

# **TOWN OF PLYMPTON**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2009**



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the Town Officers  
and Committees  
For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2009

**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 2010 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the Dennett Elementary School.

**TOWN ELECTION** – the third Saturday in May at the Town House the polls will be open for the 2010 Election of Officers from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, May 15, 2010 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

**2009 CENSUS**  
2,874

**REGISTERED VOTERS**  
2,008

**TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
William D. Delahunt

**US SENATORS**  
John F. Kerry  
Scott P. Brown

**PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT**  
Therese Murray

**TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**  
Thomas J. Calter

## In Memoriam



Elisabeth Dennett  
August 22, 1906 - April 14, 2009  
"Aunt Lib"

Garden Club  
Historical Society

## In Memoriam



Edwina Wood  
April 21, 1915 - September 12, 2009

Council on Aging  
Plympton Historical Society  
A Founding Member

## In Memoriam



Emelia W. Kirkland  
August 17, 1925 – July 31, 2009

Council on Aging Senior Aide  
In Memoriam



## In Memoriam



Anna F. Donovan  
May 1, 1918 – November 1, 2009

Board of Registrars  
Democratic Town Committee

## MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2009

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

<b><u>BOARDS/COMMITTEES</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Agricultural Comm.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm
Board of Appeals	as posted	
Board of Assessors	as posted	
Board of Health	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	7:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday	7:00 pm
Community Preservation Comm.	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 pm
Conservation Com.	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 pm
Council on Aging	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	9:00 am
Cultural Council	as posted	
Finance Committee	as posted	
Historical Comm.	as posted	
Historic District Comm.	as posted	
Library Trustees	as posted	
Old Home Day Comm.	as posted	
Open Space	last Wednesday	7:30 pm
Planning	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:30 pm
Recreation Comm.	as posted	
School Comm. Dennett	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	3:30 pm
School Comm. Silver Lake	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm
Veteran's Agent	by appointment	
Wage and Personnel		
Website Comm.	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:30 pm
Wiring Inspector	Monday	7:00 pm

***Volunteers Welcomed***



**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS  
2009**

**MODERATOR**

John A. Traynor Jr. (2010)

**TOWN CLERK**

Nancy J. Butler (2012)

**SELECTMEN**

Joseph A. Freitas (2011)

Barry DeCristofano (2010)

John P. Henry (2012)

**TREASURER**

Carolyn Northon (2012)

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Carolyn A. Northon (2010)

**HIGHWAY SURVEYOR**

James M. Mulcahy (2012)

**ASSESSORS**

George Thompson (2011)

Jocelyn Anderson (2012)

Richard Nordahl (2010)

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mark Gabriel (2012)

Shelly Karparis (2011)

Susan Ossoff (2012)

Robert Ruggiero (2011)

Maureen Springer (2012)

**TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Kristine Boyles (2012)

Carolyn A. DeCristofano (2010)

Deborah L. Dempsey (2010)

Patricia L. Detterman (2011)

Suzanne S. Smith (2011)

Susan T. Vetterlein (2012)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thomas M. Gillespie (2010)  
Lisa M. Hart (2011)  
Jacquelyn M. Norrie (2010)  
David C. Pecinovsky (2012)  
Maxwell C. West (2011)

**PLANNING BOARD**

John D. O'Leary Jr. (2011)  
John Rantuccio (2014)  
Ann Sobolewski (2010)  
Kenneth A. Thompson (2010)  
Brian A. Wick (2013)

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Janice L. Beale (2010)  
John E. Doyle (2012)  
Arthur F. O'Callahan Jr. (2010)

**TREE WARDEN**

William Hayes (2012)

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Cynthia Hines (2011)  
Maureen A. Springer (2012)

**CONSTABLES**

David Batchelder (2011)  
David E. Smith (2011)

## PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS 2009

**Agricultural Commission** – Richard Burnet (2011), Richard Harlfinger (2011), Russell Kierstead (2011), Rebecca Lipton (2010), Linda Schauwecker (2010)

**Animal Inspector/Dog Officer** – Frank Bush (2011)

**Building Commissioner** – Jason Silva (2010)

**Burial Agent** - James Mulcahy - (2010)

**Chief of Fire Department** – Robert C. Inglis – (2010)

**Chief of Police** – Matthew Clancy (2011)

**Civil Defense Committee** – Chief Matthew Clancy (2010), Chief Robert Inglis (2010), James Mulcahy (2010)

**Community Preservation Committee** – Deborah Anderson (2011), Rick Burnet (2011), David C. Chandler Sr. (2011), Jake Jacobson (2011), Polly Nordahl (2011), Mark E. Russo (2011), Colleen E. Thompson (2011), Kenneth A. Thompson (2011), Jon K. Wilhelmsen (2011),

**Conservation Commission** – Rick Burnet (2011), Tim Dempsey (2010), Francis E. Dicker (2011), Greg Fairbanks (2010), John Mathias (2011), Elizabeth Princiotta (2012), Jeff Smith (2010)

**Council on Aging** – Carolyn Canny (2010), Dorothy Cushman (2012) Evy Hanningan (2012), Sandra Henry (2011), Barbara Knox (2012), Shirley Martin (2012), Associates - Emelia Kirkland, Polly Nordahl (2011), Philip O'Connel' (2011), and Margaret Palmer

**Cultural Council** - Siobhan Green (2010), Barbara Knox (2010), Dominique Sampson (2013), Elizabeth Westley (2013),

**Director of Veteran's Services** – Roxanne Whitbeck (2010)

**Election Officials (annual appointments)** Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Tara Wick; Inspectors: Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie, Elaine McKeown, Jean Reynolds; Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan; Tellers: Barbara Allsopp, Debra Batson, Cynthia Bloomquist, Lee Cook, Lisa Hart, Grace Heinonen, Robert Jacobson, Frances Lundgren, Susan Ossoff, Helen Reynolds, Timothy Snow, Marilyn Thompson, Sandra Zentz

**Forest Fire Warden** – Robert C. Ingills (2010)

**Gypsy Moth Superintendent** – William Hayes (2010)

**Historical Commission** – John Leschen (2010), Edward McCune (2011), Martin P. Mitchell (2012) Walter Peterson (2010), Jon Wilhelmsen (2011), Associates: Richard Burnett (2010) Maxwell West (2012),

**Historic District Commission (PHDC)** – Stuart Chase (2012), (Alternate) Edward J. McCune III (2012), Charles C. Nickerson (2012), Carol Quindley (2012), Marylouise Sayles (2010), Jonathan Shaw (2010), Richard Stover (2010)

**Inspector of Wiring** – Robert Karling (2010)

**Local Building Inspector** - Jason Silva (2010)

**Jason Park Study and Development Committee** – Gregory Fairbanks (2012), Joseph Freitas (2012),

**Open Space Committee** – Gail Briggs (2012), Patricia Johnson (2011), Christian Lawrence (2012), Francis Perfetuo (2011), Brad Prescott (2012),

**Plumbing & Gas Inspector** – Douglas G. Hawthorne Jr. (2010)

**Plympton CERT Program Coordinator** – David Smith (2012)

**Police, Full-time** - Robert J. Costa, Jr., Patrick Dillon, Paul Joudrey, John Mulready, Michael Pinnetti, Stephen M. Teri,

**Police, Part-time** – Robert Akin (2009), Scott Petersen (2009), Christopher Saucier (2009), Dennis Reddy, Dana Fowler, Ronald Clark,

**Police, Special Officers** – Paul Harkins (2009), Tami Rice (2009), Wayne Sjostedt (2009), Neil Murphy (2009), Linda Pomroy (2009), Joseph Steward, Dana Smith.

**Recreation Commission** - Steven Beckwith (2012), Susan Day (2012), Andrew Karparis (2010), Justin Keene (2010), Ann M. White (2012)

**Registrars of Voters** - Lisa Krance (2010), Kathleen Keirstead (2012), Shirley Martin (2011)

**Superintendent of Insect Pest Control** – William Hayes (2010)

**Town Accountant** – Barbara Gomez (2010)

**Town Counsel** - Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

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

**Veteran's Burial Agent** – Roxanne Whitbeck (2010)

**Veteran's Services** – Roxanne Whitbeck (2010)

**Wage & Personnel Board** – David C. Chandler, Sr., (2011), David McMorrow (2010)

**Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee** - Brian Wick (2011), Jon Wilhelmsen (2010), Non-voting, Jeremy Yon (2010), Maxwell West (2010)

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – David F. Alberti alternate (2012), John Leschen, alternate (2010), Mark E. Russo (2012), Ann Sobolewski (2011)

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Robert Karling (2010)

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As always the Town Clerk's Office is a busy office and 2009 was no exception.

The year began with mailing the Annual Town Street Census to every household in Plympton. It is very important that these forms are returned to the Town Clerk: "Failure to respond to the mailing shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registrations rolls. (MGL Ch.51, sec.4c) The Town receives State Aid as a result of the census count, the Dennett Elementary School uses the information to prepare their budget for the next school year and the jury list is selected from the census forms.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Wed. May 15, 2009. Only **99 voters** attended the Annual Town Meeting, conducting the business for the Town, making the decisions for fiscal '10 in adding and/or revising the Plympton Town By-Laws. There are 2022 registered voters which means **less than 5%** of the voters make the decisions for the Town. The Annual Town Election was held on Saturday May 16, 2009. With no contested race there was a low turnout, only **116** people voted. The minutes for both the Town Meeting and Town Election are included in this report.

In September 2009, The Massachusetts Legislators passed new legislation affecting Ethics Laws to become effective on Sept 29, 2009, Campaign Finance Laws effective January 1, 2010 and Open Meeting Laws to become effective July 1, 2010.

The Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law Chapter 268A was revised and became effective September 29, 2009. ALL employees of the Town: elected, appointed and volunteers, received a copy of the new Conflict of Interest Laws and were required to take an online quiz, download their certificate and give a copy to the Town Clerk on or before December 28, 2009. Since this law was first enacted the date for completing the quiz has been extended to April 2, 2010. As of this writing there are still many committee members and volunteers that have not completed the quiz. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Town Clerk.

The new Campaign and Political Finance Laws took effect January 1, 2010 and can be viewed by going to [www.mass.gov/ocpf](http://www.mass.gov/ocpf) and click on 'newsletter'.

Open Meeting Laws passed in Sept. 2009 but do not become effective until July 1, 2010. You will be hearing more about these new laws as the effective date nears.

Due to the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Jr on August 25, 2009, the Secretary of State called for an election to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Kennedy. The Special Primary Election was held on Tuesday December 8, 2009 and the Special State Election on January 19, 2010. The results of the Primary Elections are available in this report.

The Town Clerk's report for the year 2000 includes:

- Town Meeting warrants and results
- Election warrants and results
- Special Primary warrant and results
- Resignations
- Financial reports for the Town Clerk
- Licenses issued during the year
- Vital records (births, marriages and deaths)

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 13, 2009**

PLYMOUTH, ss.

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

GREETING:

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

**Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 8:00 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-S.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of \$1,654.90 to pay a Kopelman and Paige invoice from fiscal year 2007.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2-S.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the May 2008, Annual Town Meeting, Article 8, Line 37, County Pension the sum of \$4,900. and transfer from Line 76, Veterans' Benefits the sum of \$5,000. for the purpose of collecting and/or foreclosing on tax title properties or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Town Treasurer**

**Article 3-S.** To see if the Town will vote transfer from available funds a sum of \$64.59 for the purpose of paying Verizon Bills for the years of 2006 and 2007.

**Board of Health**

**Article 4-S.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,200. from the May 14, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, Line 3, Assistant Assessor to be added to the May 14, 2008 Annual Town Meeting Article 23, Appraisal Software or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors**

**Article 5-S.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the May 2008, Annual Town Meeting, line 80 "Elementary School Costs," the sum of \$60,000 to line 81, "Special Education," and to transfer from line 81A "Vocational



Education,” the sum of \$15,000 to line 81 “Special Education,” or take any other action relative thereto.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

Joseph A. Freitas, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Barry DeCristofano, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

John P. Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Plympton Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David E. Smith (signed)

Date: 4-28-09

A true copy,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy J Butler CMC/MMC (signed)  
Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 13, 2009**

Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr. declared there being a quorum present the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting and identified himself. He then asked everyone to rise and observe a moment of silence for any and all of our Plympton neighbors who have passed away since our last meeting. In particular he noted: Elizabeth Dennett, Robert Andrews, Georgianne Doucette, Clayton Knox, Alfred Norton and William White; and our men and women in uniform around the world and especially those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mr. Traynor led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Moderator Traynor read the call to the warrant and the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. There were 99 registered voters present. He then introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Council Richard Bowen, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, and the members of the Finance Committee. The tellers were: Helen Reynolds, Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was Jordan Gaudett.

Mr. Moderator stated we will hold two town meetings; first we will begin the Annual Town Meeting and address Fiscal Year 2010. Then at 8:00 pm we will recess the Annual Town Meeting to begin a Special Town Meeting to address funding issues in this fiscal year which ends June 30, 2009.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to allow the following non-residents of Plympton be allowed to address the annual town meeting at the appropriate time: State Representative Tom Calter, Town Council Richard Bowen, Police Chief Matthew Clancy, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, Assessor Assistant Steve Dunn, Superintendent of Schools John Tuffy, Assistant Superintendent Silver Lake Regional School Joy Blackwood, and Dennett Elementary School Principal Philip Holt

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to waive the reading of the warrant wherever legal and appropriate in favor of a brief 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. Board of Selectmen

**Article 1.** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to pass over Article 1. **Unanimous**

**Article 2.** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY2010 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53F. **Unanimous**

**Article 3.** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to waive the reading of individual wage and salary figures in favor of line item approval. **Unanimous**

**Article 3.** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2009 and to pay as wages the following sums. **Unanimous**

**WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2010**

**A. Firefighters (Part Time)**

Deputy Chief	\$	22.66
Captain	\$	21.12
Lieutenant	\$	20.09
Firefighter	\$	19.06
Certified EMT	\$	19.06
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	\$	25.75

**B. Highway Labor**

Working Foreman	\$	17.38	\$	19.08
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$	16.61	\$	17.30
Laborer	\$	13.54	\$	14.21

**C. Town Labor**

Laborer	\$	13.54	\$	14.21
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$	15.65	\$	16.35
Disposal Attendant	\$	13.94	\$	14.63

**D. Clerical**

Junior Clerk – 1 year	\$	8.85	\$	9.55
Senior Clerk – 2 years	\$	11.35	\$	12.05

Senior Clerk – 5 years	\$	12.81	\$	13.49
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**E. Accounting/Assessor**

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$	11.81	\$	12.50
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 1 year	\$	13.13	\$	13.81
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 3 year	\$	15.00	\$	15.67
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 5 year	\$	16.35	\$	16.98
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$	17.10	\$	19.13

**F. Selectmen's Office**

Junior Secretary – 1 year	\$	11.35	\$	12.05
Senior Secretary – 2 years	\$	13.25	\$	13.95
Senior Secretary – 5 years	\$	14.54	\$	15.23
Assistant to Board	\$	17.10	\$	19.13

**G. Library**

Senior Library Technician	\$	13.93	\$	16.89
Library Technician	\$	13.29	\$	15.11
Circulation Clerk	\$	10.90	\$	12.62
Library Clerk	\$	9.09	\$	11.15

**H. Police Department**

Police Administrative Clerk	\$	13.29	\$	15.11
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**I. Town Clerk's Office**

Assistant Town Clerk	\$	17.10	\$	19.13
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**J. Salaried Employees**

Fire Chief	\$ 49,154.40	\$	
63,306.93			
Police Chief	\$ 49,154.40	\$	63,306.93
Police Sergeant	\$ 42,947.98	\$	49,555.33
Police Matron	\$15/hour		
Special Police Officer	\$13/hour		
Librarian/Director	\$ 30,677.3	\$	34,861.00
Asst. Assessor – 1 years	\$ 23,232.94	\$	25,646.80
Asst. Assessor – 3 years	\$ 26,408.60	\$	28,947.89

Asst. Assessor – 5 years	\$ 29,000.00	\$	41,000.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 3,060.56	\$	3,091.90

**Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to advance to Article #5 for immediate consideration and continue until 8:00 P.M. when we will adjourn for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous**

**Article 5. Voted:** (On the motion of John P. Henry) The Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or exchange land described as: Map E 3, Block 1, Lot 17, on the Town Assessor's map, which will be owned by the town through tax foreclosure.

**Unanimous**

**Article 6. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$10,000.00** for Town Building Maintenance and Grounds Account. **Unanimous**

**Article 7.** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$29,356.00 to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 Smeal pumper as part of the lease to own program.

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to amend the amount to \$29,346.00 to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 Smeal pumper as part of the lease to own program. **Unanimous**

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$29,346.00** to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 Smeal pumper as part of the lease to own program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 8. Voted:** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of **\$17,840.00** to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 GMC EMS Vehicle as part of the lease to own program **Unanimous**

**Article 9.** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$10,000. to replace half of the Fire Department's "Scott SCBA Bottles" that will have met there 15 year safe service life regulated by the Federal Department of Transportation .

**Article 9. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to amend the amount to \$4,000.00 to replace half of the Fire Department's "Scott SCBA Bottles" that will have met there 15 year safe service life regulated by the Federal Department of Transportation.

**Unanimous**

**Article 9, Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$4,000.00** to replace half of the Fire Department's "Scott SCBA Bottles" that will have met there 15 year safe service life regulated by the Federal Department of Transportation.

**Unanimous**

**Article 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$14,999.14 to make the second and final payment for a police patrol car on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 10. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The town vote to pass over Article 10. **Unanimous**

**Article 11. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of **\$121,473.00** as the States share of the cost of work under Chapter 90, Section 34-2A of the General Laws.

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared unanimous**

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to appropriate \$250,000.00 for the reconstruction of the transfer station; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow **\$250,000.00** under GL Chapter 44 Section 8 (22) or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

**Declared unanimous**

**Article 13. Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purpose of collecting and/or foreclosing on tax title properties. **Declared unanimous**

**Representative Thomas Calter spoke to the meeting bring greetings for the State House. He is confident there is hope for a better tomorrow. He expects the State will have a balanced budget between June 15 – 22, 2009.**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the purpose of harvesting trees at the Jason Park or take any action relative thereto.

**Selectmen**

**Board of**

**Article 14.** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to pass over Article 14.

**Unanimous**

**Article 15.** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to allow the Selectman to harvest and sell trees from Jason Park with the profit from the sale going to the Harry Jason Park Building Committee.

**Declared**

**majority**

**Article 16. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 for the South Shore Community Action Council.

**Motion fails**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to adjourn to conduct the Special Town Meeting.

**Declared Majority**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ADJOURNED TO CONDUCT THE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
8:00 P. M.**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED  
8:10 P.M.**

Mr. John A. Traynor, Jr, Moderator declared the Annual Town Meeting reopened at 8:10 P.M. to begin with Article 4.

