



February 14, 2007

Chairman Robert Vautrinot  
Town Hall  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton MA 02367.

Dear Chairman Vautrinot:

As you may be aware, the Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government ([maopengov.org](http://maopengov.org)), a project of the non-partisan group Common Cause, issued a report last year calling for increased internet access to important governance public records. In an electronic age, increased use of the internet has made useful information available to more individuals than ever before, and has enabled governments and citizens to interact with each other with increasing frequency and effectiveness

As part of this initiative, we examined the internet presence of all 351 Cities and towns in the Bay State to learn whether they post the following essential information:

Governing Body's Agenda  
Governing Body's Minutes  
City/Town Budget

General By-Laws or Ordinances  
Town Warrant Articles (where applicable)  
Town Meeting Results (where applicable)

We found that during August and September 2006, of the 311 cities and towns that maintain websites, only 41 post all of these essential documents. This is a modest increase over the 24 communities that posted all of these records six months prior. Plympton was one of the few communities whose websites that contained all the items on our list. We extend our congratulations to you for your work in informing your citizens and in maintaining an up-to-date website.

**In order to recognize your achievement, we would like to honor you, and whatever other representative of Plympton you would like to bring along, at a State House event Thursday, March 15, at 1:00 pm in Nurse's Hall.** This event falls during "Sunshine Week" ([sunshineweek.org](http://sunshineweek.org)) when media outlets throughout the country focus on issues of open government. Your local newspapers, as well as larger dailies, radio, and television outlets will be invited, as will the state Representatives and Senators that represent your community.

Please feel free to call us if we can answer any questions about the project or about the event. We would also appreciate receiving a list of attendees. Again, congratulations on your informative website.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pam Wilmot", is written over a large, light blue circular scribble.

Pam Wilmot, Executive Director