages of content, images and documents through approximately 400 hours of volunteer effort.

This year the Committee focused on supporting the Town's Tercentennial celebration including event announcements and posting and annotating official and unofficial Tercentennial images. We also created an online data input and collection mechanism for the Open Space and Recreation Committees' open space use survey. Additionally, the site received an award and recognition from Common Cause as one of only 41 of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns providing essential information such as bylaws, budgets, town meeting warrants etc. online.

The site averaged over 900 page visits per day this year, with the Police Department (<http://town.plympton.ma.us/safety/pd.html>), the annual town report archive (<http://town.plympton.ma.us/forms.html>), and the Board of Assessors (<http://town.plympton.ma.us/town/assessor.html>) being the most popular.

The Committee further supports Plympton every year by:

- posting pre- and post-election and town meeting information,
- 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 their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxwell C. West, Chairman

Jon K. Wilhelmsen, Vice-Chair

Brian Wick, Clerk

Carolyn DeCristofano

Steven W. Ziglar

Randy Sullivan

Jeremy Yon

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## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS - TOWN OFFICES**

<b>Assessors, Board of</b>	<b>781-585-3227</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>	<b>781-585-0571</b>
<b>Dennett Elementary School</b>	<b>781-585-3659</b>
<b>Dog Officer</b>	<b>781-585-9444</b>
<b>Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>781-585-0571</b>
<b>Fire Business</b>	<b>781-585-2633</b>
<b>Health, Board of</b>	<b>781-585-7000</b>
<b>Highway Department</b>	<b>781-585-3703</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>781-585-4551</b>
<b>Police Business</b>	<b>781-585-3339</b>
<b>Selectmen, Board of (phone &amp; fax)</b>	<b>781-585-2700</b>
<b>Silver Lake Administration Office</b>	<b>781-585-4313</b>
<b>Silver Lake Regional Middle School</b>	<b>781-582-3555</b>
<b>Silver Lake Regional Senior HS</b>	<b>781-585-3844</b>
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>781-585-6075</b>
<b>Town Accountant</b>	<b>781-585-0409</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>781-585-3220</b>
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	<b>781-585-0409</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>781-585-9881</b>
<b>Tree Warden</b>	<b>781-585-3339</b>
<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	<b>781-585-0571</b>
<b>Town House Fax</b>	<b>781-582-1505</b>
<b>Library Fax</b>	<b>781-585-7660</b>

## **EMERGENCY: POLICE, FIRE, & AMBULANCE**

**911**