**Article 4. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) 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 – 37** with a hold on Lines #2 and #3.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to amend Line #2 Assessors Expense from \$21,630.00 to \$22,866.00.

**Motion**

**fails**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote **Line #2 Assessors Expense \$21,630.00.**

**Unanimous**



**Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to amend Line #3 Assistant Assessor from \$26,307.00 to \$27,201.00. **Motion fails**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to amend **Line #3 Assistant Assessor** from \$26,307.00 to **\$26,409.00**. **Unanimous**

**Voted: TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$332,324.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #38 - 42** with a hold on Line #38. **Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend Line #38 Group Health to transfer \$85,419.00 from Free Cash and transfer \$9,478.00 from Overlay Surplus and raise and appropriate \$116,753.00. For a total of **\$211,650.00** to cover **Line #35 Group Health Insurance** costs for the Town.

**Unanimous**

**Voted: TOTAL INSURANCE AND PENSION: \$604,812.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #43-45** with a hold on Line #45.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of John Doyle) The Town vote **Line #45 Transfer Station \$173,550.00**. **Unanimous**

**TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH: \$ 198,553.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #46 - 52**. **Unanimous**

**TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$239,962.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #53 – 59**. **Unanimous**

**TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$25,378.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #60 -64**. **Unanimous**

**TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT: \$45,756.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #65 - 68** with a hold on Lines #65 and #67.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Mark Wallis) The Town vote to amend Line #65 from \$57,371 to **\$55,700.00 for Line #65 Fire Chief Salary.**

**Declared**

**majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend #Line 65 to transfer \$10,160.00 from the Ambulance Fund and raise and appropriate **\$45,540.00** for the total of **\$55,700.00 for Line # 65 Fire Chief Salary.**

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to amend Line #67 to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the total of **\$57,000.00 for Line #67**

**Fire/EMS**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL FIRE SERVICES: \$178,000.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #69-73 Police Services.**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$611,006.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #74 Fire & Police Communications.**

**TOTAL AMBULANCE & COMMUNICATIONS: \$2,000.00**

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #75 – 78.**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL VETERANS: \$29,350.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #79-80.**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL LIBRARY: \$105,301.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #81- 83.**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOLS: \$2,252,748.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #84 – 85.**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS: \$1,963,086.00**

**TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$4,215,834.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend  
**Line #86 Reserve Fund** from \$40,000.00 to the sum of **\$41,569.00**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL RESERVE FUND: \$229,801.00** **Unanimous**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raises and appropriate **Lines #87 – 89.**

**TOTAL DEBT: \$189,801.00** **Unanimous**

**TOTAL WARRANT: \$6,819,646.00**

**Articles 5 – 16 Taken out of order after Article #3 prior to the meeting  
adjourning for the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

**Article 17. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning By-Laws by adding the following to Section 9 (Definitions) Contractor's Yard: premises used by a building contractor, general contractor or subcontractor for storage of equipment and supplies, fabrication of subassemblies, and parking of operative wheeled equipment.

The Planning Board held a hearing on May 11, 2009 and voted in favor of this article.

**2/3 vote**

**Declared 2/3 Vote**

**Article 18. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning By-Laws by adding the following to Section 7.2 (Uses Authorized By Special Permit) and add title: Common Driveway and change the word from "reserve" to serve.

The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit to allow a common driveway to serve more than one residential lot, but not more than four residential lots, provided that the Board shall be satisfied and make findings that each lot to be served by the driveway satisfies all applicable zoning requirements and that the common driveway satisfies the specific criteria enumerated below and that

the common driveway would provide for a more efficient traffic flow, reduce traffic hazards from multiple curb cuts, limit wetland crossings and not be detrimental to the neighborhood.

1. All structures using a common driveway shall be clearly marked as to their street number, at the point where it intersects with the public way, at any fork leading to such structure and at the individual structure's driveway entrance.
2. Prior to use, a proper Maintenance Agreement and Easements allowing such shared driveway must be executed and filed at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.
3. Paragraph of Section 5.8 notwithstanding, shared driveways can cross Retreat Lots and Retreat Lots may use shared driveways provided the buildable portion of each such lot is accessed at the point where the access portion of the lot abuts the buildable portion.
4. Lots to be served by a common drive shall meet the minimum dimensional standards of the Zoning By-Law in effect at the time that the special permit is issued.
5. Common driveways shall be located entirely within the lots they serve.
6. The first twenty-five feet from the public way shall be paved with two courses of bituminous concrete with a total of three inches and return (corner) radii of twenty-five feet.
7. The common drive may be either pavement or gravel. Whether the wearing surface is pavement or gravel, a minimum gravel base of twelve inches (gravel having no aggregate larger than three inches) shall be required. A paved drive shall have two courses of bituminous concrete with a total thickness of three inches. If the drive is gravel, the top two inches wearing surface shall be dense, graded, crushed stone. The common drive shall have a minimum width of twelve feet plus a three foot shoulder along at least one side if paved.
8. Property lines at public way intersections shall be rounded or cut back to provide for a curb radius of not less than thirty degrees.
9. All common driveways shall be identified by a sign posted at the intersection with the public way and the sign shall read: "Not A Public Way."
10. Individual driveways branching off the common drive shall contain a turnaround adequate for safety vehicles access at their terminus.
11. The Board of Appeals may require surety for the completion of the common drive and such surety shall be posted prior to the issuance of building permits on the lots.
12. The common drive shall be substantially completed prior to the issuance of building permits for new buildings to be serviced by the common drive, unless the common drive is secured by surety. All common drives shall be completed prior to the occupancy of any

dwelling unit served by the common drive. Completion shall be verified by submittal of as-built drawings requiring approval by the Board of Appeals.

The Planning Board held a hearing on May 11, 2009 and voted no action of this article.

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared 2/3 Vote Motion Failed**

**Article 19. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of **\$5,000.00.** for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2011 Tri-Annual revaluation of the Town. **Declared majority passes**

**Article 20. Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Tax Collector a fee of \$25.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective July 1, 2009.

**Declared majority**

**passes**

**Article 21. Voted:** (On the motion of Colleen Morin) 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 the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M.G.L., Chapter 44§53 E ½ an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time. **Declared**

**majority passes**

**Article 22. Voted:** (On the motion of Maureen Springer) 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 \$20,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 23. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$3,900

Reserves: From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$7,800

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$7,800

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$7,800

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$50,700

**Unanimous**

**Article 24. Voted:** (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to amend Article 24 and make the following clerical error changes:

23.1.1 Last sentence to insert "to" after the work required and before ensure.

23.1.3 Change the word "form" to from after the words Below-Strike

24.1.12 Second sentence change "shall be subject to a fined \$250" to read shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00.

24.2.4 add the word "fine" after \$200.00

**Unanimous**

**Article 24. Voted:** (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The town vote to amend Articles 23 & 24 of the Municipal Town By-Laws for the purpose of codification and to adopt minor language modifications and two new subsections in the Orderly Conduct section as outlined herein:

**ARTICLE XXIII  
BURGLAR ALARMS**

23.1.1

**Caretakers**

The owner of a dwelling house which is equipped with a burglar alarm system shall be required to provide the police department with alternate phone numbers to include work and cellular phone numbers, if applicable for the purpose of contacting the owner in the event of an alarm activation at the dwelling while the owner is away. Additionally, the owner of a dwelling and the owners of any businesses equipped with an alarm system shall provide the names and phone numbers of a minimum of two persons whom have access to the residence or business and have the ability to shut off or reset the alarm system on the demand of the police department. In the case of a dwelling house caretakers should not be a resident of the dwelling house in question. Caretakers shall be available to respond to the dwelling house or business in a reasonable period of time when summoned by the police. The owner of a dwelling house or business which is equipped with a burglar alarm system

shall be required to ensure that information provided to the police departments is up to date and accurate.

#### 23.1.2

Penalties; Non-Compliance - Caretakers

Whoever violates 23.1.1 of the by law by failing to provide the information required shall be subject to a fine of \$50.

#### 23.1.3

False Alarms:

The Plympton Police will respond to all reported burglar alarms. In the event of a false alarm, the police department will make a notation in the log. After the police have logged three (3) false alarms in a calendar year at the same location the owner shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each additional response to a false alarm.

Below-Strike from Existing By-Law- Encompassed in 23.1.3

Penalties: Non-Compliance

Whoever violates this section of the by-law shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each additional false alarm.

### **ARTICLE XXIV ORDERLY CONDUCT**

#### 24.1.1

Prohibited Acts:

A person shall be guilty of violation of the orderly conduct by-law if he or she willfully does any of the following acts in a public place. For the purpose of this by-law public place shall be defined as any place, structure or building to which the general public has access to resort to for business, entertainment or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. It shall also include all public ways and public buildings, public grounds and public parks.

#### 24.1.2

Commits an act in a violent and tumultuous manner toward another whereby that other is placed in danger or fear of personal injury.

#### 24.1.3

Commits an act in a violent and tumultuous manner toward another whereby the property of any person is placed in danger of being destroyed or damaged.

#### 24.1.4

Causes, provokes or engages in any fight, brawl or riotous conduct so as to endanger the health and or property of another.



#### 24.1.5

Obstructs, either singly or together with other persons, the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic and refuses to clear such public way or public place when ordered to do so by the police.

#### 24.1.6

Possesses or knowingly transports alcoholic beverages on any way before he or she has reached the age determined by the General Court of the Commonwealth as being the lawful age for the consumption of alcohol.

#### 24.1.7

Drinks or consumes any alcoholic beverages or possesses any open container thereof in the immediate place where he or she is located in any vehicle upon a public way or while on any public area or in any public places not duly licensed for such purposes by the Town of Plympton.

#### 24.1.8

Maliciously or without good cause interrupts, harasses or molests the speaker or speakers at any lawful assembly, meeting or gathering, or impairs the lawful rights of others to participate in such assembly, meeting or gathering when such conduct is calculated or likely to provoke disorderly conduct and procedure of the same or cause turmoil or disturbance at same, after being warned to refrain from such conduct by a person in charge of the assembly, meeting or gathering.

#### 24.1.9

Prowls or wanders in or upon private property of another, or without good reason or visible of Lawful business with the owner or occupant thereof, peeks, peeps, or peers in any door or window of any building or structure thereon.

#### 24.1.10

**Smokes, consumes or ingests marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol in any vehicle upon a Public way or while present in any public place for which the public has the right of access as invitees or licensees, or while on any public grounds, parks or buildings.**

#### 24.1.11

**Whoever is found in violation of subsection 24.1.10 shall, when requested by a police officer, immediately state his/her true full name, address and date of birth.**

Amend **Penalties; Non-Criminal Dispositions** to read as follows:

#### 24.1.12

Penalties; Non-Criminal Dispositions:

Any person who violates prohibited acts 24.1.2 through 24.1.9 inclusive shall be fined \$175 and may be arrested without a warrant by a police officer if the violation is committed in the officer's presence. Any person who violates prohibited acts 24.1.10 & 24.1.11 of this by-law shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense. A police officer is not authorized to arrest a person found solely in violation of 24.1.10 & 24.1.11.

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

### 24.2.1

Prohibited Acts:

A person shall be guilty of a by-law traffic safety violation when they have operated a vehicle in one of the below listed prohibited manners.

### 24.2.2

Operates a motor vehicle on any public way recklessly in a manner which endangers the public or which is likely to cause the destruction or damage to the personal property of another.

(Strike from Current By-Laws)

Operates a motor vehicle on a public way greater than the posted speed limit or at a speed greater than reasonable for the road conditions.

### 24.2.3

Trespasses on the private property of another or on public grounds where prohibited while operating a vehicle, motor vehicle, or recreational vehicle or anyone who abandons a vehicle, motor vehicle, recreational vehicle.

### 24.2.4

Penalties; Non-Criminal Dispositions:

Whoever violates 24.2.2 & 24.2.3 may be subject to a \$200 fine for a first offense and a \$300 for each subsequent offense.

**Unanimous**

**Article 25. Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of **\$28,500.00** to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2009.

**Unanimous**

**Article 26. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend Article XXVII, Chapter 2 of the Town By-laws by adding the words "for the acquisition," in order to bring the wording of the by-law into conformance with M.G.L. c.44B, s. 5. The new chapter shall read,

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

**2/3 vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 27. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, Article XXVII, creating Chapter 7 to read as follows:

“Applications for exemption from the Community Preservation Act surcharge must be filed with the Board of Assessors no later than three months after the actual tax bills are mailed for the fiscal year.”

**2/3 Vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 28. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of a formal proposal with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation as an overlay for land at 5 Palmer Road (Map 22, Parcel 75) and XX Street (Map XX, Parcel XX).

**Declared 2/3 majority**

**pass**

**Article 29. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend as read and presented in writing to the Town Clerk, Article IV, Section 1 (Finance Committee) of the Municipal By-Laws by deleting the last sentence, “No Town Officer shall be eligible to membership to this Committee”, and replace it with the following: “No elected or appointed official shall be eligible to membership to this committee. No town employee shall be eligible to membership to this committee except as approved by the Selectmen. The only exceptions that can be made by the Selectmen are for individuals not employed by the Town for more than 19 hours per week.”

**Unanimous**

**Article 30. Voted:** (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to amend Warrant Article #30 to read: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Municipal By-Law Article XXI Rules & Regulations Relative to the Control of

Dogs as follows, as printed in the original warrant to the Selectmen.

## **Unanimous**

**Article 30.** Rules & Regulations Relative to the Control of Dogs as follows:

### **Section 1.**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

(a) "Kennel"

Delete (no more than) after the words "a collection of"

Insert ***four (4), or***

To Read:

"Kennel" single premises with a collection of four (4), or five (5) dogs, six (6) months or older, that are maintained for breeding, sale, training, hunting, or any other purpose.

(b) "License Period"

Delete the sentence: the time between July 1 and the following June 30<sup>th</sup>, both dates inclusive.

Insert: after License Period" ***the time between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> annually.***

Add a new line: ***"License Late Fee", a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in addition to the license fee will be imposed after August 31<sup>st</sup> following to June 30<sup>th</sup> for any overdue license.***

Add a new line: ***"Non-criminal Citation (21-D)" a citation imposed fine (maximum) of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to all other fees for any violations of Article XXI.***

### **Section 2.**

#### **LICENSES AND TAGS**

Paragraph 7 line 1

Delete: Sentence first sentence beginning with "No fee shall be charged".

Insert a new line: ***No fee shall be charged for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a blind, deaf, or handicapped person upon presentation to the clerk of a certificate of such training and a copy of a current rabies certificate.***

## Section 5.

### PENALTIES FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSES:

Delete the words after PENALTIES "FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSES

## Section 5. Change the title to read **PENALTIES**

### Paragraph 1, Lines 2 & 3

Delete: fine after the words "punished by a" and insert **Late fee**

Add: After the words "paid to the Town." ***After October 1<sup>st</sup> violators shall be subject to a non-criminal citation (21-D) with a fine up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid to the Town in addition to the license fee and any late fees.***

To Read: Whoever violates any provision of Article XXI s2 or s3 of these Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a late fee of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be paid to the Town. After October 1<sup>st</sup> violators shall be subject to a non-criminal citation (21-D) with a fine up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid to the town in addition to the license fee and any late fees.

### Paragraph 2, Line 1

Change: persons to **person(s)**

### Paragraph 3, Lines 1& 2

(a) Line 1, Delete: If the dog as to which any violation occurs

Insert: ***If a dog in violation of any provision of Article XXI,***

(b) Line 2, Change: fifty dollars (\$50.00) to ***one hundred dollars (\$100.00).***

To Read: If a dog in violation of any provision of Article XXI, was unlicensed at the time of such violation, a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be imposed to be paid to the town, and the owner or keeper of such dog will be required to immediately procure the current license and tag.

## Section 11

### RESTRAINT OR MUZZLING:

### Last Paragraph and Last Line

Delete: punished by a fine or not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Insert: ***punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for a second or subsequent offense.***

To Read: If the owner or keeper refuses or neglects to restrain or muzzle such dog as required, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for a second or subsequent offense.

## **Section 12.**

### **COMPLAINT OF NUISANCE:**

#### **Paragraph 3**

Change: police officer, constable or Dog Officer to read: ***Dog Officer, Police Officer or Constable***

## **Section 13.**

### **ANY PERSON MAY KILL A DOG, WHEN:**

#### **Paragraph 2**

Change: police officer, constable or Dog Officer to read: ***Dog Officer, Police Officer or Constable***

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared Unanimous**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 751 of the Acts of 1911 to cover Worker's Compensation for Elected Town Officials.

**Town Clerk**

**Article 31. Voted:** (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to pass over Article 31.

**Unanimous**

**Article 32. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39: Section 23D. Adjudicatory hearings; attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification

Section 23D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the (haring: scribner error) hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

- (b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section

### **Unanimous**

**Article 33. Voted:** (On the motion of John P. Henry) The Town vote to amend Article XX, Section 3.7 and 3.8 of the Municipal Town By-laws by adding the words "eighteen (18) months," in place of "six (6) months." The new sections shall read, "3.7 If after a public hearing the Commission determines that the significant building should be preferably preserved, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector in writing within five (5) working days of the hearing, and no demolition permit may be issued until eighteen (18) months after the date of the determination by the Commission.

3.8 Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 3.7, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a preferably preserved building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either:

- (i) The Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such building, or
- (ii) The Commission is satisfied that for at least eighteen (18) months the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful."

**Declared 2/3**

### **majority pass**

**Article 34.** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to accept a new Article XXIX to the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws titled: Unlawful Disposal of Refuge

**Article XXIX Unlawful Disposal of Refuge:** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to dump, place, throw, deposit or discharge any refuge, rubbish, garbage, household goods, appliances or furniture construction debris, landscaping debris, scrap, trash, tires or other material of any kind on any way, public or private, that appears on the assessor's map of the Town of Plympton, or within 20 yards thereof, or any land owned or controlled by the Town. (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to cast, throw, sweep, sift or deposit in any manner in or upon any public way or other public place in the Town or any river, canal, culvert, drain or receiving basin within the jurisdiction of the Town any kind of dirt, rubbish, waste, article, thing or substance whatsoever or take any other relative action thereto.

Discussion followed.

**Article 34. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws Article XXIX (1) by adding after the words "other material of any kind on" the following: "the property of another or"

**Unanimous**

**Article 34. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote as amended the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws **Article XXIX Unlawful Disposal of Refuge (1)** It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to dump, place, throw, deposit or discharge any refuse, rubbish, garbage, household goods, appliances or furniture construction debris, landscaping debris, scrap, trash, tires or other material of any kind on the property of another or on any way, public or private, that appears on the assessor's map of the Town of Plympton, or within 20 yards thereof, or any land owned or controlled by the Town. **(2)** It shall be unlawful for any person to cast, throw, sweep, sift or deposit in any manner in or upon any public way or other public place in the Town or any river, canal, culvert, drain or receiving basin within the jurisdiction of the Town any kind of dirt, rubbish, waste, article, thing or substance whatsoever.

**Unanimous**

**Article 35.** (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to change the ballot to include the school committee position for 1 year. This was ruled out of order.

**Article 35. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote adjourn to 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 16, 2009 at 7:00 AM then and there to take up the following article:

Board of Selectman: one for 3 years; Town Clerk: one for 3 years; Treasurer: one for 3 years; Assessor: one for 3 years; Finance Committee: one for 3 years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Highway Surveyor: one for 3 years; Planning Board: one for five years; School Committee: two for 3 years; Regional School Committee: one for 3 years; Library Trustee: two for three years; Library Trustee: one for two years; Tree Warden: one for 3 years;

The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM whereupon this meeting will be dissolved at 8:00 PM on that day.

**Unanimous**

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.



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

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

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 13, 2009**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr at 8:00 P.M. at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor declared there was a quorum and read the call to the meeting. Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk read the return of the warrant. The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was Jordan Gaudett There were 99 registered voters present. Town Counsel Richard Bowen was present.

**Article 1-S. Voted:** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote Article 1-S, as read, to transfer from **free cash** the sum of **\$1,654.90** to pay a Kopelman and Paige invoice from fiscal year 2008.

**9/10 vote**

**Declared unanimous**

**Article 2-S. Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to transfer from the May 2008, Annual Town Meeting, Article 8, Line 37, County Pension the sum of **\$4,900.00** and transfer from Line 76, Veterans' Benefits the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of collecting and/or foreclosing on tax title properties

**Declared unanimous**

**Article 3-S. Voted:** (On the motion of David C. Pecinovsky) The Town vote to transfer from **free cash** the sum of **\$64.59** for the purpose of paying Verizon Bills for the years of 2006 and 2007.

**9/10 vote**

**Declared unanimous**

**Article 4-S. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$4,200.00** from the May 14, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, Line 3, Assistant Assessor to be added to the May 14, 2008 Annual Town Meeting Article 23, Appraisal Software.

**Declared unanimous**

**Article 5-S. Voted:** (On the motion of Maureen A. Springer) The Town vote to transfer from the May 2008, Annual Town Meeting, line 80 "Elementary School Costs," the sum of **\$60,000.00** to line 81, "Special Education," and to transfer from line 81A "Vocational Education," the sum of **\$15,000.00** to line 81 "Special Education."

**unanimous**

**Declared**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to dissolve the Special Town Meeting and return to the Annual Town Meeting starting with Article #4.

**Unanimous**

The Plympton Special Town Meeting dissolved at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: (signed)

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

A true copy, ATTEST: (signed) Nancy J Butler, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

**AMENDED  
PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
May 13, 2009**

*(The Amended Plympton Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 13, 2009 includes the position of "School Committee: one for 1 year" which was omitted for the original warrant however it was printed on the ballot..)*

Board of Selectman: one for 3 years; Town Clerk: one for 3 years; Treasurer: one for 3 years;  
Assessor: one for 3 years; Finance Committee: one for 3 years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Highway Surveyor: one for 3 years; Planning Board: one for five years; School Committee: two for 3 years; **School Committee: one for 1 year**; Regional School Committee: one for 3 years; Library Trustee: two for three years; Library Trustee: one for two years; Tree Warden: one for 3 years;

PLYMOUTH, ss.

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

GREETING:

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

**Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY2010 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53F or take any other action relative thereto.

## Treasurer

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2009 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto

### WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2010

#### A. Firefighters (Part Time)

Deputy Chief	\$	22.66
Captain	\$	21.12
Lieutenant	\$	20.09
Firefighter	\$	19.06
Certified EMT	\$	19.06
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	\$	25.75

#### B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$	17.38	\$	19.08
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$	16.61	\$	17.30
Laborer	\$	13.54	\$	14.21

#### C. Town Labor

Laborer	\$	13.54	\$	14.21
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$	15.65	\$	16.35
Disposal Attendant	\$	13.94	\$	14.63

#### D. Clerical

Junior Clerk – 1 year	\$	8.85	\$	9.55
Senior Clerk – 2 years	\$	11.35	\$	12.05
Senior Clerk – 5 years	\$	12.81	\$	13.49

#### E. Accounting/Assessor

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$	11.81	\$	12.50
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 1 year	\$	13.13	\$	13.81
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 3 years	\$	15.00	\$	15.67
Sr. Accounting Clerk – 5 years	\$	16.35	\$	16.98
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$	17.10	\$	19.13

**F. Selectmen's Office**

Junior Secretary – 1 year	\$	11.35	\$	12.05
Senior Secretary – 2 years	\$	13.25	\$	13.95
Senior Secretary – 5 years	\$	14.54	\$	15.23
Assistant to Board	\$	17.10	\$	19.13

**G. Library**

Senior Library Technician	\$	13.93	\$	16.89
Library Technician	\$	13.29	\$	15.11
Circulation Clerk	\$	10.90	\$	12.62
Library Clerk	\$	9.09	\$	11.15

**H. Police Department**

Police Administrative Clerk	\$	13.29	\$	15.11
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**I. Town Clerk's Office**

Assistant Town Clerk	\$	17.10	\$	19.13
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**J. Salaried Employees**

Fire Chief	\$ 49,154.40	\$	63,306.93
Police Chief	\$ 49,154.40	\$	63,306.93
Police Sergeant	\$ 42,947.98	\$	49,555.33
Police Matron	\$15/hour		
Special Police Officer	\$13/hour		
Librarian/Director	\$ 30,677.31	\$	34,861.00
Asst. Assessor – 1 year	\$ 23,232.94	\$	25,646.80
Asst. Assessor – 3 years	\$ 26,408.60	\$	28,947.89
Asst. Assessor – 5 years	\$ 29,000.00	\$	41,000.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 3,060.56	\$	3,091.90

**Wage & Personnel Board**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year or to take any other action relative there to.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or exchange land described as: Map E 3, Block 1, Lot 17, on the Town Assessor's map, which will be owned by the town through tax foreclosure.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$20,000 for Town Building Maintenance and Grounds Account or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$29,356.00 to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 Smeal pumper as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Chief**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$17,840.00 to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 GMC EMS Vehicle as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Chief**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$10,000. to replace half of the Fire Department's "Scott SCBA Bottles" that will have met there 15 year safe service life regulated by the Federal Department of Transportation or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Chief**

**Article 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from existing funds the sum of \$14,999.14 to make the second and final payment for a police patrol car on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$121,473. as the States share of the cost of work under Chapter 90, Section 34-2A of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will appropriate and borrow under MGL Chapter 44 Section 7, Sub-section 1 or any other lawful authority, the sum of \$250,000. for the purpose of reconstruction of the disposal facility or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the Stabilization fund \$10,000.00 for the purpose of collecting and/or foreclosing on tax title properties or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Town Treasurer**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the purpose of harvesting trees at the Jason Park or take any action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectman to harvest and sell trees from Jason park with the profit from the sale going to the Harry Jason Park Building Committee.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 for the South Shore Community Action Council fund or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning By-Laws by adding the following to Section 9 (Definitions) Contractor's Yard: premises used by a building contractor, general contractor or subcontractor for storage of equipment and supplies, fabrication of subassemblies, and parking of operative wheeled equipment.

**Building Inspector**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning By-Laws by adding the following to Section 7.2 (Uses Authorized By Special Permit)

The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit to allow a common driveway to reserve more than one residential lot, but not more than four residential lots, provided that the Board shall be satisfied and make findings that each lot to be served by the driveway satisfies all applicable zoning requirements and that the common driveway satisfies the specific criteria enumerated below and that the common driveway would provide for a more efficient traffic flow, reduce traffic hazards from multiple curb cuts, limit wetland crossings and not be detrimental to the neighborhood.

13. All structures using a common driveway shall be clearly marked as to their street number, at the point where it intersects with the public way, at any fork leading to such structure and at the individual structure's driveway entrance.



14. Prior to use, a proper Maintenance Agreement and Easements allowing such shared driveway must be executed and filed at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.
15. Paragraph of Section 5.8 notwithstanding, shared driveways can cross Retreat Lots and Retreat Lots may use shared driveways provided the buildable portion of each such lot is accessed at the point where the access portion of the lot abuts the buildable portion.
16. Lots to be served by a common drive shall meet the minimum dimensional standards of the Zoning By-Law in effect at the time that the special permit is issued.
17. Common driveways shall be located entirely within the lots they serve.
18. The first twenty-five feet from the public way shall be paved with two courses of bituminous concrete with a total of three inches and return (corner) radii of twenty-five feet.
19. The common drive may be either pavement or gravel. Whether the wearing surface is pavement or gravel, a minimum gravel base of twelve inches (gravel having no aggregate larger than three inches) shall be required. A paved drive shall have two courses of bituminous concrete with a total thickness of three inches. If the drive is gravel, the top two inches wearing surface shall be dense, graded, crushed stone. The common drive shall have a minimum width of twelve feet plus a three foot shoulder along at least one side if paved.
20. Property lines at public way intersections shall be rounded or cut back to provide for a curb radius of not less than thirty degrees.
21. All common driveways shall be identified by a sign posted at the intersection with the public way and the sign shall read: "Not A Public Way."
22. Individual driveways branching off the common drive shall contain a turnaround adequate for safety vehicles access at their terminus.
23. The Board of Appeals may require surety for the completion of the common drive and such surety shall be posted prior to the issuance of building permits on the lots.
24. The common drive shall be substantially completed prior to the issuance of building permits for new buildings to be serviced by the common drive, unless the common drive is secured by surety. All common drives shall be completed prior to the occupancy of any dwelling unit served by the common drive. Completion shall be verified by submittal of as-built drawings requiring approval by the Board of Appeals.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$5,000. for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal

2011 Tri-Annual revaluation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Board of Assessors**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Tax Collector a fee of \$25.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective July 1, 2009 or Take any other action relative thereto.

### **Tax Collector**

**Article 21.** 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 the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M.G.L., Chapter 44§53 E 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.

### **Board of Assessors**

**Article 22.** 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 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation

Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses  
\$ 3,900

Reserves: From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve  
\$ 7,800

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$  
7,800

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 7,800

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$ 50,700

or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Community Preservation Committee**

**Article 24.** To see if the town will vote to amend Articles 23 & 24 of the Town By-Laws for the purpose of codification and to adopt minor language modifications and two new subsections in the Orderly Conduct section as outlined herein:

## **ARTICLE XXIII BURGLAR ALARMS**

### 23.1.1

#### **Caretakers**

The owner of a dwelling house which is equipped with a burglar alarm system shall be required to provide the police department with alternate phone numbers to include work and cellular phone numbers, if applicable for the purpose of contacting the owner in the event of an alarm activation at the dwelling while the owner is away. Additionally, the owner of a dwelling and the owners of any businesses equipped with an alarm system shall provide the names and phone numbers of a minimum of two persons whom have access to the residence or business and have the ability to shut off or reset the alarm system on the demand of the police department. In the case of a dwelling house caretakers should not be a resident of the dwelling house in question. Caretakers shall be available to respond to the dwelling house or business in a reasonable period of time when summoned by the police. The owner of a dwelling house or business which is equipped with a burglar alarm system shall be required ensure that information provided to the police departments is up to date and accurate.

### 23.1.2

#### **Penalties; Non-Compliance - Caretakers**

Whoever violates 23.1.1 of the by law by failing to provide the information required shall be subject to a fine of \$50.

### 23.1.3

#### **False Alarms:**

The Plympton Police will respond to all reported burglar alarms. In the event of a false alarm, the police department will make a notation in the log. After the police have logged three (3) false alarms in a calendar year at the same

location the owner shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each additional response to a false alarm.

Below-Strike form Existing By-Law- Encompassed in 23.1.3

Penalties: Non-Compliance

Whoever violates this section of the by-law shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each additional false alarm.

## ARTICLE XXIV ORDERLY CONDUCT

### 24.1.1

Prohibited Acts:

A person shall be guilty of violation of the orderly conduct by-law if he or she willfully does any of the following acts in a public place. For the purpose of this by-law public place shall be defined as any place, structure or building to which the general public has access to resort to for business, entertainment or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. It shall also include all public ways and public buildings, public grounds and public parks.

### 24.1.2

Commits an act in a violent and tumultuous manner toward another whereby that other is placed in danger or fear of personal injury.

### 24.1.3

Commits an act in a violent and tumultuous manner toward another whereby the property of any person is placed in danger of being destroyed or damaged.

### 24.1.4

Causes, provokes or engages in any fight, brawl or riotous conduct so as to endanger the health and or property of another.

### 24.1.5

Obstructs, either singly or together with other persons, the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic and refuses to clear such public way or public place when ordered to do so by the police.

### 24.1.6

Possesses or knowingly transports alcoholic beverages on any way before he or she has reached the age determined by the General Court of the Commonwealth as being the lawful age for the consumption of alcohol.

### 24.1.7

Drinks or consumes any alcoholic beverages or possesses any open container thereof in the immediate place where he or she is located in any vehicle upon

a public way or while on any public area or in any public places not duly licensed for such purposes by the Town of Plympton.

#### 24.1.8

Maliciously or without good cause interrupts, harasses or molests the speaker or speakers at any lawful assembly, meeting or gathering, or impairs the lawful rights of others to participate in such assembly, meeting or gathering when such conduct is calculated or likely to provoke disorderly conduct and procedure of the same or cause turmoil or disturbance at same, after being warned to refrain from such conduct by a person in charge of the assembly, meeting or gathering.

#### 24.1.9

Prowls or wanders in or upon private property of another, or without good reason or visible or

Lawful business with the owner or occupant thereof, peeks, peeps, or peers in any door or window of any building or structure thereon.

#### 24.1.10

**Smokes, consumes or ingests marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol in any vehicle upon a Public way or while present in any public place for which the public has the right of access as invitees or licensees, or while on any public grounds, parks or buildings.**

#### 24.1.11

**Whoever is found in violation of subsection 24.1.10 shall, when requested by a police officer, immediately state his/her true full name, address and date of birth.**

#### 24.1.12

Penalties; Non-Criminal Dispositions:

Any person who violates prohibited acts 24.1.2 through 24.1.9 inclusive shall be fined \$175 and may be arrested without a warrant by a police officer if the violation is committed in the officer's presence. Any person who violates prohibited acts 24.1.10 & 24.1.11 of this by-law shall be subject to a fined \$250 for a first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense. A police officer is not authorized to arrest a person found solely in violation of 24.1.10 & 24.1.11.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

#### 24.2.1

Prohibited Acts:

A person shall be guilty of a by-law traffic safety violation when they have operated a vehicle in one of the below listed prohibited manners.

#### 24.2.2

Operates a motor vehicle on any public way recklessly in a manner which endangers the public or which is likely to cause the destruction or damage to the personal property of another.

(Strike from Current By-Laws)

Operates a motor vehicle on a public way greater than the posted speed limit or at a speed greater than reasonable for the road conditions.

#### 24.2.3

Trespasses on the private property of another or on public grounds where prohibited while operating a vehicle, motor vehicle, or recreational vehicle or anyone who abandons a vehicle, motor vehicle, recreational vehicle.

#### 24.2.4

Penalties; Non-Criminal Dispositions:

Whoever violates 24.2.2 & 24.2.3 may be subject to a \$200 for a first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense.

**Police Chief**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$28,500. to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2009 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Treasurer**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXVII, Chapter 2 of the Town By-laws by adding the words "for the acquisition," in order to bring the wording of the by-law into conformance with M.G.L. c.44B, s. 5. The new chapter shall read,

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

**Community Preservation Committee**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, Article XXVII, creating Chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Applications for exemption from the Community Preservation Act surcharge must be filed with the Board of Assessors no later than three months after the actual tax bills are mailed for the fiscal year."

#### **Board of Assessors**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of a formal proposal with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation as an overlay for land at 5 Palmer Road (Map 22, Parcel 75) and XX Street (Map XX, Parcel XX), or take any other action in relation there to.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV, Section 1 (Finance Committee) of the Municipal By-laws by deleting the last sentence, "No Town Officer shall be eligible to membership to this Committee," and replace it with the following: "Except as approved by the Selectmen, no one holding an Elective Office or an Appointed Position shall be eligible to membership to this Committee. The only exceptions that can be made by the Selectmen are for employees working less than 20 hours per week."

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 30.** Rules & Regulations Relative to the Control of Dogs as follow:

##### **Section 1.**

##### **DEFINITIONS**

(a) "Kennel"

Delete (no more than) after the words "a collection of"

Insert ***four (4), or***

To Read:

"Kennel" single premises with a collection of four (4), or five (5) dogs, six (6) months or older, that are maintained for breeding, sale, training, hunting, or any other purpose.

(b) "License Period"

Delete the sentence: the time between July1 and the following June 30<sup>th</sup>, both dates inclusive.

Insert: after License Period" ***the time between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> annually.***

Add a new line: ***“License Late Fee”, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in addition to the license fee will be imposed after August 31<sup>st</sup> following to June 30<sup>th</sup> for any overdue license.***

Add a new line: ***“Non-criminal Citation (21-D)” a citation imposed fine (maximum) of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to all other fees for any violations of Article XXI.***

## **Section 2.**

### **LICENSES AND TAGS**

#### **Paragraph 7 line 1**

Delete: Sentence first sentence beginning with “No fee shall be charged”.

Insert a new line: ***No fee shall be charged for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a blind, deaf, or handicapped person upon presentation to the clerk of a certificate of such training and a copy of a current rabies certificate.***

## **Section 5.**

### **PENALTIES FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSES:**

Delete the words after PENALTIES “FOR FAILURE AND/OR TARDINESS TO LICENSES

## **Section 5. Change the title to read PENALTIES**

#### **Paragraph 1, Lines 2 & 3**

Delete: fine after the words “punished by a” and insert ***Late fee***

Add: After the words “paid to the Town.” ***After October 1<sup>st</sup> violators shall be subject to a non-criminal citation (21-D) with a fine up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid to the Town in addition to the license fee and any late fees.***

To Read: Whoever violates any provision of Article XXI s2 or s3 of these Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a late fee of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be paid to the Town. After October 1<sup>st</sup> violators shall be subject to a non-criminal citation (21-D) with a fine up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid to the town in addition to the license fee and any late fees.

#### **Paragraph 2, Line 1**

Change: persons to ***person(s)***

#### **Paragraph 3, Lines 1& 2**



(a) Line 1, Delete: If the dog as to which any violation occurs  
Insert: ***If a dog in violation of any provision of Article XXI,***

(b) Line 2, Change: fifty dollars (\$50.00) to ***one hundred dollars (\$100.00).***

To Read: If a dog in violation of any provision of Article XXI, was unlicensed at the time of such violation, a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be imposed to be paid to the town, and the owner or keeper of such dog will be required to immediately procure the current license and tag.

## **Section 11**

### **RESTRAINT OR MUZZLING:**

#### **Last Paragraph and Last Line**

Delete: punished by a fine or not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Insert: ***punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for a second or subsequent offense.***

To Read: If the owner or keeper refuses or neglects to restrain or muzzle such dog as required, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for a second or subsequent offense.

## **Section 12.**

### **COMPLAINT OF NUISANCE:**

#### **Paragraph 3, line 1**

Change: police officer, constable or Dog Officer to read: ***Dog Officer, Police Officer or Constable***

## **Section 13.**

### **ANY PERSON MAY KILL A DOG, WHEN:**

#### **Paragraph 2, line 1**

Change: police officer, constable or Dog Officer to read: ***Dog Officer, Police Officer or Constable***

### **TOWN CLERK – DOG OFFICER**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 751 of the Acts of 1911 to cover Worker's Compensation for Elected Town Officials.

#### **Town Clerk**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39: Section 23D. Adjudicatory hearings; attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification

Section 23D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

- (c) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section or Take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Conservation Commission**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XX, Section 3.7 and 3.8 of the Town By-laws by adding the words "eighteen (18) months," in place of "six (6) months." The new sections shall read, "3.7 If after a public hearing the Commission determines that the significant building should be preferably preserved, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector in writing within five (5) working days of the hearing, and no demolition permit may be issued until eighteen (18) months after the date of the determination by the Commission.

3.8 Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 3.7, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a preferably preserved building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either:

- (i) The Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such building, or
- (ii) The Commission is satisfied that for at least eighteen (18) months the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful."

#### **Historical Commission**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add

Article XXIX (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to dump, place, throw, deposit or discharge any refuse, rubbish, garbage, household goods, appliances or furniture construction debris, landscaping

debris, scrap, trash, tires or other material of any kind on any way, public or private, that appears on the assessor's map of the Town of Plympton, or within 20 yards thereof, or any land owned or controlled by the Town. (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to cast, throw, sweep, sift or deposit in any manner in or upon any public way or other public place in the Town or any river, canal, culvert, drain or receiving basin within the jurisdiction of the Town any kind of dirt, rubbish, waste, article, thing or substance whatsoever or take any other relative action thereto.

### Board of Selectmen

**Article 35.** To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 13, 2008. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Board of Selectman: one for 3 years; Town Clerk: one for 3 years; Treasurer: one for 3 years;

Assessor: one for 3 years; Finance Committee: one for 3 years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Highway Surveyor: one for 3 years; Planning Board: one for five years; School Committee: two for 3 years; **School Committee: one for 1 year**; Regional School Committee: one for 3 years; Library Trustee: two for three years; Library Trustee: one for two years; Tree Warden: one for 3 years;

*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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009*

Joseph A. Freitas, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Barry DeCristofano, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

John P. Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Plympton Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: \_\_\_\_\_ David E. Smith (signed)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-14-09

A true copy,

ATTEST: (signed) Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009**

The ballot box was checked by the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler, the Tellers and Police Officer James Mulready. The ballot box was empty; the numbers were reset to 00000, then locked and ready for the election. The Tellers were sworn in by Nancy J. Butler. The polls opened at 7:00 AM. and closed at 8:00 PM. It was a really sunny pleasant day. It was the slowest Election Day ever. The total numbers of ballots cast were 116.

**Total # Registered Voters: 1999**

**Total # Votes Cast: 116**

SELECTMAN, for three years	Vote for
ONE	
John P. Henry	96
Blanks	20

TOWN CLERK, for three years	Vote for ONE
Nancy J. Butler	104
Blanks	12

TREASURER, for three years	Vote for
ONE	
Carolyn A. Northon	96
Blanks	19
Other	1

ASSESSOR, for three years	Vote for ONE
Jocelyn A. Anderson	94
Blanks	22

FINANCE COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for ONE
David C. Pecinovsky	99
Blanks	17

BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years	Vote for ONE
John E. Doyle	100
Blanks	15
Other	1

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR, for three years	Vote for ONE
James M. Mulcahy	103
Blanks	13

PLANNING BOARD, for five years	Vote for ONE
John D. Rantuccio	87
Blanks	29

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years TWO	Vote for
Maureen A. Springer	73
Mark C. Gabriel	11
Blanks	144
Others	4

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for one year	Vote for ONE
Susan F. Ossoff	92
Blanks	21
Others	3

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for ONE
Maureen A. Springer	73
Blanks	43

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years	Vote for TWO
Kristine M. Boyles	92
Susan T. Vetterlein	86
Blanks	54

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for two years	Vote for ONE
Patricia L. Detterman	98
Blanks	18

TREE WARDEN, for three years	Vote for ONE
William N. Hayes, Jr	100
Blanks	16

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

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

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

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of **PLYMPTON**

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Plympton who are qualified to vote in Special State Primaries to vote at:

**PLYMPTON TOWN HOUSE**

5 PALMER ROAD

on **TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009**, from 7:00 A.M TO  
to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

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

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**

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

Given under our hands this 23rd day of November 2009  
(month)

Barry De Cristofano \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

John P. Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Joseph A. Freitas \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Selectmen of Plympton

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

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David Batchelder (signed)

Date: 24 November 09  
(month and day)

A true copy,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY  
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The ballot box was inspected by Nancy J. Butler the Town Clerk, Election Officials and Officer Wayne Sjostedt. The box was empty and the numbers were reset to 00000. The box was then locked. The Town Clerk worn in the election officials: Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk Susan Ossoff (AM) Gail Briggs (PM). The Tellers were: Elaine McKeown, Jean Reynolds, Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie.

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. at the Plympton Town House and closed at 8:00 P.M. The day was sunny and cold, and the turnout was relatively slow and steady throughout the day. One provisional ballot was issued and we are waiting for the approval from the Secretary of State's Office.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2023 TOTAL VOTES CAST: 432

TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST: 289

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Michael E. Capuano	59
Martha Coakley	141
Alan A. Khazei	53
Stephen G. Pagliuca	35
Blank	
1	

TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST: 143

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Scott P. Brown	128
Jack E. Robinson	14
Blank	1
Martha Coakley	1

TOTAL LIBERTARIAN VOTES CAST: 0



SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blank

0

The polls closed at 8:00 PM. Officer John Mulready and the Town Clerk checked the ballot box, no ballots were left inside. Total number of ballots cast was 432.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST: (signed) Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**RESIGNATION  
REMPELAKIS**

**CAREN M.**

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

January 20, 2009

Town of Plympton  
Attn: Ms. Nancy Butler, Town Clerk

Dear Ms. Butler-

Please accept this letter as notification of my intent to resign my position on the Town of Plympton Board of Library Trustees. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the town in this capacity and I wish the board continued success.

Thank you.

Regards, (signed) Caren M. Rempelakis

**RESIGNATION**

**CHRISTEN**

**GURNEY**

**DENNETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2009

To the members of the Dennett School Committee,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from my position on the school committee. I have enjoyed serving my community and our school and I do regret that I will not be able to fulfill the remainder of my term.

Respectfully yours, (signed) Christen Gurney

**RESIGNATION**

**SUZANNE S.**

**SMITH**

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

May 21, 2009

To: Deb Dempsey, Chair; Kristine Boyles, Vice-Chair; Carolyn DeCristofano, Patricia Detterman, Susan Vetterlein, and Debbie Batson, Library Director

Cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Clerk

This letter will inform you that I am resigning from the Plympton Board of Library Trustees, effective June 1, 2009. It has been a pleasure to serve with such an enthusiastic group, and I wish you well in all that is planned to improve library services for the town.

Sincerely yours, (signed) Suzanne S. Smith

**RESIGNATION**

**DAVID**

**SMITH EMERGENCY SHELTER COORDINATOR**

September 11, 2009

Town of Plympton  
Town Clerk  
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Nancy Butler,

Please be advised that effective today September 11, 2009 I am resigning my position as Emergency Shelter Coordinator.

Only with the gift of maturity does the law of unintended consequences provide enlightenment.

(signed) David Smith

**TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**7/1/08 -6/30/09**

**TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated 7/1/08	\$10,000.00	
Expended:	\$10,000.00	
Returned to Treasury 6/30/09		
\$0.00		

**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**

Appropriated 7/1/08	\$11,682.00	
Expended:	\$11,681.26	
Return to Treasury 6/30/09		\$0.74

**TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

Appropriated 7/1/08	\$28,750.00	
Expended	\$28,750.00	
Return to Treasury 6/30/09		\$0.00

**CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION**

Appropriated 7/1/08	\$1,000.00	
Expended:	\$1,000.00	
Return to Treasury 6/30/09		\$0.00

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

### JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009 DOG LICENSES

385 Spayed or Neutered	@	7.00	\$2695.00
53 Male or Female	@	10.00	\$ 530.00
6 Kennel License	@	30.00	\$ 180.00
4 Hobby Kennel License	@	60.00	\$ 240.00
4 Commercial Kennel License	@	150.00	\$ 400.00
20 Late Fines	@	25.00	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total			\$4645.00
Less Fees			<u>339.00</u>
			\$4306.00

All dogs must be licensed between **July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>** 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.

Effective January 22, 2010 the following new by-laws apply: "After October 1<sup>st</sup> violators shall be subject to a non-criminal citation (21-D) and a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid to the Town in addition to the license fee and any late fees"

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## 2009 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

F1 Resident Fishing	16	@27.50	\$440.00
F2 Resident Fishing (age 15-17)	1	11.50	11.50
F3 Resident Fishing (age 65-69)	2	16.25	32.50
F4 Resident Fishing (Over 70)	2	FREE	0.00
H1 Resident Hunting	6	27.50	165.00
H2 Resident Hunting (para)	1	FREE	0.00
S1 Resident Sporting	10	45.00	5.00
S2 Resident Sporting (age 65-69)	1	25.00	25.00
S3 Resident Sporting (Over 70)	1	FREE	0.00
M1 Archery Stamp	9	5.10	45.90
M2 Waterfowl Stamp	5		25.00
M3 Primitive Firearms Stamp	9	5.10	45.90

TOTAL \$1240.80

Less fees 21.05

\$1219.75

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk



## BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2009

There were 18 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2009.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2009

### DATE

April 25	Danielle Irene Person Plympton, MA	Jonathan Nathaniel Dineen Plympton, MA
June 20	Kevin Joseph Murray Plympton, MA	Margaret Mary Sarno Halifax, MA
August 15 LaRue	Daniel Moore Flynn Hanson, MA	Brianne Jean Hanson, MA
September 5	Peter Joseph Allegrini Carver, MA	Leah Elizabeth Brewster Carver, MA
October 17	Ryan Thomas Brosnan Plympton, MA	Kaitlyn Ann Dennison Plympton, MA

## DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
January 10	Rose M. McAlinden		90 Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
February 17	Joseph Gerard Hashani	57	Hillcrest Crematory Plympton, MA
March 8	Hannah Elizabeth Sperrazza	89	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury
30	John T. English	57	St. James Crematory Whitman, MA



April 22	Clayton L. Knox, Jr	85	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
May 30	Alan Arthur Heinonen	66	Hillcrest Cemetery Duxbury, MA
June			
2	Helene E. Bowers	87	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
14	Kathleen T. Doran	59	New Calvary Cemetery Boston, MA
27	Marcia L. Jamieson	63	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
July 17	Louis V. Feci	98	Vine Hills Cemetery Plymouth, MA
31	Emelia W. Kirkland	83	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
September 12	Edwina D. Wood	94	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
26	Constance Ruth Johnson	73	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
October 2	Barbara A. Hines	67	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
November 1	Anna F. Donovan	91	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
29	Charles F. Charest, Jr	68	Mass. National Cemetery Bourne, MA
December 2	Gabriel Silva	89	Hamilton Cemetery Provincetown, MA

13	Leo James Fallon, Jr	62	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
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### NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2009

Date of Death	Name	Age	Residence
December, 2008			
16	Joanne P. Wickens	77	Plymouth, MA
February, 2009			
22	Frances Blanchard	93	Ohio
April			
8	Richard Nash	75	Plymouth, MA
10	Sheldon C. Wright	79	Albany, NY
14	Elisabeth W. Dennett	102	Middleboro, MA
May			
17	Louise M. Bousquet		Barnstable, MA
29	Jeffery Alan Harper	60	Lubbock, TX
June			
5	Virginia Mucci		Stafford, CT
5	Marjorie Frances Martin		Southport, NC
8	Ryan M. Lynch	19	Kingston, MA
July			
20	Michael P. Lynch	44	Kingston, MA
November			
8	Lloyd E. Wright, Sr.	95	VA

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

# TOWN OF PLYMPTON ACCOUNTANT REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2009

### GENERAL FUND

Cash		\$	1,079,636.18
Petty Cash		\$	50.00
Personal Property	\$ 36,626.09		
Real Estate	\$ 295,150.81	\$	331,776.90
Allowance for Abatements		\$	(179,667.25)
Tax Liens	\$ 248,563.85		
Tax Possessions	\$ 4,586.19		
Res. For Uncol. Receivables	\$ (253,150.04)	\$	-
Def. Property Taxes Dues	\$ 4,968.89		
Res. For Def. Property Taxes Due	\$ (4,968.89)	\$	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 102,209.71		
Res. For Uncollected Excise	\$ (102,209.71)	\$	-
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 406.28		
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	\$ (406.28)	\$	-
Betterments	\$ 2,775.89		
Assess. Conveyance Tax	\$ 27.91		
Allow. For Uncol. Receivables	\$ (2,803.80)	\$	-
Conservation Preservation	\$ 1,945.82		
Def. Conservation Preservation	\$ (1,945.82)		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,231,795.83</b>
Accrued Payroll Withholdings		\$	21,429.24
Payroll & Warrant Payable		\$	665,258.71
Other Liabilities			
Tailings	\$ 17,895.96		
Deferred Rev. Propert Taxes	\$ 152,109.65	\$	170,005.61

Reserve for Petty Cash		\$	50.00
Prior Year Encumbrances		\$	126,973.51
Bond Premium		\$	11,885.84
Deferred Teachers Salaries		\$	(5,947.20)
Snow & Ice Deficit		\$	(140,364.87)
Police Detail Deficit		\$	(8,705.49)

Unreserved Funds			
Res. For Expenses	\$	181,743.57	
Undesignated Balance	\$	209,466.91	\$ 391,210.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>\$ 1,231,795.83</u>
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#### HIGHWAY FUNDS

Cash		\$	(21,340.15)
State Aid to Highways	\$	532,156.16	
Def. Rev. Ingevernmental	\$	(532,156.16)	\$ -

Fund Balance Chapter 90			<u>\$ (21,340.15)</u>
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#### SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		\$	<u>4,134.49</u>
Fund Balances			
EEO Grant	\$	444.49	
Math Grant	\$	250.00	
Emergency Education Grant	\$	3,440.00	<u>\$ 4,134.49</u>

#### TOWN GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		\$	<u>14,950.61</u>
Fund Balances			
Cultural Council	\$	4,144.58	
Board of Health Septic	\$	5,055.19	
Handi Persons Grant	\$	1,604.24	
Right to Know	\$	873.00	
Community Policing	\$	1,480.98	
Pol. Dept. Safety Gran	\$	162.45	
Com. Security Grant	\$	305.89	
Com Dev. Town House	\$	(8,922.65)	
Board of Health Grant	\$	2,000.00	

Fed Fire Equipment Grant	\$	3,055.05	
Tercentennial Grant	\$	884.77	
Bullet Proof Vests	\$	1,226.11	
Election Grant	\$	3,081.00	<u>\$ 14,950.61</u>
REVOLVING FUNDS			
Cash			<u>\$ 15,030.98</u>
Fund Balances			
Student Activities	\$	9,263.53	
Town Mapping	\$	180.00	
Recreation Dept.	\$	4,749.00	
Library Recoveries	\$	838.45	<u>\$ 15,030.98</u>
RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND			
Cash			\$ 220,639.50
Ambulance Receivables	\$	62,413.84	
Def. Ambulance Rec.	\$	(62,413.84)	
			<u>\$ 220,639.50</u>
State Aid to Libraries	\$	7,722.34	
Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000	\$	217.64	
Ambulance Fee Fund	\$	156,113.04	
CPA-Open Space	\$	5,659.00	
CPA-Historic Resources	\$	5,659.00	
CPA-Community Housing	\$	5,659.00	
CPA-Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	39,609.00	
Conservation Preservation Act	\$	0.48	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>\$ 220,639.50</u>
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Cash			<u>\$ 65,512.54</u>
Fund Balances			
Highway Escrow	\$	3,000.00	
School Gifts	\$	1,331.15	
Student Activities Gifts	\$	7,829.92	
Fire Dept. Gift	\$	100.00	
Sale of Town Property	\$	498.00	
Library Gift Fund	\$	9,244.92	
Planning Bd. Deposits	\$	15,170.22	

Conservation Notice of Intent	\$	4,957.25	
Town House Gifts	\$	900.94	
Conservation Escrow	\$	1,431.32	
Recreation Gift	\$	100.00	
Police & Dare Gifts	\$	1,160.50	
Historic Comm. Gift	\$	250.00	
300th Anniversary Gifts	\$	3,201.51	
Jason Park Memorial Fund	\$	11.81	
Appeal Escrow	\$	16,325.00	<u>\$ 65,512.54</u>

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

##### Cash-Capital Projects

Town Projects	\$	5,312.22	
A/R Septic Loans	\$	50,333.08	
Def. Rev. Septic	\$	(50,333.08)	
Amt. to be Provided	\$	225,264.00	
Highway Ban Payable	\$	(225,264.00)	<u>\$ 5,312.22</u>

##### Fund Balances

Board of Health	\$	4,359.01	
Highway Equipment	\$	953.21	<u>\$ 5,312.22</u>

#### TRUST FUNDS

Cash	<u>\$ 349,756.44</u>
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##### Fund Balances

Investment Funds	\$	2,673.40	
Sale of Lots	\$	33,796.76	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	109,256.02	
Law Enforcement Fund	\$	736.60	
Stabilization	\$	203,293.66	<u>\$ 349,756.44</u>

#### AGENCY FUNDS

Cash	<u>\$ 87,873.86</u>
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##### Agency Payables

Performance Bonds	\$	79,738.60	
Treasurer Red. Fees	\$	1,771.24	
Collectors Liens	\$	377.81	
Deputy Fees	\$	448.28	
Town Clerk Fees	\$	3,524.64	
State Fire Arms	\$	(187.50)	
State Licenses Payable	\$	2,200.79	
Police Extra Detail	\$	-	\$ 87,873.86

#### DEBT

Amount to be Provided		\$ 1,241,712.77
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Septic Loans	\$	38,712.77	
School Building	\$	935,000.00	
Highway Equipment	\$	268,000.00	\$ 1,241,712.77

Loans Authorized		\$ 607,464.86
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Loans Authorized & Unissued		\$ 607,464.86
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TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS  
JUNE 30,2009

Tax Collections		
Real Estate - Current Year	\$ 5,078,272.74	
	\$	
Real Estate - Prior Years	75,999.36	
Personal Property - Current Year	\$ 138,560.28	
	\$	
Personal Property - Prior Years	2,026.49	
	\$	
Conservation Preservation Act.	56,475.41	
Motor Vehicle Excise - Current Year	\$ 257,652.81	
	\$	
Motor Vehicle Excise - Prior Years	80,537.54	
	\$	
Betterments	6,724.74	
	\$	
Tax Title	30,058.97	
	\$	
Penalties and Interest	49,786.14	
	\$	
In Lieu of Taxes	6,088.19	
 TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS		 \$ 5,782,182.67
 RECEIPTS		
Departmental Receipts	\$ 113,201.71	
	\$	
Permits	82,526.44	
	\$	
Court Fines	13,010.54	
	\$	
Cemetery Department	2,111.98	
	\$	
Vendor Refunds	74,341.72	
	\$	
Interest on Investments	10,488.69	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS		 \$ 295,681.08
 Payroll Withholdings	\$ 1,342,430.22	
	\$	
Chapter 90	40,463.36	
State Aid	\$ 828,661.50	
		\$ 2,211,555.08
 GRANTS		



	\$		
School Grants	33,466.60		
	\$		
Cultural Council	4,346.89		
	\$		
Community Policing Grant	28,956.00		
	\$		
Fire Safe Grant	6,861.62		
	\$		
Town House Grant	31,077.35		
Elections Grant	\$	622.00	
	\$		
Elder Affair Grant	3,300.00		
 TOTAL GRANTS		\$	108,630.46
 REVOLVING FUNDS			
Library	\$	377.43	
Treasurers Redemptions	\$	476.00	
	\$		
Deputy Fees	20,164.00		
	\$		
Town Clerk Fees	2,061.40		
	\$		
Student Activity Funds	13,688.48		
	\$		
Recreation Fund	2,450.00		
Town Maps	\$	180.00	
	\$		
Police Detail Fees	16,727.95		
Police Details	\$	245,658.70	
	\$		
State Fire Arms	3,062.50		
TOTALS		\$	304,846.46
 Receipts Reserved	\$	147,344.03	
	\$		
Donations and Gifts	20,581.71		
	\$		
Interest on Trusts	5,933.84		
	\$		
Licenses Payable to State	1,076.50	\$	174,936.08
 <b>Tax Collector Salary</b>			
	\$		
Appropriated	26,800.00		
	\$		
Expended	26,800.00		
<b>Tax Collector Expense</b>			

	\$	
Appropriated	15,450.00	
	\$	
Expended	15,450.00	
	\$	-
<b>Treasurer Salary</b>		
	\$	
Appropriated	21,825.00	
	\$	
Expended	21,825.00	
<b>Treasurer Expense</b>		
	\$	
Appropriated	22,525.00	
	\$	
Expended	22,522.82	

# TREASURER'S EXPENDITURES

30-Jun-09

## GENERAL FUND-DEPARTMENTS

Town Meeting Moderator	\$	100.00
Selectmen	\$	19,614.02
General Government Articles	\$	23,450.00
Finance Committee	\$	935.29
Town Accountant	\$	13,455.00
Assessors	\$	48,188.49
Assessors Revaluation	\$	10,336.00
Treasurer	\$	44,347.82
Tax Collector	\$	44,054.00
Treasurer's Tax Title	\$	4,470.09
Legal Department	\$	34,720.02
Wage and Personnel	\$	-
Town Services	\$	27,578.84
Town Clerk	\$	39,750.00
Election and Registrations	\$	12,303.17
Conservation	\$	2,509.14
Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$	3,375.00
Planning Board	\$	682.87
Appeals Board	\$	-
Town Building	\$	217.85
New Town House	\$	43,730.64
Utilities	\$	8,331.69
Police Department	\$	529,137.97
Police Vehicles	\$	30,070.12
Police Articles	\$	14,999.41
Communication Center	\$	540.60
Fire Department	\$	127,460.71
Fire Articles	\$	61,016.40
Fire Services	\$	64,939.07
Building Dept.	\$	26,028.13
Plumbing and Gas	\$	5,695.00
Wire	\$	6,784.32
Cemetery Maintenance- Int. Trans.	\$	312.62
Civil Defense	\$	-
Dog Officer	\$	8,650.00
Animal Inspector	\$	1,304.00
Tree Department	\$	13,941.12
Plympton Schools	\$	2,333,545.45

Silver Lake Regional School	\$ 2,048,448.39	
Highway	\$ 367,110.39	
Highway Articles	\$ -	
Waste Collection and Disposal	\$ 173,511.01	
Cemetery Department	\$ 6,370.27	
Health Offices	\$ 25,001.02	
Council on Elder Affairs	\$ 8,717.46	
Veterans Services	\$ 22,671.60	
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 862.53	
County Extension	\$ 125.00	
Library	\$ 105,301.00	
Recreation Dept.	\$ 1,545.00	
Park Dept.	\$ 7,201.44	
Historic Commission	\$ 970.00	
Debt Service	\$ 45,555.78	
Interest	\$ 100,335.84	
Retirement	\$ 243,367.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 12,582.60	
Group Health Insurance	\$ 202,668.48	
Other Miscellaneous	\$ 50,640.02	
Liability Insurance	\$ 81,493.02	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 7,111,052.70
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS		
Chapter 90 - State Funds	\$ 43,421.53	
General Government Grants	\$ 16,254.89	
DARE - Comm of Mass	\$ 5,809.10	
Community Policing	\$ 29,283.13	
Public Safety Grants	\$ 8,877.06	
Council on Aging Grants	\$ 3,170.00	
Cultural Council	\$ 3,691.00	
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS		\$ 110,506.71
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Collectors Fees	\$ 20,722.22	
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,045.75	
Police Extra Details	\$ 228,171.40	
State Fire Arms Fund	\$ 2,637.50	
Student Activity Fund	\$ 14,632.86	
Library Recoveries	\$ 224.43	
Recreation	\$ 13,136.42	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		\$ 281,570.58

# RECEIPTS RESERVED

Ambulance Fees	\$	36,712.33		
Library State Aid	\$	6,537.26		
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED			\$	43,249.59

# OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

General Gov. Gifts	\$	12,736.82		
Harry Jason Park - Gifts	\$	7.99		
Conservation - NOI	\$	1,300.00		
Appeals Escrow				
Planning Board	\$	2,100.00		
Police Dept. Gifts	\$	1,817.57		
Board of Health	\$	1,105.00		
Highway Sept. Escrow	\$	1,500.00		
Student Activity Gifts				
Library Gifts	\$	415.54		
Town House Gifts				
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE			\$	20,982.92

# TRUST FUNDS

Law Enforcement				
Perpetual Care Fund	\$	2,111.98	\$	-
TOTAL TRUSTS			\$	2,111.98

# AGENCY FUNDS

Licenses Paid to State	\$	1,781.36	\$	-
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS			\$	1,781.36

TOWN OF PLYMPTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ACCOUNTANT JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT	TRUST & AGENCY	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Cash	\$ 1,079,686.18	\$ 298,927.97	\$ 5,312.22	\$ -	\$ 437,630.30	\$ 1,821,556.67
Receivables	.					
Real Estate & Personal Property	\$ 331,776.90				\$	\$ 331,776.90
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$ 253,150.04				\$	\$ 253,150.04
Farm Animal	\$ 406.28				\$	\$ 406.28
Def. Property Due	\$ 4,968.89				\$	\$ 4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 102,209.71				\$	\$ 102,209.71
Departmental	\$ 4,749.62	\$ 62,413.84			\$	\$ 67,163.46
Intermental & Loans	\$	\$ 532,156.16	\$ 275,597.08	\$ 1,241,712.77	\$	\$ 2,049,466.01
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,776,947.62	\$ 893,497.97	\$ 280,909.30	\$ 1,241,712.77	\$ 437,630.30	\$ 4,630,697.96



Fund Equity									
Pr. Year Encumbrances	\$	126,973.51	\$	298,927.97	\$	5,312.22	\$	-	\$ 431,213.70
Res. For Unforseen Exp.	\$	181,743.57							\$ 181,743.57
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	209,466.91						\$ 349,756.44	\$ 559,223.35
Bond Premiums & Petty Cash F	\$	11,935.84							\$ 11,935.84
Overdrwn & Unprovided	\$	(149,070.36)							\$ (149,070.36)
Teacher Deferrals	\$	(5,947.20)							\$ (5,947.20)
Loans Authorized						\$	607,464.86		\$ 607,464.86
Loans Authorized & Unissued						\$	(607,464.86)		\$ (607,464.86)
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$	375,102.27	\$	298,927.97	\$	5,312.22	\$	349,756.44	\$ 1,029,098.90
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TOTAL LIABILITY & FUND EQU	\$	1,776,947.62	\$	893,497.97	\$	280,909.30	\$	437,630.30	\$ 4,630,697.96



## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

2009 Department activities were as follows: (515) Calls and responses for animal control. (69) Routine inspections of kennels and places keeping animals in the Town. (5) Animals ordered quarantined. (8) Dogs brought to shelter. (6) Dogs returned to owners. (21) Unattended livestock removed from public ways. (7) Injured wildlife removals. (1) Hearing complaint. (0) Court complaints.

Pets allowed to roam unsupervised eventually spell trouble. Several pitfalls that dogs can run into when allowed to roam are as follows:

1. **Being stolen.** Dog thieves are a fact of life. License your dog and micro-chip if possible
2. **Being injured or killed.** Each year a number of dogs are rescued or found deceased on Town roadways after being struck by vehicles. Within our Towns' remaining wetland and upland environments roaming cats and smaller breed dogs become prey to our indigenous predator wildlife.
3. **Displaying aggressive behavior** when encountering pedestrians and/or other pets on roadways or neighbors' properties.
4. **Injuring or killing livestock** or fowl owned by neighbors; or, perhaps unjustly, being blamed for the results of a stealthy coyote.
5. **Losing life to the perils of nature;** falling through ice during winter, being bitten by a rabid animal, or becoming incapacitated or trapped in an un-traveled woodlot or swamp.

**Stray and unvaccinated dogs and cats** represent a source for the spread of rabies. These unfortunate animals are more likely to come into contact with local wildlife (especially raccoons, skunks, coyotes and foxes) and should be removed from the Town. Animal control efforts are more effective when owners' animals are restrained within their own property lines or kept on leash.

Steadily increasing population density always calls for the passage of a leash law in growing communities. While this Town does not have a leash law, beginning year 2011, under MGL Ch 40 Sec 21D, the animal control department will be enabled to reduce the numbers of unlicensed dogs in the Town, and any number of illegal kennels found operating in the Town without license by issuance of citation.

A department purchase of four additional isolation cages for sick and or injured animals, and for animals remaining in quarantine for the minimum 10 day period as required by MA state law, has become paramount.

A "no kill" animal shelter for animals taken up remains departmental policy. Injured wildlife, when removed from roadways or tenuous situations for

public safety, in many cases is able to recover quickly from trauma and can be reintroduced (where encountered) rather than immediately dispatched as a matter of policy. The living picture of environmental preservation and conservation in Plympton is a much sought after commodity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank C. Bush, ACO, Animal Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The calendar year 2009 continued to show a decline in the market value of residential property. The average assessed value of a single family home declined 13.5% to \$332,675. The average sale price of the twenty two sales used in adjusting values for the Fiscal 2010 interim adjustment was \$341,432. In February the office started conversion to the software and valuation company pk Valuation Group. The conversion was completed by April with no disruption to service. The new application is far superior to the previous CAMA system with its many built-in features which previously needed manual input. PK's commercial valuation process was also instrumental in relisting our commercial properties which resulted in additional revenue for the Town. The office was also able to obtain a free copy of Pictometry software, a GIS application which allows aerial views of the town with parcel and wetland overlays. This application has been helpful in reviewing Chapter Land applications and assisting in wet land determinations.

The upcoming Fiscal Year 2011 is a tri-annual re-valuation year which is part of a more in depth review of values. In an effort to have a correct starting point of valuation all sales from 2009 will be visited and reviewed for data verification. An interior inspection of these properties is the best way to assure properties are valued correctly. Should no one be home during a visit a card will be left for the homeowners to contact the office for an interior inspection. The interior inspection of all properties is of vital importance to all tax payers especially in older homes where the lack of an inspection may not be revealing the correct depreciation of the property.

### TOWN VALUE BY CLASS

	RESIDENTIAL	\$ 338,339,739
	89.22%	
3.26%	COMMERCIAL	\$ 12,351,874
3.46%	INDUSTRIAL	\$ 13,122,687
4.07%	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 15,421,880
	TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY	\$ 379,236,180

As of January 1, 2009, the Assessors' Office had reviewed 48 outstanding building permits which included 4 new starts of single family homes. The Board also acted on 210 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise abatements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

The year 2009 was a busy year for Boards of Health as we responded to the H1N1 influenza virus pandemic. In response to the H1N1 pandemic emergency, the Plympton Board of Health and the Partner's Home Care Agency organized three vaccination clinics. Over 500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine were administered to residents. The first and second clinics were held at the Dennett Elementary School on November 15 and December 9. The third clinic was held at the Plympton Town House on December 11, 2009.

The Plympton Board of Health maintained the various public health duties required of local Boards of Health. We reviewed numerous disposal system plans and conducted many system inspections. There were 17 permits issued for septic system repairs, upgrades and new construction. There were 56 miscellaneous permits issued, 24 percolation tests conducted and 20 Title 5 inspections recorded. The town restaurants, convenience stores, ice cream shop, bakery and the Dennett Elementary School were inspected by our health agent and Board members. The Board had office hours Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm and met regularly on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00pm. We further organized and updated the operational functions of our office and Board.

The Board members and employees have attended training workshops and kept informed about topics which may have impact on the public health. Each of the Board members attended and was certified at the annual Massachusetts Association of Health Boards seminar on November 14, 2009. The Board of Health continues to remain responsive to the needs of our townspeople.

We are grateful to those who volunteered their services to make the H1N1 Clinics available for Plympton residents. With everyone's efforts and contributions, we were able to hold successful flu clinics.

We look forward to another year of serving the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Doyle, Chairman  
Arthur O'Callaghan, Treasurer  
Janice Beale, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Some things in Town moved forward and some went backward in 2009.

Spring and summer saw changes in three departments. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Plympton had a new Fire Chief. We were pleased to appoint Chief Robert Inglis to the position. The Board wants to thank Mr. Don Vautrinot for taking on the role of the acting Chief until Mr. Inglis' appointment was finalized. We also want to thank the entire Department for their assistance in making the transition as smooth as possible. Our Town government also now has a new Building Commissioner, Mr. Jason Silva, and a new Veterans' Agent, Ms. Roxanne Whitbeck. We welcome you both and are glad to have your services.

Redesign of the Transfer Station proceeded through the year as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. While some improvements in the setup there can be noticed already, major changes are in store for us in the coming year.

The Business Park, which seemed to be moving steadily towards the day when it sees occupants, slowed to a crawl as the Nation's economy entered a recession. Site preparation continued at a slower pace, but did continue. Our attempt to join a regional Economic Target Area (ETA) comprised of us, Plymouth and Kingston stalled as Plymouth and Kingston could not resolve a key difference between them. In the wake of this, and until and unless it gets resolved, the Board is pursuing joining an ETA with Carver and Wareham. Being a part of an ETA will make our Business Park more attractive to potential tenants because of development and tax incentives that would be possible.

For the coming year, once again, funding will be a major issue. Because of the downturn in the economy as a whole, municipal aid from the Commonwealth will be decreased. All Town departments including the Regional Schools, are committed to working to provide residents as many of the services as possible under these constraints.

Once again, 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.

**SELECTMEN'S SALARIES**

Appropriated	\$1,500
Expended	\$1,500

**SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated	\$15,000
Expended	\$15,556

**COMPUTER MAINTENANCE**

Appropriated	\$26,000
Expended	\$27,579

**TOWN HOUSE**

Appropriated	\$44,000
Expended	\$43,731

**BLANKET INSURANCE**

Appropriated	\$69,855
Expended	\$81,493

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriated	\$8,380
Expended	\$8,332

**TOWN REPORTS**

Appropriated	\$2,600
Expended	\$2,550

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriated	\$26,000
Expended	\$34,720

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriated	\$510
Expended	\$528

**TRANSFER STATION**

Appropriated	\$173,550
Expended	\$173,511

Respectfully submitted,

Barry DeCristofano, Chairman  
Joseph A. Freitas, Selectman  
John P. Henry, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Plympton Building Department had a change in personnel in calendar year 2009, with the appointment of Jason Silva as Building Commissioner and Building Inspector. Robert Jacobson, our former Building Inspector is now the Assistant Local Inspector.

A total of 92 Building Permits were issued in 2009, with fees totaling \$24,664.00. Trenching permits are now required for any trenches (including perc tests) and a Zoning Permit is required before any Building Permit for a new building or addition can be issued.

Office hours remain at:

Clerical: Mondays 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspectors and Zoning Officer: Monday Evening 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Assistant Local Inspector: Monday 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and Evening 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

### PERMITS ISSUED:

Type Fees	Number of Permits
New Building \$13,497.00	8
Additions \$2,325.00	16
Outbuildings \$200.00	6
Repair/Remodel \$5,571.00	10
Roofing/Siding \$1,022.00	12
Windows \$340.00	4
	92



Commercial	1
\$350.00	
Demo	2
\$155.00	
Temporary Trailer	1
\$150.00	
Tent	3
\$140.00	
Wood Stove	18
\$630.00	
Sign	3
\$54.00	
Trench	8
\$230.00	

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Silva, Building Commissioner/Inspector  
 Jake Jacobson, Assistant Local Inspector

## **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The year 2009 began with the establishment of this committee to oversee and administer Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. The committee consists of nine members with one from each of the following boards: Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Planning Board, Highway Surveyor and the Council on Aging. The remaining four are at-large members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. During the year we lost the Highway Surveyor member and await his replacement. The committee began meeting in January as soon as all members had been established. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Additional meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month as deemed necessary.

The initial meetings were taken up with the committee coming to an understanding of what the CPA is and what it will mean for Plympton. This included a meeting with Stuart Saginor from the Community Preservation Coalition of Massachusetts. Mr. Saginor gave us a great deal of information on the CPA and guidance for filing the appropriate paperwork with the state in a timely manner.

The next task accomplished by the committee was writing and revising a CPA mission statement, project requirements and application process. This document will allow the public to learn about the CPA in Plympton and give them the means to initiate projects. After reviewing several plans established by other towns and leaning heavily on the Open Space Plan for the Town of Plympton, this committee put forth its plan and procedure. We thank Jon Wilhelmsen for the extra work he did on this project. This plan was reviewed by town committees, the Board of Selectmen and the public. Some further revisions were made and a solid workable plan may now be accessed on the Town of Plympton website. This plan may be revised and streamlined in the future as the need arises.

The committee treasurer worked with the town accountant to establish CPA accounts as proscribed by the State. These accounts are: Historic Preservation reserve, Open Space reserve, Community Housing reserve, Committee Administration reserve and General reserve. Funds have been received from real estate taxes, Commonwealth of Massachusetts annual contribution and interest. The funds were divided into the various reserve

accounts as dictated by the CPA and are now available for use on worthy projects.

Finally, the committee solicited project submissions and received two proposals. As of this writing, January 5, 2010, these projects are under review. Meetings with the project sponsors and the public are scheduled. The projects, if accepted, will be brought before Town Meeting for approval and apportionment of CPA funds. No project may go forward without acceptance by Town Meeting.

We hope to receive more project proposals next year and look forward to continuing our work to help preserve the special qualities that make Plympton such a nice town in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Burnet, Chairman  
Deborah Anderson  
David Chandler  
Pauline Nordahl  
Mark Russo  
Colleen Thompson  
Kenneth Thompson  
Jon Wilhelmsen

## **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Council on Aging met at the Plympton Town House the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. The main mission of the Council on Aging is to match the needs of Plympton's seniors' with available resources throughout the local or state area.

This year we continued to provide blood pressure clinics on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as three flu clinics in November 2009. One regular flu clinic and two H1N1 clinics were held jointly with the Town of Halifax for emergency preparedness training. These were organized and run by the Boards of Health in each Town.

The Council is still offering an exercise class on Thursday mornings in the function room at Woodlands Senior Housing. Any senior in Town is invited to attend. Each participant is asked to contribute a small amount.

On May Day, a tea was held for ladies eighty years old and over in Town. It was well attended and everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this happen.

Again, last summer, the South Shore Community Action Council brought fruits and vegetables to the Council on Aging from local farmers. They were brought every two weeks and were distributed to about thirty seniors in Town. This is a wonderful program and we would like to thank all the farmers who participate in this. Any fruits or vegetables that were left over after the distribution were taken to Kim Russo who volunteered to freeze or make casseroles or soups with them. In the fall, the Council on Aging had a harvest luncheon using these frozen vegetables with additions. Through the news letter, every senior in town was invited. About thirty five people attended. The Council would like to thank Kim Russo for doing the planning and cooking along with her two kitchen helpers, John Leschen and Elizabeth Westley. Also, a big thank you to all who helped served the meals.

The Council on Aging applied for and received again this year a grant for \$3,500.000 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. This grant helps

finance our Handi-Person program as well as pay for a portion of our newsletter, the exercise class, and volunteer mileage reimbursement.

In 2009 our Senior Aide, Peggy palmer was very busy taking care of seniors in Town. Peggy provides transportation to doctor and dentist appointments, grocery shopping, and nursing home or private home visits. Our Senior Aide is still the most economical and personal service we provide.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Henry – Director  
Dorothy Cushman – Coordinator/Treasurer  
Shirley Martin – Secretary  
Barbara Knox – Newsletter  
Evy Hannigan  
Polly Nordahl  
Philip O'Connell  
Peggy Palmer – Senior Aide

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In the year 2009 the department responded to a total of 357 calls for the year. While the majority of the fire department's responses continue to be Ambulance Requests the department responded to several structure fires this year.

On July 23, 2008, the department responded to Palmer Road for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival of the fire department heavy smoke was coming from the front of the building. Upon further investigation it was found that the occupants extinguished an electrical fire in the building.

During the early hours of the morning on July 31, 2008, the department responded to a structure fire on County Road. Upon arrival of the department, heavy fire was showing on the second floor and the fire had spread to the attic. The department set up exterior firefighting operations and extinguished the fire.

On October 25, 2008, the department received a 911 call reporting a structure fire on Grove Street. The first fire department personnel arrived on scene and found heavy fire on the second floor that was extending to the roof. An aggressive interior attack by firefighters extinguished the fire.

On October 26, 2008, the department responded to a 911 call reporting a structure fire on Brook Street. First arriving fire personnel found a smoke condition upon their arrival. A Plympton Police Officer extinguished the fire prior to the fire department arriving on scene.

On December 19, 2008, the fire department responded to Cross Street for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival of the fire department a smoldering computer table was found outside of the home. The resident was able to remove the table to the outside of the home prior to the arrival of the fire department preventing the spread of the fire.

On January 20, 2009, the fire department responded to Center Street for a reported Structure Fire. Upon arrival of the fire department heavy smoke and fire was showing from the first floor and the fire was burning through the roof. Quick aggressive "knock down" of the fire by the first arriving fire personnel prevented further spread of the fire into the home.

On March 16, 2009, the department responded to a 911 call reporting fire showing from a home on Main Street. The first arriving fire personnel were met with heavy fire showing from the rear of the building and through the roof. Due to the large volume of fire, a defensive exterior attack was used to extinguish the fire.

On Memorial Day May 5, 2009, the department responded mutual aid to the Town of Middleborough for a 4-Alarm Church Fire. The department sent both of our engines to the town: one to the fire and the other to cover Middleborough Central Station. The Town of Hanson provided station coverage to Plympton for the duration of the fire.

The department hired four new firefighters and EMT's in 2009 which will be excellent additions to the department.

As the department moves forward I would like to thank the various town departments, committees, and boards for their continued support of the fire department.

I would also like to thank the men and women of the Plympton Fire Department for their continued dedication and commitment to the town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert C. Inglis  
Fire Chief





**REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
FY 2009**

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

Appropriated July 1	6000
Expended	-\$5,971.16
Returned to Treasury June 30	28.84

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

Appropriated July 1	7210
Expended	-7201.44
Returned to Treasury June 30	8.56

**LABOR ACCOUNT**

Appropriated July 1	74520.72
Expended	-74520.72
Returned to Treasury June 30	0

**SUPERINTENDENT  
SALARY**

Appropriated July 1	51546
Expended	-51546
Returned to Treasury June 30	0

**TRUCK & EQUIPMENT  
MAINTENANCE**

Appropriated July 1	4000
Expended	-3999.26
Returned to Treasury June 30	0.74

**SNOW & ICE**

Appropriated July 1	30,000
Expended	-170,365
	-140,365

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY**

Appropriated July 1	66685.28
Expended:	
Labor & Supplies	8537.07
Fuel	18307.69
Utilities electric	3113.87
Utilities gas	2409.71
Telephone	1628.3
Tools	1332.37
Road Maintenance	22485.63
Office Supplies	938.82
Vehicle Repairs	1263.1
Building Maintenance	225
Equipment Rental	0
Equipment Repair	1999.37
Uniform Items	2294.96
Meetings	440
Miscellaneous	759.26
Signs	297.39
Licenses	520
Dues&Memberships	127
Expended	66679.54
Returned to Treasury June 30	5.74
	66685.28

## **WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Appropriated July 1	173,550
Expended:	
Salaries, Dept Head	6000
Other Services	24,223.83
Salaries, Clerical	6354.3
Utilities, Electric	1965.03
Disposal, Operating	
Services	108994.46
Telephone	329.96
Office Supplies	1262.46

Recycling	1785
Bldg Repairs and Maintenance	4843.86
Equipment Repair	165.53
Miscellaneous	17586.58

173511.01

Returned to Treasury June 30	38.99
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173550

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 Plympton Historical Commission Historic Marker Program continued to expand over the past year. Two additional historic house markers were applied for in 2009 – both for homes outside of the Plympton Village National Register Historic District. This coming spring, the Commission, with the help of the Highway Department, will add historic area markers to the Plympton Village National Register Historic District in the center of Plympton. These historic district boundary markers will be seen on Main Street, Palmer Road, Parsonage Road and Mayflower Road. A historic landscape marker was created to mark the site of Wolf Rock, located off County Road near the Rossi-Clapp residence. Additional details about the Historic Marker Program are available from the Plympton Historical Commission Web site ([historicplympton.com](http://historicplympton.com)) or by contacting the Commission at [historical@town.plympton.ma.us](mailto:historical@town.plympton.ma.us).

The Commission provided comments on both the Plympton Open Space plan and the Plympton Community Preservation Plan which were finalized this year. The Commission commends both the Open Space Committee and the Community Preservation Committee for their significant efforts and accomplishments in 2009.

In December, the Commission applied for Community Preservation funds to conduct a preliminary survey of the Town's historic assets and to produce a detailed project plan for a second phase. The Commission believes the overall survey is long overdue and is needed in order to help preserve Plympton's historic character. The overall project serves as the cornerstone to all historic preservation initiatives in Plympton by providing a detailed inventory of the town's historic assets, both natural and built. It will provide a baseline for future historic preservation and education initiatives.

The Commission reviewed and approved no requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in 2009.

The Commission continues to maintain responsibility for the oversight of 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 at [historicplympton.com](http://historicplympton.com).

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  
John Leschen  
Ed McCune  
Martin Mitchell  
Walter Peterson

Associate Members:  
Richard Burnett  
Jonathan Shaw  
Maxwell West

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON LIBRARY

In 2009, the Library accomplished several major building and planning projects. Together with the Board of Selectman and the Building Department, we addressed many longstanding building issues. Projects completed include stabilizing the bay window, relining the gutters, replacing rotted siding, and repairing the underground drainage system. In total, the library funded \$4,350 of the work.

We also completed a long range planning process that incorporated input from two meetings with community representatives. The culmination is a 5-year plan for the library, which addresses town and library needs noted during the community discussions. Currently, we are already at work many of the tasks and we look forward to a very productive future. The completed document is available at the library for your perusal.

Continuing our past trends, circulation increased over the previous fiscal year with 20,074 items checked out directly at the library (an 11.9% increase over the previous year), and an additional 1,957 items checked out electronically. In addition, we provided meeting space for town groups, community art displays, book discussion groups, story times, special programs, and our extensive summer reading program, Heart of the Sea Adventure.

Level funding (\$105,301) for FY 10 challenged our resources, as we must spend 19.5% of our total operating budget on library materials to remain certified by the state. Luckily, state aid monies of \$ 2,457 and an additional \$3,246 of net-lending money helped to bridge the gap between the town funding and our actual operating expenses. Gift and memorial monies added over \$570 of adult craft and children's picture books. Accumulated gift money also allowed us to purchase an additional spinning display unit for the children's room.

Once again, we are fortunate to have the continuing support of a wonderful group of volunteers who help us maintain order. They provide much needed assistance in a wide variety of areas including shelving, covering books, sorting donated materials, and addressing minor building repairs. Other volunteers help enrich and expand our programming efforts by leading story times and managing craft programs. . In addition, Andrew Snow completed his lasting Eagle Scout project and created a wonderful stone sign for the library. We are thankful for our band of volunteers, our staff and our community for all their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Batson, Director  
Kathy Keirstead, Technician  
Lisa Hart, Circulation Clerk

Deb Dempsey, Trustee Chair  
Kris Boyles, Vice-Chair  
Susan Vetterlein, Secretary

Carolyn DeCristofano  
Tricia Detterman

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

The Plympton Open Space Committee (POSC) generally meets on the third Wednesday of the month, unless noted otherwise.

2009 was a pivotal year for the Plympton Open Space Committee (POSC). Under the tireless guidance and direction of Jim Watson of the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), the POSC worked to complete an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) and submitted it to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs in November of 2009. The plan was subsequently approved by the state, and is valid for the next five years. Municipalities in Massachusetts must have a completed, updated, and approved OSRP on file with the state in order to participate in the grant programs offered by the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS): ~ PARC, Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (formerly Urban Self Help), ~ LAND, Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (formerly Self Help), and ~ Massachusetts Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) programs. The last plan that the town had on file with the state was drafted in 1995 and expired in 2000.

Christian Lawrence (2012) – Chair

Brad Prescott (2012) - Secretary

Frank Perfetuo (2011)

Gail Briggs (2012)

Patty Johnston (2011)

Jim Watson, OCPC (advisor)



## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The year 2009 was a fairly uneventful time for the Planning Board, due to the slow pace of development. A number of Approval Not Required, or "Form A" plans, were endorsed. These typically represented the reconfiguration of lot lines to meet zoning or other requirements. Minor modifications were made to Site Plan approval conditions as requested by applicants. No new subdivisions were submitted during the calendar year.

The Planning Board held hearings on several zoning articles submitted to Town Meeting, as required by law.

Melissa McLachlan resigned from the Planning Board, and Irv Butler was appointed by the Selectmen to take her place.

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O'Leary, Chairman  
Irving Butler  
John Rantuccio  
Kenneth Thompson  
Brian Wick

## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2009.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2009 season began with a high water table and above average rain fall into the fall season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 26, 2009 and ended on September 25, 2009. The Project responded to a record 20,713 spray requests for service from residents.

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

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was first isolated in the district from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Lakeville on August 24, 2009. Twelve EEE mosquito isolates were trapped in Plymouth County as follows: Rochester-9/3, 9/9 *Culiseta melanura*, 9/15 *Ochlerotatus canadensis* a human biter, 9/23 (4) *Culiseta melanura*, Mattapoisett-8/27, 9/9 (2) *Culiseta melanura* 8/27 *Ochlerotatus canadensis*, Plympton-9/9 *Culiseta melanura*,

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, two Plymouth County towns Lakeville and Middleboro were elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" for EEE Risk" and Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester were elevated to "High Level" EEE risk category. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2009 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus (WNV) was also found within the district. A total of two isolations of WNV mosquitoes were found. *Culex pipiens* bird biters were trapped in Lakeville on 8/30 and in Wareham on 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2009 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 63,940 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent

WNV. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health discontinued bird testing for West Nile Virus.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

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

**Insecticide Application.** 1,832 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 455 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 2009 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 250 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Plympton was less than two days with more than 317 complaints answered.

**Mosquito Survey.** A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Plympton indicates that *Oc. canadensis* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Cs. melanura* and *Ae. vexans*. 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.

Anthony Texeira, Superintendent

Commissioners:

Carolyn Brennan, Chairman

Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman/Secretary

## **2009 REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Plympton, our elected officials, community volunteers and the men and women of this department for your continued support of your police department. The recession has presented great challenges to your police department through increases in crimes typically associated with tough economic times. This challenge has been magnified by an unusually high number of duty related injuries to your officers this year.

Our small department has lost the services of four individual officers for extended periods of time this year, taxing our remaining staff to fulfill our 24/7 patrol mission. At the time of this report one of the four officers has fully recovered and has returned to full duty while three others remain on injury leave.

In other personnel matters, after several attempts to obtain funding for a patrol sergeant had failed over the last few years, I requested that the selectmen authorize me to move forward with the creation of the much needed position using existing staff and existing police budget funds. After presenting justification for this need, the selectmen endorsed the proposal. Over the last few months, several officers interested in this promotion completed a thorough screening process. Patrolman Patrick Dillon topped the candidate's pool and was appointed in March of 2010 to the position of police sergeant. Patrick will serve this community very well.

Over the last several years I have sought additional full-time police positions to bring the department up to a reasonable level of effectiveness and responsiveness in order to meet the demands of policing in modern day Plympton. I feel I have made a strong case relative to the need, basing the requests on an undeniable fact that the police department has not expanded in staffing and structure in over 25 years. I have approached the issue from a variety of angles in the past. This year I was asked by the selectmen to submit a report that outlines what our police departments minimum service levels should be considering officer safety, technology advances and population growth. In January of 2010 I issued the report entitled the "foundation plan". Soon this plan will be posted on the town's web-site and I encourage all to review the materials and conclusions I have drawn. We must begin to prioritize the modest expansion of both our public safety departments to meet modern day needs. The preservation of our unique community character hangs in the balance if this is not addressed very soon.

This will be my last annual report to the residents of Plympton. In March I was offered the position of police chief in nearby Duxbury Massachusetts. I have accepted that offer. I want to thank the entire community for your support over the last 7 ½ years. I hope you would agree that your police department has

made remarkable strides in the advancement of professional standards, community policing initiatives and overall responsiveness. The progress made is a testament to the dedication of your officers.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the men and women of this department who have met every challenge I have thrown in front of them. They have, and will continue, to serve you with distinction, compassion and integrity. It has been my honor and pleasure to have worked with this fine group. I have also been very blessed to enjoy the strong support of my employers, the Plympton Board of Selectmen. While the faces and personalities have changed a bit over the years, the dedication and commitment to this community by our selectmen has remained unwavering. They have provided me with the counsel and tools to succeed under often difficult circumstances. As I move on I ask you to continue to support your police officers and to welcome your next police chief with the same graciousness that you extended to me when I arrived. Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. M. Clancy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first "M" being large and the "Clancy" part written in a more compact, cursive style.

Matthew M. Clancy  
Chief of Police

**Plympton Police Department  
2009 Statistics**

**Calendar Year Statistics for 2009**

911 Call	36	
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	1	
Alarm, Hold-Up	1	
Alarm, Burglar	82	
Animal Complaint	44	
Area Check	1479	
Assault	2	
Assist Citizen	253	
Assist other Agency	189	
By-Law Violation	2	
Burglary (B&E) Past	18	
Building Check	1826	
Citizens Complaint	15	
Disturbance	27	
Disabled Motor Vehicle	43	
Domestic Disturbance	27	
Directed Patrol	969	
Erratic Operation	47	
Escort/Transport	4	
Fire, Brush	3	
Fire, Auto		3
Fire, Structure	4	
Fire, Other	5	
Health & Welfare Check	24	
Larceny/Forgery/Fraud	24	
Malicious Damage	22	
Medical Emergency	136	
Missing Person	4	
Motor Vehicle Accident	69	
Motor Vehicle Stop	1208	
Noise Complaint	15	
Annoying Phone Calls	10	
Found/Lost Property	9	
Radar Patrol	692	
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle	2	
Vehicle Repossession	5	

Serve Restraining Order	14
Road Hazard	85
Restraining Order Violation	5
Sudden Death	1
Auto Theft	4
Serve Summons	15
Suspicious Activity	139
Trespass	12
Vandalism	6
Serve Warrant	15

### **Crime Status Report for 2009**

Aggravated Assault	6	
Simple Assault	15	
Intimidation	9	
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	6	
Theft from Building	7	
Theft from Motor Vehicle	11	
All other Larceny	5	
Motor Vehicle Theft		2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	
False Pretenses/Swindle	2	
Credit Card/Automatic Teller	2	
Impersonation	3	
Embezzlement	1	
Stolen Property Offenses	1	
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	24	
Drug/Narcotic Violations	3	
Weapon Law Violations	1	
Bad Checks	2	
Disorderly Conduct	4	
Driving Under the Influence	11	
Liquor Law Violations	1	
Trespass of Real Property	9	
All other Offenses	32	
Arrests	52	
Protective Custody	8	
Summoned	70	

### **Traffic Citations**

Civil	395
Warnings	374
Verbal	292
Arrests	41
Criminal Violations	<u>115</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	1217
<b>Firearms Permits</b>	
Permits Issued	27
Denied Suspended/Revoked	3
<b>Turnovers to the Treasurer FY'09</b>	
Public Records Requests	\$392.50
Gifts-Donations	\$1,345.00
Misc.	\$2,043.19
IOD Reimbursement	\$23,142.86
Police Details Administration Fees	\$6,671.00
Firearms Licensing Fees	\$2,375.00
<b>Public Record Requests</b>	94



## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON RECREATION COMMISSION**

In 2009 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. The Recreation Commission continues to maintain responsibility for the annual maintenance of the irrigation system at the Dennett soccer and softball fields. The Recreation Commission also ensures that portable sanitation facilities are provided at both the Holt and Dennett Fields during their respective playing seasons.

In April of 2009, the Recreation Commission purchased and installed on deck batting cages on the Holt Memorial Baseball Field. The goal for this project was to provide a safe area for players to take practice swings before batting in a game or practice. In order to pay for the batting cages, the Recreation Commission relied exclusively on revenue generated from the Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Beckwith  
Susan Day  
Andy Karparis

Justin Keene  
Ann White

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT  
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 2012
Ms. Shelly Karparis, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Mr. Robert Ruggiero, Secretary	Term Expires 2011
Ms. Susan Ossoff	Term Expires 2010
Mr. Mark Gabriel	Term Expires 2012

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	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Joy Blackwood	Assistant Superintendent
Mr. David Kenney	Administrator of Special Education
Ms. Jennifer Adams	Asst. Administrator of Special Education
Ms. Christine Healy Services	Director of Business

In addition to all legal holidays, schools will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving and on Good Friday.

*NO SCHOOL* announcements will be given on radio stations WATD, WPLM and on television stations CBS (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5), WHDH (Channel 7) and WFXT (Fox 25) between 6:35 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

## **Report of the Plympton School Committee 2009**

The Plympton School Committee has five members elected to staggered 3-year terms. For the 2008-2009 school year, the members of the Committee were: Chair Maureen Springer (2009), Vice-Chair Shelly Karparis (2011), Secretary Christen Gurney (2010), Susan Ossoff (2009), and Robert Ruggiero (2011). The years in parenthesis indicate the last year of that member's elected term. In the May 2009 Town Election, two seats were available on the School Committee; a three-year seat and a one-year seat to fill an unexpired term. New member Mark Gabriel was elected to the 3-year term and Susan Ossoff ran and was elected to fill the one-year seat.

The School Committee is responsible for the Dennett Elementary School; the Silver Lake Regional School Committee is responsible for the Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools and has prepared a separate report. The responsibilities of the School Committee include preparation and approval of the annual school budget, establishing and reviewing educational goals and policies, hiring the Superintendent, and conducting collective bargaining.

The Administration and staff at the school and the School Committee work together to constantly evaluate and improve our educational programs, and the results of these efforts are evident in the success of our students. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, Adequate Year Progress (AYP) must be made as determined by a somewhat complicated formula. Last year the Dennett School failed to make AYP in English Language Arts and in a subgroup demographic for the first time. It is important to note that many schools across the Commonwealth fail to meet AYP as the level of achievement required to make AYP gets more and more difficult. Focused improvement to our educational programs resulted in the Dennett School making AYP this year.

A highlight of the 2009 year was the adoption of a Policy Manual for the school. This Policy Manual, developed in cooperation with Halifax, Kingston,

and Silver Lake, was developed with the help of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. The manual organizes policy in a manner consistent with many other school districts across the country, which allows for easier review and updating of policy as new policy is developed. A great deal of effort by School Committee members and the Assistant Superintendent was necessary to get this accomplished. Policy is continually reviewed, adjusted, and updated, and with this manual in place this process becomes much easier to accomplish. A copy of the manual is currently available at the Principal's office, and the manual will eventually be posted online and easily accessible for everyone.

The most significant issue facing the Dennett School and the biggest challenge for the School Committee continues to be the budget. Each year, the School Committee and Administration scrutinize every line of the budget to develop a budget that is as educationally sound as possible within budget constraints. It is important to recognize that many costs continue to increase, including utilities, contractual obligations, materials such as books and paper, and transportation costs. This year thanks to the support of the Town, the School Committee was able to maintain our existing programs. The difficult economic times will make the budget process more and more difficult going forward for every department in Town, including the School Committee. It's also important to remember that some costs, such as Special Education costs, are not discretionary and the School Committee has limited control over those costs in the budget.

At the end of the 2008-2009 school years, Principal Philip Holt retired after a 35 year career at the Dennett School. Mr. Holt began his career as a teacher at the school, teaching third, fourth, and sixth grades. Five years ago he was chosen to be the Principal of the school, where he continued to dedicate his focus to improving the educational experience of our students. We wish Phil Holt a very enjoyable retirement! Replacing Phil is Peter Veneto Jr., who began at the school on July 1. The School Committee welcomes Mr. Veneto to Plympton's wonderful school!

The School Committee wishes to extend our continuing thanks to CASA, the Community and School Association, for the many contributions CASA makes to the school. CASA organizes and/or funds many activities and programs such as the Thanksgiving Feast, Citizen of the Month luncheons, enrichment programs, Dennett Voice costs, and funding for many, many other school needs. The work of this volunteer group helps enrich the experience at the Dennett School for the children and for all in our community. The School Committee is very grateful for the support of CASA.

The school facilities and fields continue to be used by the community for many activities. The gymnasium and soccer and softball fields are used for sports activities such as basketball, soccer, and softball for both youth and adult

teams. Town Meeting is held at the school, as well as the Historical Society's annual antique show. A new playground funded and constructed by PAYS (Plympton Athletic Youth Sports) was constructed near the playing fields and is a resource the entire community can enjoy.

The School Committee normally meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:30. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Most meetings are also taped and played on local cable TV (Channel 13).

The School Committee wishes to express our great thanks to the Plympton community for their support, and to our administration and staff for their dedication to educational excellence.

## **Superintendent of Schools 2009 Annual Report to Towns**

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

As the Superintendent of Schools for Superintendency Union 31 School District and the Silver Lake Regional School District, I am privileged to work with very dedicated staffs to assure the very best education for the youth of our three towns.

The Silver Lake Regional School District not only continues to enjoy two relatively new buildings—Silver Lake Regional Middle School and Silver Lake Regional High School—but also what is happening in these buildings is very noteworthy. Our students are reaping the benefits of dedicated staffs that are providing exceptional program of studies as well as many extracurricular opportunities. The same focus is being maintained at all the elementary schools within Union 31. Parent organizations and booster clubs at both the elementary and secondary levels have joined our staffs in providing additional services which are not funded in the regular budgets during this time of economic unrest.

Changes in leadership personnel are the results of losing positions due to budget constraints. At the secondary level a housemaster's position was eliminated, losing the services of Mrs. Paula Maxwell. At the elementary level, Dr. Katherine Scheider, PreK-Grade 6 Curriculum Supervisor, position was eliminated. Other personnel changes in school leadership included the hiring of Dr. Lisa McMahon, Kingston Intermediate Principal, replacing Mr. Robert Hodge; and at the Dennett Elementary School in Plympton, Mr. Peter Veneto replaced Mr. Philip Holt who retired after serving five years as Principal and thirty years as a teacher at Dennett Elementary.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools eight new teachers were hired to replace retirements, leave of absences and new positions. The Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed fourteen new members to their teaching staffs to fill retirements, resignations and leave of absences. At the secondary level, one administrative, four teaching positions and four support positions were eliminated due to budgetary constraints. The Kingston School Department saw the elimination of support staff personnel as well as not replacing some of the teaching personnel who retired or resigned.

As in the past, MCAS data are used both to maintain the performance and improvement levels of the schools and to determine individual needs of learners. This year a Growth Model was introduced by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which compares each student's change

in performance from one year to the next to other students with similar test score histories. This will allow parents and teachers to move beyond comparing this year's students to last year's students instead comparing individual student's change over time to their academic peers.

My appreciation is to be extended to all the administrators, teachers, and support staff personnel for their commitment to the students of Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional schools. A special *thank you* also needs to be given to the residents of our three communities for their commitment to education. We again welcome and encourage the participation of all community members to help in maintaining what is best for the youth of our three towns.

**Dennett Elementary School, Peter S. Veneto, Jr., Principal 2009**

The first thing that people might notice when they walk through the halls of Dennett School is the abundance of new faces. We closed out the 2008-2009 school year with 229 students. Presently we have 248 students enrolled in our building. After many years of service, Mr. Richard Rubin and Mr. Philip Holt both retired at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. We thank them deeply for their time here in Plympton. Our school year began by hiring three new staff members: Mr. Shawn Avery is presently teaching Grade 4, Ms. Stephanie Varley is teaching Grade 5 and Ms. Meghan Conroy is our Special Education teacher. I hope all the new students and staff have found Dennett to be as welcoming a place as I have.

Some truly wonderful events have taken place since the outset of this school year. Early this fall every student and staff member planted a daffodil bulb by our driveway as part of an ongoing School Beautification Project. Just over 300 bulbs were planted in all. Students were very excited and we all eagerly await the spring to see our results. Our sixth grade students just completed a food and coat drive with the assistance of the Salvation Army. Kindergarten packed up for their annual trip to Bog Hollow farm where they picked cranberries and pumpkins. They were also visited by the Plympton Fire Department to discuss fire safety.

Our school continues to be a center of activity here in Plympton. Once again this year, The Plympton Historical Society housed their annual Antique Show in the Dennett gymnasium. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have had many meetings here at school. Several groups used the athletic fields throughout the fall. We were able to coordinate with the Board of Health and hold vaccination clinics for the H1N1 influenza virus. It is great to see the building

and grounds of the Dennett School being used and enjoyed by so many townspeople.

The Dennett School Council welcomes new members Mrs. Cathy Vautrinot and Mrs. Kelly Heath. It is the mission of the School Council 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. The Council has just completed our Winter edition of the *Dennett Voice* publication. In addition to that, the Council reviews our current School Improvement Plan and we will start to work on the plan for the next school year.

Once again this year, C.A.S.A. has provided countless services to the students of the Dennett School. This group provides stimulating enrichment programs for students, sponsors the website maintenance for our teaching staff and helps our students in many day to day activities. Most recently, C.A.S.A. played a critical role in our annual Thanksgiving Feast where approximately 300 homemade meals were served. We are very grateful to C.A.S.A. and the many people that volunteer for them.

All students in Kindergarten through grade five received a new Standard-Based

Report Card. This report card has been streamlined from last year but has the same information about students presented in a more concise manner. Our school is now using a web-based student information system, known as Power School, which has allowed us to design our report cards on the computer. This is such a wonderful advancement for our school as we strive to incorporate the use of technology in as many facets as we can.

The Dennett Elementary staff is dedicated to working with students and families to maximize every opportunity for your children to realize their potential. It is a privilege to serve as Principal of the Dennett Elementary School.



**Silver Lake Regional Middle School, Dennis A. Azevedo, Principal 2009**

On Wednesday, September 2, 2009, SLRMS welcomed 621 students into its well appointed classrooms. A summer of dedicated work by the school's staff had our six-year old building, once again, in immaculate condition and ready for opening day.

The administration hired six new teachers and a LRC Instructional Aide over the summer months and ran a successful "new teacher orientation" to insure their smooth transition into the school community.

Through the conscientious effort of our entire faculty, staff, academic coordinators and administration, plus the determined effort of our students, I am very proud to announce that SLRMS made significant improvement in its spring 2009 MCAS scores, resulting in us meeting our Adequate Yearly Progress goals set by the state. All departments continue to dedicate their monthly department meetings and professional development opportunities to meaningful collaboration, fostering modeling and review of Best Practices Instructional Strategies and ongoing curriculum revision. Significant supports were put in place throughout the year to help students gain academic competence and test taking confidence.

This year's One School – One Book selection was *The Revealers* written by Doug Wilhelm. Our community of readers thoroughly enjoyed this selection and look forward to next year's choice.

The Language Resource Center – LRC was initiated last year to appropriately service a specific special needs population. We are extremely pleased with the success of the program, and the significant progress made by the students in the program.

Our students continue to excel in both the classroom and extra-curricular activities. First term report cards showed evidence of this with ten percent of our students earning the Principal's Honor Roll and thirty-four percent of our students earning Honor Roll. We also celebrated the success of both of our Drama Club productions; in the spring *Beauty and the Beast* and the winter show *December Around the World with Charlie Brown*. The Vocal and Instrumental Music classes again performed two exceptional concerts highlighting the outstanding work done by our students individually and collectively. A new non-performance music class entitled World Music hopes to broaden our students understanding and appreciation for a variety of music.

In our effort to improve communication between home and school, we publish a quarterly newsletter, schedule six days for parent conferences, and 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*, embracing the theme of *One World, One School, One Family* as a school community.

**Silver Lake Regional High School, Richard J. Kelley, Principal      2009**

This is truly an exciting and historic time at Silver Lake Regional High School. Given changes in the school's structure and location, our academic program continues to get stronger, rigorous and rich and our extra-curricular offerings remain vibrant.

Silver Lake continues to maintain full accreditation, the highest standard of evaluation offered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Committee work has begun 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." 2008 saw the high school's drop-out rate plummet to 0.9%.

The class of 2010 received MCAS results in the fall of 2008. 97% of the class passed math and 99% passed ELA on the first testing period. We are pleased to report that 89% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 86%, earned Proficient or Advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2009, members of the sophomore class (2012) took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science. 94% of our students passed the Physics exam during the first testing period. 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-five

students earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

All of the 251 members of the class of 2009 met the rigorous requirements set forth by Silver Lake Regional High School. In an historic outdoor graduation ceremony on May 30, 2009, the proud graduates were joined by members of the fiftieth anniversary class of 1959. Earlier that week, approximately \$143,000 in local 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. One hundred ten students took an AP Exam in May 2009. Eighty-four students (76%) earned a score of 3 or higher taking the following exams: Biology, Chemistry, European History, United States History, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Latin Literature, English Literature, English Language, Music and Statistics. This was an increase of 16% from the previous year. Average SAT scores for members of the class of 2009 who reported attendance at college after graduation was 506 in Critical Reading, 515 in Mathematics, and 504 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 84% 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, and last fall's musical *Little Women*

As Silver Lake Regional High School continues to move forward, the school continues to offer a rigorous and stimulating curriculum in a state-of-the-art 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, 2009**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	43		31	37	35	32	28	39
	<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>245</b>	

<b>Grade</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	31	34	29	36	44	39
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>213</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>458</b>
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2009 PLYMPTON  
GRADUTION  
SILVER LAKE  
REGIONAL HIGH

Bo	Forrest	Asci
Collene	Bridget	Black
Shaun	Thomas	Borelli
Marielle	Irene	Bouchard
Rachel	Alyssa	Bowman
Bryanna		Clancy
Richard	Joseph	Cosato
Colleen	Rose	Doyle
Stephanie	Elizabeth	Eifler
Shawn	Thomas	English
Jacob	Michael	Fahey
Tucker	Boyd	Fairbanks
Lillian	Marie	Ferguson
Jessica	Marie	Foster
Colleen	Elizabeth	Gillespie
Zachary	David	Govoni
Mariah	Louise	Grispi
Alexandra	Beth	Harvey
Stephen	Essex	Kasanovich
Isabelle	Rose	Lipton
Joshua	James	Masuret
Alison	Elizabeth	Miller
Jason	Edward	Murray
Courtney	Nicole	Nelson
Thomas	Martin	Nover
Timothy	Ryan	Parker
Brendan	Michael	Pittsley
Robert	Francis	Reilly, III
Fatjon		Ruseni
Jonathan	Andrew	Sampson
Samantha	Joan	Sarro
Edward	Francis	Savage, IV
Darius		Smith
Joshua	Adam	Sweeney
Nicholas	James	Teceno
William	Martin	Thornsbury
Amanda	Nicole	Waterman



**2009 ANNUAL REPORT**  
**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The year 2009 experienced no changes to the Silver Lake Regional School Committee's membership—members are filling out their terms or have been re-elected. Continuity can be an excellent resource to the benefit of the Silver Lake Regional staff and students. All members are working hard to monitor and provide the best financially stable education during very trying times. Concerns continue to grow regarding the economic climate in relationship to our schools because of the State's budget. Careful planning will be necessary for us to be prepared to provide our students with the quality education Silver Lake has been proud to provide its students during its fifty-seven year history.

During the present fiscal year our regional transportation reimbursement was cut \$171,000 by the State; however, because of the administration and school committee members' preparation for the 2010 budget, we were able to adjust to the shortfall without going back to our three supportive communities.

Under the direction of Mr. John Tuffy, Superintendent of School, the Silver Lake Regional staffs have continued to serve the students of the District based on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Frameworks allowing our students to prepare to score proficiently on the MCAS tests which have been administered to students since 1998. Our students in Grades 8 and 10 are performing above the State average. Our Student Information Management System (SASI) was replaced and updated this past year with Power School. Power School is a web-based student information system. This system is district-based connecting all schools in Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional School District in providing information on students.

The School Committee is continuing to receive reports from the High School staff regarding the New England Association of Schools and Colleges self-study. The staff is well prepared for the NEASC accreditation visit in the fall of 2010. The Silver Lake Regional School Committee would like to extend their utmost thanks to the Silver Lake Regional employees, and are very grateful to the three communities for their continued support of our very fine system.

Respectfully submitted,

John Creed, Chair/Legislative Agent  
Cassandra Hanson, Vice Chair/Assistant Treasurer  
Maureen Springer, Secretary  
Ellen Snoeyenbos, Treasurer  
Joseph Chaves  
James Connolly  
Edward Desharnais

Mark Guidoboni  
Cynthia Hines

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>June 30, 2009</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Member town assessments	\$ 13,575,606			\$ 13,575,606
Tuition charges	512,923			512,923
Charges for services	6,920,893	2,622,027		9,542,920
Intergovernmental	472,822	1,711,541		2,184,363
Investment earnings	38,456			38,456
Departmental and other	<u>3,831</u>			<u>3,831</u>
Total revenues	21,524,531	4,333,568		25,858,099
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Administration	938,519			938,519
Instructional services	12,670,817	2,236,044		14,906,861
School services	1,026,207	1,484,270		2,510,477
Operations and maintenance	2,590,977			2,590,977
Employee benefits and other fixed charges	2,071,661	600,728		2,672,389
Capital outlay	17,550		22,137	39,687
Assessments	215,586			215,586
Debt service				
Principal	395,000			395,000
Interest and other charges	<u>590,496</u>			<u>590,496</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>20,516,813</u>	<u>4,321,042</u>	<u>22,137</u>	<u>24,859,992</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	1,007,718	12,526	(22,137)	998,107
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Premiums on notes and bonds	<u>37,584</u>			<u>37,584</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	37,584			37,584
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing v	<u>1,045,302</u>	<u>12,526</u>	<u>(22,137)</u>	<u>1,035,691</u>
Fund balance (deficit) - beginning of year	<u>2,905,713</u>	<u>427,343</u>	<u>(11,881,302)</u>	<u>(8,548,246)</u>
Fund balance (deficit) - end of year	<u>3,951,015</u>	<u>439,869</u>	<u>(11,903,439)</u>	<u>(7,512,555)</u>



SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CONSTRUCTION COSTS  
2008-2009 BUDGET

SUMMARY OF TOWN ASSESSMENTS

TOWNS	TOTAL
Halifax	519,106.22
Kingston	882,319.86
Plympton	205,713.92
TOTAL	1,607,140.00

CONSTRUCTION MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal Due	730,000.00
Interest Due	877,140.00
TOTAL PRINICPAL & INTEREST	1,607,140.00
CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT	1,607,140.00

# SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BUDGET 2009 - 2010

		2008 - 2009 BUDGET	2009 - 2010 BUDGET	% INC/DCR
REGULAR DAY				
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	129,050	128,800	-0.19%
1201	SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	949,112	901,535	-5.01%
2101	SUPERVISION	428,278	480,018	12.08%
2201	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	851,429	685,172	-19.53%
2300	TEACHING	8,697,919	8,873,935	2.02%
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEV.	67,362	65,362	-2.97%
2400	TEXTBOOKS	120,510	31,652	-73.73%
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	126,607	135,565	7.08%
2500	LIBRARY	220,738	210,471	-4.65%
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	24,500	17,500	-28.57%
2700	GUIDANCE	733,931	768,046	4.65%
3200	HEALTH	77,806	89,778	15.39%
3300	TRANSPORTATION	811,264	812,415	0.14%
3500	ATHLETICS	130,875	64,691	-50.57%
4110	CUSTODIAL	947,097	935,375	-1.24%
4120	HEATING	0	0	0.00%
4130	UTILITIES	1,116,725	1,051,794	-5.81%
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	104,500	95,500	-8.61%
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	241,700	257,650	6.60%
4230	MAINTENACE/EQUIPMENT	130,500	115,500	-11.49%
5100	RETIREMENT	578,206	607,535	5.07%
5200	INSURANCE	2,489,643	2,470,853	-0.75%
5300	LEASE	5,880	5,880	0.00%
5400	DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00%
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0	0	0.00%
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	5,000	9,000	0.00%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		18,988,632	18,814,027	-0.92%

SPECIAL EDUCATION

2210	SUPERVISION	238,851	248,244	3.93%
2300	TEACHING	848,848	927,974	9.32%
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	30,450	30,450	0.00%
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050	48,050	0.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,166,199	1,254,718	7.59%
GRAND TOTAL		20,154,831	20,068,745	-0.43%

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF PERMANENT DEBT  
2008-2009

PURPOSE	YEAR OF ISSUE	YEAR OF MATURITY	ORIGINAL ISSUE	PRINCIPAL
OUTSTANDING				
CONSTRUCTION	06-07	2025-2026	11,104,000.00	
9,975,000.00				





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

June 30, 2009

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE			FUND TYPE	GROUP	TOTAL
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent Funds and Agency Accounts	General Long-term Debt	June 30, 2009
ASSETS						
Cash & Investments	\$ 4,853,269	\$ 461,264	\$	\$ 99,547		\$ 5,414,080
Due from other funds	2,944					2,944
Due from other governments	514,650	98,818				613,468
Amounts to be provided for payment of long-term obligations						
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,370,863</u>	<u>\$ 560,082</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 99,547</u>	<u>\$ 9,975,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,005,492</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	374,148	110,149	495			484,792
Salaries and withholdings payable	692,603	10,064	2,944			702,667
Due to other funds						2,944
Accrued vacation	353,097			2,432		353,097
Due to Commonwealth						2,432
Bond anticipation notes payable			11,900,000	97,115		11,900,000
Other liabilities						97,115
General obligation bonds payable					9,975,000	9,975,000
Total liabilities	<u>1,419,848</u>	<u>120,213</u>	<u>11,903,439</u>	<u>99,547</u>	<u>9,975,000</u>	<u>23,518,047</u>
FUND EQUITY						
Reserved for continued appropriations and encumbrances	183,286					183,286
Unreserved:						
Undesignated	999,951					(10,463,619)
Designated for teacher salary deferral	(97,512)	439,869	(11,903,439)			(97,512)
Designated for capital projects	673,734					673,734
Designated for debt assessments	1,263,905					1,263,905
Designated for Pembroke	927,651					927,651
Total fund equity (deficit)	<u>3,951,015</u>	<u>439,869</u>	<u>(11,903,439)</u>			<u>(7,512,555)</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 5,370,863</u>	<u>\$ 560,082</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 99,547</u>	<u>\$ 9,975,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,005,492</u>

See Accountant's Compilation Report.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET 2009 - 2010

	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	2009 - 2010 BUDGET	% INC/DCR
REGULAR DAY			
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	129,050	128,800	-0.19%
1201 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFIC	949,112	901,535	-5.01%
2101 SUPERVISION	428,278	480,018	12.08%
2201 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	851,429	685,172	-19.53%
2300 TEACHING	8,697,919	8,873,935	2.02%
2350 PROFESSIONAL DEV.	67,362	65,362	-2.97%
2400 TEXTBOOKS	120,510	31,652	-73.73%
2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	126,607	135,565	7.08%
2500 LIBRARY	220,738	210,471	-4.65%
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	24,500	17,500	-28.57%
2700 GUIDANCE	733,931	768,046	4.65%
3200 HEALTH	77,806	89,778	15.39%
3300 TRANSPORTATION	811,264	812,415	0.14%
3500 ATHLETICS	130,875	64,691	-50.57%
4110 CUSTODIAL	947,097	935,375	-1.24%

4120	HEATING	0		0.00%
4130	UTILITIES	1,116,725	1,051,794	-5.81%
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	104,500	95,500	-8.61%
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	241,700	257,650	6.60%
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	130,500	115,500	-11.49%
5100	RETIREMENT	578,206	607,535	5.07%
5200	INSURANCE	2,489,643	2,470,853	-0.75%
5300	LEASE	5,880	5,880	0.00%
5400	DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00%
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0	0	0.00%
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	5,000	9,000	0.00%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		18,988,632	18,814,027	-0.92%
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	238,851	248,244	3.93%
2300	TEACHING	848,848	927,974	9.32%
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE	30,450	30,450	0.00%
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050	48,050	0.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,166,199	1,254,718	7.59%
GRAND TOTAL		20,154,831	20,068,745	-0.43%

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET 2008 – 2009

REGULAR DAY

	2007 - 2008 BUDGET	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	% INC/DCR
1100			
1201	135,900	129,050	-5.04%
2101	923,608	949,112	2.76%
2201	411,027	428,278	4.20%
2300	804,886	851,429	5.78%
2350	8,449,847	8,697,919	2.94%
2400	73,482	67,362	-8.33%
2450	85,040	120,510	41.71%
2500	116,380	126,607	8.79%
2600	195,631	220,738	12.83%
2700	14,000	24,500	75.00%
3200	737,429	733,931	-0.47%
3300	82,340	77,806	-5.51%
3500	747,686	811,264	8.50%
4110	92,875	130,875	40.92%
	916,201	947,097	3.37%

4120	HEATING	0	0	0.00%
4130	UTILITIES	1,245,434	1,116,725	-10.33%
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	90,500	104,500	15.47%
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	213,100	241,700	13.42%
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	93,005	130,500	40.32%
5100	RETIREMENT	550,523	578,206	5.03%
5200	INSURANCE	2,317,335	2,489,643	7.44%
5300	LEASE	5,880	5,880	0.00%
5400	DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00%
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0	0	0.00%
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0	5,000	0.00%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY				
		18,302,109	18,988,632	3.75%
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	226,156	238,851	5.61%
2300	TEACHING	742,787	848,848	14.28%
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	26,130	30,450	16.53%
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050	48,050	0.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION				
		1,043,123	1,166,199	11.80%
GRAND TOTAL				
		19,345,232	20,154,831	4.19%

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2008 - 2009 OPERATING BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE

	REGULAR DAY		TOTAL		BALANCE
			AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
1100		SCHOOL COMMITTEE	129,050.00	92,804.14	36,245.86
1200		SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	949,112.00	869,774.49	79,337.51
2100		SUPERVISION	428,278.00	528,352.85	-100,074.85
2200		PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	851,429.00	840,643.91	10,785.09
2300		TEACHING	8,697,918.00	9,066,720.35	-368,802.35
2350		PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	67,362.00	96,679.69	-29,317.69
2400		TEXTBOOKS	120,510.00	138,801.95	-18,291.95
2450		INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	126,607.00	103,497.55	23,109.45
2500		LIBRARY	220,737.00	219,825.58	911.42
2600		AUDIO VISUAL	24,500.00	16,345.59	8,154.41
2700		GUIDANCE	733,931.00	730,860.96	3,070.04
3200		HEALTH	77,805.00	94,708.83	-16,903.83
3300		TRANSPORTATION	811,264.00	781,049.69	30,214.31
3500		ATHLETICS	130,875.00	100,575.58	30,299.42
4110		CUSTODIAL	947,097.00	963,128.90	-16,031.90
4120		HEATING	0.00	0.00	0.00

4130	UTILITIES	1,116,725.00	992,199.64	124,525.36
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	104,500.00	99,644.56	4,855.44
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	241,700.00	382,143.46	-140,443.46
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	130,500.00	113,427.08	17,072.92
5100	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	578,206.00	497,192.20	81,013.80
5200	INSURANCE	2,489,643.00	2,169,730.21	319,912.79
5300	LEASE	5,880.00	5,466.54	413.46
5400	SHORT TERM INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	10,231.00	-5,231.00
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		18,988,629.00	18,913,804.75	74,824.25
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	238,852.00	245,500.65	-6,648.65
2230	TEACHING	848,848.00	863,462.34	-14,614.34
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	30,450.00	30,103.32	346.68
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050.00	57,788.78	-9,738.78
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,166,200.00	1,196,855.09	-30,655.09
GRAND TOTAL		20,154,829.00	20,110,659.84	44,169.16

PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
2008- 2009 BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE

		TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
REGULAR DAY				
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	12,100.00	7,323.74	4,776.26
1200	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	47,405.00	44,259.06	3,145.94
2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	140,614.00	154,188.55	-13,574.55
2300	TEACHING	1,116,880.00	1,101,331.79	15,548.21
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.	7,500.00	5,688.52	1,811.48
2400	TEXTBOOKS	6,000.00	8,745.85	-2,745.85
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	6,000.00	13,186.71	-7,186.71
2500	LIBRARY	59,136.00	54,934.28	4,201.72
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	2,200.00	376.27	1,823.73
3100	ATTENDANCE	75.00	75.00	0.00
3200	HEALTH	37,885.00	35,048.05	2,836.95
3300	TRANSPORTATION	89,250.00	87,402.60	1,847.40
3400	FOOD SERVICE	600.00	900.00	-300.00
4110	CUSTODIAL	128,586.00	129,883.65	-1,297.65



4120	HEATING	48,686.00	37,665.17	11,020.83
4130	UTILITIES	88,500.00	72,997.98	15,502.02
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	1,000.00	517.45	482.55
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	82,000.00	84,116.52	-2,116.52
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	22,000.00	11,155.28	10,844.72
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	681.49	-681.49
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	8,000.00	5,432.18	2,567.82
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		1,904,417.00	1,855,910.14	48,506.86
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	15,477.00	15,908.45	-431.45
2230	TEACHING	130,223.00	111,445.91	18,777.09
2270	GUIDANCE	49,617.00	49,552.15	64.85
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	7,500.00	19,504.88	-12,004.88
2330	TRANSPORTATION	7,787.00	15,956.12	-8,169.12
2900	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	74,016.00	118,683.73	-44,667.73
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		284,620.00	331,051.24	-46,431.24
GRAND TOTAL		2,189,037.00	2,186,961.38	2,075.62
9320	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	73,000.00	62,777.64	10,222.36

**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 **38 unduplicated Plympton** households were served from: October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009 through their many programs.

<b><u>PROGRAM AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</u></b>
<b><u>ENERGY SERVICES:</u></b>	
FUEL ASSISTANCE (FEDERAL)	35
PRIVATE FUNDS FOR FUEL ASSISTANCE	2
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION	1
HEARTWAP (BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT)	12
PRIVATE UTILITY FUNDS FOR WEATHERIZATION	2
(AND BURNER REPAIR)	

**RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ARREARAGE PROGRAMS:**

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE	5
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**OTHER PROGRAMS:**

CONSUMER AID	5
HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1
TRANSPORTATION INTER TOWN MEDICAL TRIPS	4
IN LIFT EQUIPPED VANS	

FOOD – LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS AND VEGTABLES AND OTHER FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF AGING AND CHURCHES OF PLYMPTON, EQUALED 4,014 LBS. APPROXIMATELY 3,018 MEALS.

**OTHER SERVICES RENDERED:** VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

**REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Tree Warden Activities that occurred in 2009 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.

One hundred and fifty-nine tree removals were identified along our public ways were approved at public hearing and removed. Four large Ash trees were damaging gravestones and a stonewall in the Hillcrest Cemetery and were approved for removal. The trees required the assistance of a crane in order to protect the cemetery markers from further damage and were removed. Dozens of other hazard trees were removed as part of routine patrols throughout the town.

The 2009 defoliating caterpillar season was mild with tolerable populations of most caterpillars. Winter Moth caterpillars continue to be of concern with state agencies continuing programs to eradicate Winter Moth. The Winter Moth populations breeding this past November/December appeared to be larger than last and may indicate an increase in the early 2010 spring caterpillar season. Property owners can control the damage with a plant health care professional that will recognize the critical timing of an application(s).

The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) in the Worcester area is of major concern with the removal of greater than 20,000 trees year to date. The quarantine beetle eradication program led by the USDA is the correct course of action. The eradication effort is designed to limit the spread of the invasive ALB and facilitate its eradication within the infested area. Tree plantings have taken place, planting the right tree in the right place to make the Worcester area urban forest stronger and better. I will continue to monitor the progress of the eradication program and I am confident that the USDA APHIS Program will be successful.

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 Department and other departments cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William N Hayes Jr

William N. Hayes, Jr.  
Plympton Tree Warden

## **REPORT OF THE VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Over the last year the Veterans Services Department has provided five primary missions and continues to expand services thru the social work field and veteran outreach.

#### Primary Mission

To care for and assist low income Plympton veterans, unemployed veterans, homeless veterans, and spouses of veterans in obtaining financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, fuel, and medical care from all sources available under both Federal and Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 115, to which they are entitled. Spouses of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as if the veteran were still living. Perform outreach to reach the widest audience possible to inform and educate the public what Veterans Services can do for the veterans and the community.

#### Second Mission

To assist veterans in filing Veterans Administration (VA) compensation claims, VA pension claims, MA state annuities, tax abatements and enrolling in the VA health care system. Assist family members in filing for benefits from both the State and Federal government that they are entitled too. Assist in obtaining military records, medical records, discharge papers, awards, grave markers, and tax abatements.

#### Third Mission

We have a trained SHINE counselor to assist veterans and the elderly in the complicated process of understanding the MEDICARE system, and to help them choose the best options in medical coverage, drug prescription plans, and how long-term care works. Services are also provided in assisting the elderly in applying for the Medicare buy-in program, MassHealth, Low-income Subsidy and Prescription Advantage.

#### Forth Mission

Helping veterans obtaining assistance that is specific to elderly veterans, such as Adult Daycare and home health care working through VA Social Workers and Old Colony Elderly Services.

#### Fifth Mission

The Department continues to assist all veterans regardless of income, in obtaining wheel chairs, power chairs, ramps, adjustable beds, and anything else that is a quality of life issue for veterans through a network of Veterans Agents around the state. It also assists all veterans and family members regardless of income or other avenues of approach that may be available to them such as Social Security or Department of Labor programs.

Plympton Vet. Svcs. will assist all veterans and their families the best we can regardless of income.

The past year the Office of Veterans Services has increased its outreach program which has improved the ability of the office to assist the low income and needy veterans of Plympton. The town has had an increase in the number

of veterans, from four to five cases over last year living below the poverty level, and the office provides them with medical and financial assistance that in many cases they did not know they were entitled to. Plympton can assist homeless veterans with substance abuse issues in obtaining counseling and VA programs designed to provide the counseling, housing, and employment opportunities that enable them to be productive citizens. The office also works with the Career Center to help Veterans who have lost their jobs with assistance until they were able to find work, allowing them to maintain their shelter.

The office assists veterans in filing for health care thru the VA Health Care System. This has increased drastically statewide since Massachusetts has required that everyone must have health care by December 31, 2007.

The office has continued to provide assistance in filing VA Compensation and Pension Claims.

Appointment may be made in advance or walk in service is available on Monday evenings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxanne Whitbeck  
Veteran's Services Director.

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTANENCE COMMITTEE**

In 2009 the Committee continued to maintain and expand the official town Web site, [www.town.plympton.ma.us](http://www.town.plympton.ma.us), while maintaining over 2700 pages of content, images and documents through countless hours of volunteer effort. The Committee focused again this year site maintenance, insuring that pertinent information sent to the Committee for posting made it in a timely fashion. Some of these additions include town meeting warrant, town election results, board of selectmen meeting agendas and minutes, Open Space Committee's open space plan, Community Preservation Committee information, police department press releases and more. Additionally, the web site received an award and recognition from Common Cause for the fourth straight year. Common Cause annually recognizes Massachusetts' cities and towns providing essential information such as bylaws, budgets, town meeting warrants etc. online.

The web site averaged over 32,000 page visits per month this year, down 16% from last year. Some of the most popular pages are the calendar of events, contact information for boards/committees, "about Plympton", Police Department and town bylaws, reports and forms. The site also houses information on the Board of Selectmen, the Building Department, historic preservation, town bylaws and regulations contact and process information for over 40 department and committees.

The Committee relies upon the support of other Plympton boards, committees, organizations and businesses to supply information for inclusion on the web site. The Committee currently has no capacity to search out content for the site and as such, is always looking for more information or ideas. More importantly, the Committee is in desperate need of interested individuals to help keep the web site maintained and running smoothly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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<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>Library Fax</b>	<b>781-585-7660</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>781-585-0409</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>Town House Fax</b>	<b>781-582-1505</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>

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